

Learn while you earn



Apprentices work alongside experienced staff in companies to gain skills specific to the job. They receive on-the-job training whilst working towards a nationally recognised qualification; and anyone aged over 16, who is living in England and not in full time education, can apply to become an apprentice. Apprentices are employees of their organisations, and they earn a minimum salary of £95 per week; yet many earn considerably more.

Apprenticeships can take between one and four years to complete depending on the level of the Apprenticeship, the apprentices' ability and the industry sector.

Apprenticeships are becoming increasingly popular for employers, as well as the apprentices, so there are lots of vacancies available; and there will definitely be one for you.

Searching for vacancies

Finding an Apprenticeship might seem extremely daunting, but it really isn't. Head to the Apprenticeships' website – www.apprenticeships.org.uk - register your details, and search for the vacancy that suits you; it's that simple.

If you apply for a vacancy and you are successful/unsuccessful in your application, then you will be alerted of this on your home page; where you can also manage your pending applications.

If your application is unsuccessful, then the manager of the organisation that you applied to may contact via phone or e-mail to give you feedback on why you didn't get the vacancy. This gives you an opportunity to improve your details in order to give you a better chance of beating other applicants to future vacancies.

However, if successful in your application, your employer or training provider will contact you and arrange a meeting with you. This maybe an interview, assessment or a formal meeting, depending on what the vacancy is for; but there is no need to be intimidated by it.



They will not be trying to catch you out, but they will want to get to know you in depth as they will be paying your salary. So visit the Apprenticeships' website and embark on your career as an apprentice.