



APPRENTICESHIPS

Do you like the sound of an apprenticeship, but you're not sure where to start or how to find the right opportunity for you?

Using this worksheet you'll find out more about what an apprenticeship is, what the benefits of undertaking an apprenticeship are, and what it can lead to in the future.

WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An apprenticeship is an opportunity for you to get on-the-job training alongside studying part-time, whilst getting paid.

Apprenticeships are available across a wide range of industries and are offered by many well-known companies. Your learning will take place in a college or training facility.

There are different levels of apprenticeships that you can access, depending on: your age, what qualifications you have, and the type of apprenticeship (more info on the next page).

Wages will be different depending on the industry, location, and type of apprenticeship. The minimum wage for Apprentices aged 16-18 is currently £3.70 per hour, however many employers pay more than this and some higher apprenticeships can pay as much as £500 per week.



BENEFITS OF STUDYING AN APPRENTICESHIP

- Throughout your apprenticeship you'll be working, learning skills, and gaining new experience.
- Get paid whilst you work and learn, there may also be opportunities to increase your pay over time.
- Apprenticeships provide a head start in a career and industry you're passionate about, you'll be starting a life long career.
- Both your employer and training provider will provide support and guidance throughout an apprenticeship.
- Apprentices receive a nationally certified qualification at the end.
- There are excellent progression opportunities.



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WHAT TO CONSIDER

- What type of learner are you, does studying an apprenticeship fit in with your style of learning and working?
- Are you more practical and hands on, or do you prefer to learn in a classroom?
- Do you feel passionate about the industry and career opportunities available as part of the apprenticeship?
- Do you want to work and learn at the same time, or would you prefer something more flexible?
- An Apprenticeship it is not an easy option, you will have to balance your study with a full-time role, although you are entitled to paid time off to study.



DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

A Degree or Higher Apprenticeship is an opportunity to gain a degree level qualification (the same as what you would get at university) whilst working.

You will study and take assessments over 5 to 7 years. A degree apprenticeship will let you to be flexible in the future, with skills and a degree that would allow you to move freely between jobs.

You will need to be aged 18 years or older. How often you attend university will depend on your employer and the apprenticeship programme.



LEVELS OF APPRENTICESHIPS

Intermediate Apprenticeship	Advanced Apprenticeship	Degree Apprenticeship
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 2• 12–18 months• Equivalent to 5 GCSEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 3• 18–48 months• Equivalent to 2 A-levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 4, 5, 6, and 7• 2–7 years• Equivalent to a foundation degree or degree.

