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HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is an opportunity to combine on-the-job **training** with **study** so that you can earn while you learn.

Apprenticeships are available at various levels up to and including a PhD and are offered in a wide range of industries with many prestigious companies now offering apprenticeship training.

Pay is dependent on industry, location and the level of apprenticeship, starting at with minimum wages but many offer higher salaries and some higher apprenticeships pay as much as £500 per week.

Apprenticeships available in the National Qualifications Network

Level 8			
Level 7		Degree Apprenticeship	24 months + Equivalent to Foundation Degree, Degree and Masters
Level 6	Higher Apprenticeship		
Level 5			
Level 4			
Level 3	Advanced Apprenticeship	18-48 months Equivalent to 2 A Levels	Plus knowledge, competence, and employability skills
Level 2	Intermediate Apprenticeship	12-18 months Equivalent to 5 GCSEs A* - C	
Level 1			

Key information

- No Tuition Fees
- Earn while you learn
- Wide range of subjects
- There are entry requirements and some have a rigorous recruitment procedures.
- Higher and Degree Apprenticeships are not the easy option.
- A challenging job plus studying for a degree
- Balance work and study without the long student holidays
- Competition for these places is tough

Key Benefits

- Achieve a degree while learning and earning in a real business
- No debt and solid work experience
- Chance to gain professional accreditation, qualification and memberships.

Next steps

Think about what would be the best higher education route for you. Remember that you can apply for both routes – have a plan A and a plan B. University applications are made at a specific time every year and higher and degree apprenticeships are offered when positions become available.

- Look at apprenticeships advertised in the sector you are interested in.
- Look at the websites of any employers you wish to work for.
- Think about travel and salary

To be notified when a new degree apprenticeship vacancy is uploaded register for alerts at [gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

How to apply for a degree apprenticeship

Check

- www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeship-vacancies
- University Websites
- Which Apprenticeship Guide
- [Amazingapprenticeships.com](https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com)
- [Notgoingtouni.co.uk/ucas.com](https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/ucas.com)

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