



Now there is a real alternative to traditional university study. With the growth of higher and degree apprenticeships, you can gain your qualification, learn professional skills, progress your career plus earn a wage, want to find out more?

With a degree apprenticeship you can achieve a full Bachelor's or Master's degree. And just like traditional degrees, an apprenticeship is a great route to a great career.

The facts

If you are over 16, live in England and are not in full-time education you can apply for an apprenticeship. Apprenticeships are available at intermediate, advanced, higher and degree levels.

All apprenticeships are real jobs so all apprentices earn a salary. You must be paid at least the national minimum apprenticeship wage and many employers pay significantly more. Apprentices should work for at least 30 hours per week, see gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates for further information. Entry requirements depend on the sector and prior skills. If you have achieved A-levels you may still be expected to start at intermediate or advanced level as some sectors, such as engineering, require you to build up your occupational skills.

How are they structured?

Higher and degree apprenticeships are available at levels 4-7. They combine work with study and may include a work-based, academic or combined qualification or a professional qualification relevant to the industry. Levels 4 and 5 are equivalent to a Higher Education Certificate/Diploma or a foundation degree, level 6 is equivalent to a Bachelor's degree and level 7 is equivalent to a Master's degree. Typically, higher apprentices study part-time at college, university or with a training provider. Apprenticeships take between one and five years to complete.

How do I find a higher or degree apprenticeship?

Over 240,000 workplaces employed an apprentice including Cap Gemini, Ford, ITV, Airbus, Rolls-Royce, Barclays and the BBC. With so many opportunities on offer you can find the apprenticeship that's right for you.

Applying is easy, just visit GOV.UK/apply-apprenticeship. There are up to 28,000 apprenticeship vacancies on the site at any one time.

08000 150 140 (free from landlines and mobiles)
Email: nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

If you need professional advice on making the right choices, visit:

nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk

for a web-chat with an adviser or call:

0800 100 900 (free from landlines and mobiles).

For more information search
'apprenticeships' on gov.uk

THE A-Z OF HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP FRAMEWORKS IN ENGLAND

FRAMEWORK	LEVEL	FRAMEWORK	LEVEL
Accounting	4	Legal Services	4
Agriculture	4	Life Sciences and Chemical Science Professionals	4
Broadcasting Technology	6	Management	4
Business and Professional Administration	4	Manufacturing Engineering	4
Care Leadership and Management	5	Professional Development for Work Based Learning	4
Construction Management	4	Professional Services	4
Digital Learning Design	4	Project Management	4
Facilities Management	4	Public Relations	4
Health - Assistant Practitioner	4	Recruitment	4
Hospitality Management	4	Social Media and Digital Marketing	4
Human Resource Management	5	Supply Chain Management	4
Intelligence Operations	4	Sustainable Resource Operations and Management	4
IT, Software, Web & Telecoms Professionals	4	The Water Industry	4

HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS IN ENGLAND

STANDARDS	LEVEL	STANDARDS	LEVEL
Actuarial Technician	4	Healthcare Science Associate	4
Advanced Dairy Technologist	5	Insurance Professional	4
Aerospace Engineer	6	Investment Operations Specialist	4
Aerospace Software Development Engineer	6	Junior 2D Artist (visual effects)	4
Aircraft Maintenance Certifying Engineer	4	Junior Management Consultant	4
Assistant Technical Director (visual effects)	4	Laboratory Scientist	5
Associate Ambulance Practitioner	4	Licensed Conveyancer	6
Associate Project Manager	4	Manufacturing Engineer	6
Aviation Operations Manager	4	Network Engineer	4
Bespoke Tailor and Cutter	5	Nuclear Scientist and Nuclear Engineer	6
Bus and Coach Engineering Manager	4	Nuclear Welding Inspection Technician	4
Chartered Legal Executive	6	Operations/Departmental Manager	5
Chartered Manager	6	Outside Broadcasting Engineer	7
Chartered Surveyor	6	Paraplanner	4
Control/Technical Support Engineer	6	Product Design and Development Engineer	6
Conveyancing Technician	4	Professional Accounting Taxation Technician	4
Cyber Intrusion Analyst	4	Public Sector Commercial Professional	4
Cyber Security Technologist	4	Rail Engineering Advanced Technician	4
Data Analyst	4	Relationship Manager (Banking)	6
Dental Practice Manager	4	Retail Manager	4
Dental Technician	5	Senior Compliance/Risk Specialist	6
Digital and Technology Solutions Professional	6	Senior Housing/Property Management	4
Electrical/Electronic Technical Support Engineer	6	Software Developer	4
Electrical Power Protection and Plant Commissioning Engineer	4	Software Tester	4
Embedded Electronic Systems Design and Development	6	Solicitor	7
Financial Adviser	4	Systems Engineering	7
Healthcare Assistant Practitioner	5	Unified Communications Trouble Shooter	4