

Apprenticeships - **work, earn, and learn at the same time.**

Apprenticeships are valuable opportunities for students to gain practical skills, experience, and education while earning a wage.

What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a work-based training program where individuals (apprentices) learn a specific trade or skill through a combination of on-the-job training and classroom instruction. It's a way to gain real-world experience while getting paid.

When you're an apprentice:

- You get paid and train at the same time, with at least 20% of your time spent in off the job training, often at a college, university or with a training provider.
- You train to be fully competent in your chosen occupation.
- You're on a career path, with lots of future potential for you.

Levels of apprenticeship

Name	Level	Equivalent Educational Level
Intermediate	2	GCSE
Advanced	3	A Level
Higher	4,5,6, & 7	Foundation degree & above
Degree	6 & 7	Bachelor's or Master's degree

These are useful sites:

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Degree apprenticeships | Prospects.ac.uk](#)

[Apprenticeships | Learn About Apprenticeships And Find The Right One For You \(ucas.com\)](#)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Types of Apprenticeships:

Apprenticeships are available in various fields, including healthcare, information technology, construction, manufacturing, finance, and more. There are also apprenticeships at different levels, from entry-level to advanced.

Duration:

The length of an apprenticeship can vary widely depending on the industry and occupation. Some may last for a few months, while others can span several years.

Eligibility:

Eligibility requirements can vary, but generally, you need to be at least 16 years old and meet any educational and skill prerequisites set by the specific apprenticeship programme.

Benefits:

Earn While You Learn: Apprentices receive a salary or hourly wage, allowing them to earn money while gaining valuable skills.

Education: Most apprenticeships include classroom instruction or related technical training to complement on-the-job learning.

Job Security: Completing an apprenticeship often leads to a job offer from the employer, providing job security upon completion.

Networking: You'll have the chance to build a professional network within your chosen industry.

Skill Development: Gain hands-on experience and practical skills that are highly sought after by employers.

Other Key Information:

Many employers will only advertise their apprentice vacancies on their own website or even by put a sign in the window of their business. Make sure you are proactive by checking these so that you don't miss out.

Who would you like to work for?

Who do you know?

Who do your contacts know?

It's estimated that everyone in the world is connected by no more than 5 people, so the chances are you already know people who could help you, so start telling your friends and family of your ambitions – they may be able to help or may hear of opportunities.