

Interested in Apprenticeships? Unsure how to get one? Read on!....

What is an apprenticeship?

An Apprenticeship is a route into employment, training and education giving you the opportunity to:

- Earn while you learn
- Gain a variety of transferable skills
- Gain job-specific skills
- Work towards nationally recognised qualifications
- Enable progression into further/higher education
- Advance in a chosen career

Apprenticeship Facts:

- More than 130,000 employers offer apprenticeship schemes across 250 industries.
- There are different level apprenticeships and depending on the job role, what qualifications you have already will depend on which Level you start on.
- The length of time to complete an apprenticeship varies with apprenticeships and can be anything from 1 – 4 years. (Average length of time 2 years).

The Different Levels:

Intermediate Level (Level 2) - equivalent to 5 GCSEs at Grade 4-9

Advanced Apprenticeship (Level 3) - equivalent to 2 A-levels

Higher Apprenticeships (Level 4 - 7) – equivalent to a higher education certificate/diploma, foundation degree, bachelor degree, post-graduate diploma

Pay:

The current minimum wage rate for an apprentice is £4.15 per hour.

This rate applies to apprentices under 19 and those aged 19 or over who are in their first year.

It's not uncommon to be earning in the region of £150 to £250 per week. That means you can expect a salary range of between £4,940 and £13,000 per year.

The average apprenticeship salary £17,000-£20,000 across the UK.

Interested Still?...So How do you get one?...Turn over for more information!!

How to find an apprenticeship:

- Register on Websites
- Look in the papers and online
- Register with local training providers
- Ask your friends and family
- Create a CV and approach employers directly
- Do some volunteering or work experience first

Websites to register with:

- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> and www.apprenticeships.gov.uk
- www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk
- www.cornwallapprenticeships.com
- www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

How to find a Training Provider:

Visit: www.careerpilot.org.uk click on apprenticeships and look under training providers

Visit your local College's open days and evenings. They often have an apprenticeship team based at the College and offer apprenticeships as well as full-time courses.

For advice and examples on how to write a CV and cover letter visit:

www.prospects.ac.uk - go to Careers advice and CVs and cover letters

For more help or advice speak to your Careers Adviser or call the National Careers Service on 0800 100 900.

Good luck with your search and remember it's very important to have a Back-up Plan if you have applied or are looking for an apprenticeship!

If you are Under 18 make sure you have applied to a Sixth Form or a College for a full or part-time course.