

Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a real job where you learn, gain experience and get paid. You're an employee with a contract of employment and holiday leave. At least 20% of your time is dedicated to studying for a qualification.

Apprenticeships come in different levels from level 2-7.

Levels of apprenticeship

Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels.

	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	GCSE
Advanced	3	A level
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

Some apprenticeships may also give you an additional qualification, such as a diploma.

See here for further information

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Year 11 school leavers can access Intermediate apprenticeships at level 2 or Advanced level apprenticeships at level 3. For Intermediate apprenticeships, grades 1-3 are usually required, for Advanced apprenticeships, 5 x grade 4s are usually required.

Year 12 or 13 leavers can access Advanced, Higher or Degree apprenticeships. Higher and Degree apprenticeships require level 3 qualifications either A'levels or vocational equivalents e.g. BTECs.

Where are apprenticeships advertised?

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/>

Search around your postcode, check entry requirements carefully, including qualifications, experience, skills and whether a driving licence is required.

Make sure you create an account and register as otherwise you may not be able to apply for a vacancy. You can also get alerts on your phone for new vacancies.

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/apprenticeships>

Prospects gives a great overview of degree apprenticeships as well as specific information on different sectors e.g. Business, Health Care, IT, Law, Engineering

It lists the main companies offering higher and degree apprenticeships. You can then go on to company websites to see if they are recruiting, vacancies are usually found in the “Careers” section. Register on Prospects for alerts to new vacancies in the sectors which interest you.

<https://careerfinder.ucas.com/searchjobs/>

There is lots of useful info on UCAS in the **Apprenticeship** section at the top of the page, you can create an account for new vacancy alerts and search using your location, sector, start date through the search engine.

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/>

Find out which companies offer apprenticeships and when they are recruiting.

<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/> <https://successatschool.org/jobscourses>

Suitable for both school and 6th form/college leavers.

<https://uk.indeed.com/>

Is great for finding full time and part time jobs but it also picks up apprenticeships if you put “Apprenticeships” into the search

<https://www.mmu.ac.uk/study/apprenticeships/apprentices>

MMU has been making strong links with employers for some time now. You can register your interest via the website and will be informed when vacancies arise or apprenticeship events take place where you can meet employers. MMU specialises in degree apprenticeships in business, management, digital design and marketing, lab science, health care science

<https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/study/degree-apprenticeships/learners>

Liverpool John Moores offer degree apprenticeships in Policing, Quantity Surveying, Civil Engineering and Construction Management.

Training Providers

<https://www.qa.com/learners/become-an-apprentice/>

QA is a training provider linking employers with apprenticeship seekers specialising in Digital/Tech Apprenticeships

<https://www.totalpeople.co.uk/>

Total People offers a range of apprenticeships in different sectors

<https://www.jtltraining.com/apprenticeships/>

JTL specialises in plumbing, heating, joinery, electrical, gas engineering mainly at level 3

<https://estio.co.uk/learners/>

Offers level 3 and level 4 apprenticeships across the following disciplines:

- Network and Infrastructure
- Software Development and Testing
- Cyber Security
- Data and Business Analysis
- Digital Marketing
- DevOps

<https://remit.co.uk/>

- [Automotive](#)
- [Management](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Hospitality](#)
- [Retail](#)
- [Food](#)
- [I.T. & Marketing](#)
- [Care](#)

Local colleges also offer apprenticeships, see websites for further information and to register.

CCSW

Riverside College

Reaseheath College

Warrington and Vale Royal College

It takes a lot of effort to find an apprenticeship, to apply and get through the selection process so please come and see me if you need any help.

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