

Careers – Apprenticeships

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Apprenticeships provide a clear route for progression and applicants can choose between different entry options according to their level of educational achievements and abilities. Further detail on becoming an Apprentice can be found at:

↳ [Becoming an Apprentice](#)

There are a wide range of Apprenticeships available across almost every sector of industry. Apprenticeship training involves a mixture of on-the-job skills and classroom learning. Therefore, apprentices are supported by a college or training organisation and they have a workplace mentor.

An Apprenticeship lasts a minimum of 12 months. Many apprentices stay on with their employer once they have completed their training if they have a proven track record of working hard and they have made a good impression.

There are a number of advantages to choosing an Apprenticeship: it is a paid job; the skills developed are what the employer wants; there can be opportunities to progress into higher level training; the pace of training can be tailored to the apprentice; the apprentice receives paid holidays; and apprenticeships can give increased earning potential.

There are 4 levels of Apprenticeships:

Name	Level	Equivalent Educational Level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grades A*-C/9-4 or 5
Advanced	3	2 A level passes
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

Because Apprenticeships are real jobs, entry requirements will vary depending on the employer's requirements. If necessary, Apprenticeship training providers can help prepare individuals to reach the levels required by the employer before they go for interview. This could be by providing a place on a Traineeship to those who aren't quite ready for an Apprenticeship. This allows individuals to get help with things like maths and English, and gain work experience before applying for an Apprenticeship.

The best way to find apprenticeship vacancies is by registering and searching on [the government apprenticeship site](#) If a student is looking for an Apprenticeship they should be using this site twice weekly from March if they are in Year 11 and twice weekly from December if they are in Year 13. When they apply for a vacancy online the college who is looking after the vacancy will then be in touch.

It's also worth approaching specific employers directly too if you want to be really proactive.

Useful websites to look at include:



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Government information on becoming an apprentice



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The National Apprenticeship Service (NAS)



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Information on what Apprenticeships you can study

Find and apply for apprenticeships in your area:



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[↶ Apprenticeships – What they are and how you can find one](#)

In addition, many companies can be followed using professional social media (LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook) if you have a professional profile.