

APPRENTICESHIPS

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Apprenticeships have changed over the years. They are now available in a wide variety of sectors and for different levels of qualification. It might be that an apprenticeship is the best route for your child and Aimhigher have compiled some key info below.

THE BASICS

Apprenticeships are a genuine job, where people are employed from day one. Apprentices will:

- Work alongside experienced professionals.
- Earn a wage and holiday entitlement
- Be given time to study for their qualification for 20% of their time at work (equivalent to 1 day a week)
- Work a roughly 30 hour or more week.

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of

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There is no upper age limit.

All Apprenticeships have two aspects: **The Employer** and **The Training Provider**. They work together to ensure that the Apprentice gains all of the necessary skills (academic and practical) that are necessary for their role. Sometimes training providers assist in employing apprentices (including advertising) but the employer has the final say, so be aware when colleges make these advertisements.

Level 2	Intermediate	5 GCSE's grades 9 - 4 (A* to C)
Level 3	Advanced	2 A-Level passes/Level 3 Diploma/International Baccalaureate
Level 4, 5, & 6	Higher	University Bachelor's Degree (3 years at University = level 6)
Level 6 & 7	Degree	Bachelor's or Master's Degree

THE LEVELS

All qualifications have a level. Every student works their way through the levels, regardless of what qualification they study. Above is a table explaining the names for each level of apprenticeship and what they are equivalent to in terms of study. For example after studying A-Levels at college a student would look at Higher or Degree Apprenticeships.

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WAGES The National Minimum Apprenticeship wage is **£4.15** (as of April 2020). Though not all employers pay the minimum and salary is advertised in the role.

HOW TO APPLY

The best place to find and apply for apprenticeships is on the GOV.uk website:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

Employers can also advertise on their website and you may find vacancies via a search engine.

When applying it is much the same for any job role. Applications will need to be well researched and personalised for each vacancy.

Vacancies can become available at any time. Deadlines for vacancies are displayed on the advertisement.

WHY APPLY?

Apprenticeships are competitive but an amazing opportunity for those who undertake them. Below are a couple of reasons why to apply for an apprenticeship:

1. Get into the workplace and learn from your experienced co-workers.
2. Earn a salary while you gain your qualifications.
3. Learn transferable skills to set you up for the future.
4. With A degree level apprenticeship your employer pays your Tuition Fees

RESOURCES

Amazing Apprenticeships : <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

The Apprenticeship Guide: <https://apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/>

List of subjects that may be available: [The A-Z of Apprenticeships](#)

Please note that not all subjects will be available at all times.

If you have any further questions please get in contact with us via email:

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