

Apprenticeships



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What is an Apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a way to work and study at the same time. Most of your time is spent gaining on-the-job training, while the rest is dedicated to working towards a formal qualification. You will earn a salary and be part of a team, just like a regular employee, but you will also have dedicated study time each week.

The qualification you can achieve varies depending on the level of apprenticeship. It could range from the equivalent of GCSEs to a master's degree. Apprenticeships come in different types and levels, which may vary depending on your location in the UK, and each level has its own entry requirements.

How Do I Apply for an Apprenticeship?

Applying for an apprenticeship is similar to applying for a normal job. Here are the key points you need to know:

Apprenticeships don't follow university-style deadlines; the application deadline is set by the employer.

You apply directly to the employer offering the apprenticeship.

You are **not limited to one application**—you can apply for as many apprenticeships as you like.

To find out more about Apprenticeships, please click here.

What are T Levels?

T Levels are a qualification option that students can take after GCSEs, providing a strong head start towards their chosen career. They are ideal for students who want to work towards a skilled occupation, enjoy a practical, hands-on approach to learning, and prefer a course that combines classroom study with real-world experience.

These two-year courses have been developed in partnership with employers, drawing on the features of the world's best technical education systems. T Levels are designed to ensure students gain the knowledge, skills, and experience that businesses need, so they are ready to enter the workforce or progress to higher-level study when they qualify.

How Do T Levels Work?

Students spend 80% of their time in the classroom learning theory and technical knowledge.

They spend 20% of their time on a minimum 9-week work placement with an employer, gaining hands-on experience and insight into the workplace.

This combination allows students to understand what a real career is like while continuing their studies.

T Levels and UCAS Points

A T Level is worth the same UCAS points as three A Levels, allowing students to apply to university or other higher education courses.

T Levels can also be used to progress into a related higher-level apprenticeship or directly into a skilled job.

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