



Apprenticeships
National Apprenticeship Week 2022

Apprenticeship Week
7th – 11th February 2022

What is an Apprenticeship ?



- An apprenticeship is to learn, gain experience and get paid. You are an employee with a contract of employment and holiday leave. By the end of an apprenticeship, you will have the right skills and knowledge needed for your chosen career.
- It can take between one and six years to complete an apprenticeship depending on which one you choose, what level it is and your previous experience. It is funded from contributions made by the government and your employer.

As an apprentice you will:

Learn and train for a specific job.

Get paid and receive holiday leave.

Get hands-on experience in a real job.

Study for at least 20% of your working hours - usually at a college, university or with a training provider.

Complete assessments during and at the end of your apprenticeship.

Be on a career path with lots of future potential.



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THERE ARE FOUR TYPES OF APPRENTICESHIPS IN THE UK ✓

INTERMEDIATE

Like 5 GCSEs, A*-C/4+

What qualifications
can I get?

Level 2 NVQ, Diploma,
National Certificate

ADVANCED

Like 2 A-levels

What qualifications
can I get?

Level 3 NVQ, National
Certificate, BTEC

HIGHER

Like a foundation degree
or above

What qualifications can I get?

Foundation degree,
Bachelor's degree, Master's
degree, Level 4-7 NVQ,
Higher National Diploma

DEGREE

Like a Bachelor's/
Master's degree

What qualifications can I get?

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Bachelor's degree, Master's
degree, Level 4-7 NVQ,
Higher National Diploma

Apprenticeships range from level 2 up to level 7, with level 2 being the lowest and 7 the highest. These levels are also generally split in to 4 categories: Intermediate, Advanced, Higher and Degree.

- **Intermediate** – Level 2 - equivalent to five good GCSE passes.
- **Advanced** - Level 3 - equivalent to two A-level passes.
- **Higher** – Level 4,5,6,7 equivalent to the first stages of higher education, such as a foundation degree.
- **Degree** – Level 6,7 - comparable to a Bachelor or Master's degree. Find out more at [degree apprenticeships](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/degree-apprenticeships).

Entry requirements

As each type of apprenticeship offers a different-levelled qualification on the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF), their entry requirements will vary. Generally speaking, they are as follows:

- To apply for an **intermediate apprenticeship**, you will just need to be over 16 years old and no longer in full-time education.
- For an **advanced apprenticeship**, you will likely to be asked for prior work experience and at least three 9-4 grade GCSEs or equivalent - such as an intermediate apprenticeship qualification.
- As **higher apprenticeships** are the equivalent of a foundation degree, HNC or first year of a Bachelors, you will usually need at least five 9-4 grade GCSEs, as well as some Level 3 qualifications in relevant subjects, to apply. Your Level 3 qualifications could be A level, a BTEC National, Cambridge Technical or a Level 3 NVQ.
- **Degree apprenticeships** will have the tightest entry requirements. These may include three A-levels, a BTEC National or Cambridge Technical in a specified grade range or a higher apprenticeship qualification, on top of at least five 9-4 GCSE grades. It is also likely you will be required to have prior work experience.

Most job sectors offer apprenticeship opportunities in the UK, with a wide range of specific roles on offer within each. Here are just a few:

- [Accounting apprenticeships](#) in areas such as bills and expenses, payroll and taxes, plus [banking apprenticeships](#).
- [Business apprenticeships](#) in business administration, business development, consultancy and leadership.
- [Construction apprenticeships](#) in building, plumbing and quantity surveying.
- [Engineering apprenticeships](#) in civil, mechanical and electrical engineering.
- Healthcare apprenticeships, in areas such as dentistry and [nursing](#).
- [Human resources \(HR\) apprenticeships](#) for those looking to progress in support, consultancy and management roles.
- [IT apprenticeships](#) in information security and software development.
- [Law apprenticeships](#) offered at paralegal, legal executive and solicitor level.
- [Marketing apprenticeships](#) in digital marketing, social media and public relations.
- [Media apprenticeships](#) in the television, radio and film industries.
- [Retail apprenticeships](#) for those in buying, merchandising and management roles
- [Sales apprenticeships](#) in a range of various sectors.
- [Transport apprenticeships](#) in a range of logistics, road, railway, automotive and airline industry roles.

For more information on Apprenticeships visit:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/becoming-apprentice#>