

APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships are one of the many paths you can take after finishing school and is becoming evermore popular. You can start earning right away and have dedicated time for studying and learning.

What is an apprenticeship?

A real job that combines practical training in your role with study where you will:

- Work with experienced staff
- Gain job-specific skills
- Earn a wage and get paid holiday
- Given time for study related to the role in work hours
- 80% of your time is spent at work and 20% studying and working towards a qualification
- Can take from 1-6 years to complete depending on the level

What levels are there?

Type	Level	Equivalent Education Level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade 9-4 (A*-C)
Advanced	3	2 A level passes / Level 3 Diploma / International Baccalaureate
Higher	4, 5, 6, 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6, 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

What are the entry requirements?

They're open to anyone aged 16+ living in England and is not in full time education

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Intermediate	2	Minimum 2 GCSE's grades 9 to 4 (A* to C)
Advanced	3	Minimum 5 GCSE's grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) or if you've completed a similar level 2 apprenticeship
Higher	4, 5, 6, 7	Minimum 2 A levels or if you've completed a similar level 3 apprenticeship
Degree	6, 7	Minimum 3 A levels (A* to C) or if you've completed a similar higher apprenticeship

What do apprentices earn?

The National Minimum Wage for apprentices is £3.90 per hour from April 2019. This applies to those aged under 19, those aged 19 or over and not in the first year of their apprenticeship will be entitled to the National Minimum Wage.

Year	25 and over	21 to 24	18 to 20	Under 18	Apprentice
April 2019	£8.21	£7.70	£6.15	£4.35	£3.90

Where can I find more information?

- www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/
- www.ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-the-uk

Fast facts

- Institute of Fiscal Studies reported that university students in the UK accumulate an average debt of over £50,000 in 2018
- Around 90% of apprentices go into work or further training
- 91% of parents no longer believe that Apprenticeships lead to low paid, low skilled jobs

