

# A guide to higher and degree apprenticeships



**You can gain your qualification, learn professional skills, progress your career plus earn a wage, want to find out more? With a degree apprenticeship you can achieve a full Bachelor's or Master's degree. And just like traditional degrees, an apprenticeship is a great route to a great career.**

## The facts

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16, living in England and are available at intermediate, advanced, higher and degree levels.

All apprenticeships are genuine jobs so all apprentices earn a salary. You must be paid at least the national minimum apprenticeship wage and many employers pay significantly more. Apprentices should work enough hours each week so that they can undertake sufficient, regular training and on-the-job activity, search 'become an apprentice' on GOV.UK for further information. Entry requirements depend on the sector and prior skills. If you have achieved A-levels you may still be expected to start at intermediate or advanced level as some sectors, such as engineering, require you to build up your occupational skills.

## How are they structured?

Higher and degree apprenticeships are available at levels 4 to 7. They combine work with study and may include a work-based, academic or combined qualification or a professional qualification relevant to the industry. Levels 4 and 5 are equivalent to a Higher Education Certificate/Diploma or a foundation degree, level 6 is equivalent to a Bachelor's degree and level 7 is equivalent to a Master's degree. Typically, higher apprentices study part-time at college, university or with a training provider. Apprenticeships take between one and five years to complete.

## How do I find a higher or degree apprenticeship?

There were 494,900 apprenticeship starts in 2016 to 17 in a wide range of workplaces including Cap Gemini, Ford, ITV, Airbus, Rolls-Royce, Barclays and the BBC. With so many opportunities on offer you can find the apprenticeship that's right for you.

Applying is easy, just visit [GOV.UK/apply-apprenticeship](http://GOV.UK/apply-apprenticeship). There are between 12,000 and 20,000 apprenticeship vacancies on the site at any one time.

If you require any support with your Find an apprenticeship application please contact:

**0800 015 0400** (free from landlines and mobiles)

Email: [nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](mailto:nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

For professional advice on making the right choices, visit:

**[nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)**

or call: **0800 100 900** (free from landlines and mobiles).

"My apprenticeship has benefitted me in every way possible. I've learnt key skills in engineering, mechanical and hydraulics, as well as the theory behind all of it."

**Holly Broadhurst**

Higher Design Engineering Apprentice,  
J C Bamford Excavators

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Area of study	Level	
<b>A</b>		
Accounting	4	📄
Accountancy / Taxation Professional	4	📄
Actuarial Technician	4	📄
Advanced Dairy Technologist	5	📄
Aerospace Engineer Level	6	📄
Aerospace Software Development Engineer	6	📄
Agriculture	4	📄
Aircraft Maintenance Certifying Engineer	4	📄
Assistant Technical Director (visual effects)	4	📄
Associate Ambulance Practitioner	4	📄
Associate Project Manager	4	📄
Aviation Operations Manager	4	📄
<b>B</b>		
Bespoke Tailor and Cutter	5	📄
Broadcasting Technology	6	📄
Business and Professional Administration	4	📄
<b>C</b>		
Care Leadership and Management	5	📄
Chartered Legal Executive	6	📄
Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship	6	📄
Chartered Surveyor Level	6	📄
Civil Engineer Level	6	📄
Civil Engineering Site Management (degree)	6	📄
Commercial Procurement and Supply	4	📄
Construction Management	4, 5, 6	📄
Control / Technical Support Engineer	6	📄
Conveyancing Technician	4	📄
Creative and Digital Media	4	📄
Cyber Intrusion Analyst	4	📄
Cyber Security Technologist	4	📄
<b>D</b>		
Data Analyst	4	📄
Dental Practice Manager	4	📄
Dental Technician Level	5	📄
Digital Learning Design	4	📄
Digital and Technology Solutions Professional	7	📄
<b>E</b>		
Electrical Power Networks Engineer (previously Power Networks Engineer)	4	📄
Electrical Power Protection and Plant Commissioning Engineer	4	📄
Electrical/Electronic Technical Support Engineer	6	📄
Embedded Electronic Systems Design and Development Engineer	6	📄
<b>F</b>		
Facilities Management	4, 5	📄
Financial Adviser	4	📄
Financial Services Professional	6	📄
Food Industry Technical Professional (Degree)	6	📄
<b>H</b>		
Healthcare Assistant Practitioner	5	📄
Healthcare Science Associate	4	📄
Healthcare Science Practitioner	6	📄
High Speed Rail & Infrastructure Technician	4	📄
Hospitality Management	4	📄
Hospitality Manager	4	📄
Human Resource Consultant/ Partner	5	📄
Human Resources Management	5	📄
<b>I</b>		
Insurance Professional	4	📄
Intelligence Operations	4	📄
Investment Operations Specialist	4	📄
IS Business Analyst	4	📄
IT, Software, Web & Telecoms Professionals	4	📄

Area of study	Level	
<b>J</b>		
Junior 2D Artist (visual effects)	4	📄
Junior Management Consultant	4	📄
<b>L</b>		
Laboratory Scientist	5	📄
Laboratory Scientist (Degree)	6	📄
Legal Services Level	4	📄
Licensed Conveyancer	6	📄
Life Sciences and Chemical Science Professionals	4, 5	📄
<b>M</b>		
Management	4, 5	📄
Manufacturing Engineering	4	📄
Manufacturing Engineer	6	📄
Mineral Products Technology	4, 5	📄
<b>N</b>		
Network Engineer	4	📄
Nuclear Scientist and Nuclear Engineer	6	📄
Nuclear Technician	5	📄
Nuclear Welding Inspection Technician	4	📄
Nursing Associate	5	📄
<b>O</b>		
Operations/Departmental Manager	5	📄
Outside Broadcasting Engineer	7	📄
<b>P</b>		
Paraplanner	4	📄
Passenger Transport Operations Manager	4	📄
Policy Officer	4	📄
Post Graduate Engineer	7	📄
Power Engineer (Degree)	7	📄
Probate Technician	4	📄
Process Automation Engineer	7	📄
Product Design and Development Engineer	6	📄
Professional Accounting Taxation Technician	4	📄
Professional Services	4	📄
Project Management	4	📄
Public Relations	4	📄
Public Sector Commercial Professional	4	📄
<b>R</b>		
Rail Engineering Advanced Technician	4	📄
Recruitment	4	📄
Registered Nurse (Degree)	6	📄
Relationship Manager (Banking)	6	📄
Retail Manager	4	📄
Road Transport Engineering Manager	4	📄
<b>S</b>		
School Business Professional	4	📄
Senior Compliance/Risk Specialist	6	📄
Senior Housing/Property Management	4	📄
Senior Insurance Professional	6	📄
Social Media and Digital Marketing	4	📄
Software Tester	4	📄
Software Developer	4	📄
Solicitor	7	📄
Supply Chain Management	5	📄
Sustainable Resource Operations and Management	4	📄
Systems Engineering	7	📄
<b>T</b>		
Teacher	6	📄
The Water Industry	4	📄
<b>U</b>		
Unified Communications Trouble Shooter	4	📄