

Apprenticeships



What is an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships allow you to learn while you earn, so you'll earn a salary in a real job while studying towards a relevant qualification.

How old do I have to be to be?

If you're 16 or over, you can apply for an apprenticeship.

How much time will I spend studying?

You might spend 3-4 days per week on the job and the other 1-2 days studying or you might work for a few weeks at a time then have a few weeks of studying. You could be assigned time to complete learning online.

How many hours will I work?

You would work for at least 30 hours per week, but your hours would be determined by your employer.

What qualifications do I need?

Most employers ask for at least GCSE grade C in Maths and English GCSE (or an equivalent Level 2). If you don't have these qualifications, you could re-sit your exams or apply for a traineeship.

What is a traineeship?

A traineeship is an educational training programme that includes a work experience placement to help you prepare for an apprenticeship or work.

How much will I get paid?

Employers must pay apprentices at least the National Minimum Wage but often pay more. As you progress and get older your salary will rise.

How long does an apprenticeship last?

Apprenticeships can last between one and four years, depending on the industry sector, your skills and level of apprenticeship. Levels are divided into Intermediate (Level 2), Advanced (Level 3), Higher (Level 4-7) and Degree (Level 6-7).

Will I get any holidays?

You should get a minimum of 20 days paid holiday per year.

How can I find an apprenticeship?

You can search for vacancies online using [Find an Apprenticeship](#)

How do I apply for an apprenticeship?

You would apply for an apprenticeship by submitting an application form or a CV and covering letter outlining your skills and qualifications and why you're the right person for the job.

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