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## Apprenticeships

### What is an Apprenticeship?

For many, the later years at school can be frustrating when all you want to do is get out into the world, start working and earn a living. Apprenticeships enable you to enter the world of work, earn a decent wage and learn new skills. An Apprenticeship will offer you amazing opportunities to shine in a job you enjoy.

Apprenticeships mix on-the-job training with classroom learning. They provide you with the skills you need for your chosen career that will also lead to nationally-recognised qualifications. As an Apprentice you earn while you learn and receive other benefits as well. Apprenticeships are real jobs for real people.

### In what career sectors are they available?

The range is vast and the opportunities are excellent. Whatever industry you decide to pursue a career in, you should be able to find an Apprenticeship that suits you.

Apprenticeship frameworks can be divided into a number of sub-sections:

Beauty and wellbeing	Business and IT	Charity and Volunteering
Construction	Creative	Customer Service
Energy	Engineering and Electrical	Finance
Land-based Industries	Manufacturing and Logistics	Marine
Public Services	Sport and Fitness	Travel and Hospitality
Vehicles and Transport		

### What Qualifications do I need?

You need to be 16 or over to apply for an Apprenticeship. Entry requirements will depend on the Apprenticeship you want to do.

### Levels of Apprenticeship

#### 1 - Intermediate Level Apprenticeships (equivalent to five good GCSE passes)

Apprentices work towards work-based learning qualifications such as a Level 2 Competence Qualification, Functional Skills and, in most cases, a relevant knowledge-based qualification.

#### 2 - Advanced Level Apprenticeships (equivalent to two A level passes)

Apprentices work towards work-based learning such as a Level 3 Competence Qualification, Functional Skills and, in most cases, a relevant knowledge based qualification.

#### 3 - Higher Apprenticeships

Apprentices work towards work-based learning qualifications at NVQ Level 4 or, in some cases, a Foundation Degree. Depending on your grades in GCSE Maths and English, you may need to take a literacy and numeracy test.

*Young people aged 16-24 who need to improve their skills, such as literacy or numeracy to get an apprenticeship, might be able to join the Access to Apprenticeship scheme. It's run by the National Apprenticeship Service and helps young people deal with the disciplines and routines of the workplace. Ask your apprenticeship provider about it.*



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## Apprenticeship Information and Vacancies

<https://www.gov.uk/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>

[www.theswac.org.uk](http://www.theswac.org.uk)

[www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk](http://www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk)

[www.indeed.co.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.indeed.co.uk/apprenticeships)

<http://www.gw-partnership.co.uk>

[www.get-trained.org](http://www.get-trained.org)