



# A Guide to Apprenticeships

# Apprenticeships Explained

Apprenticeships combine practical on the job training with study.

## As an apprentice you'll:

- work alongside experienced staff
- gain job-specific skills
- earn a wage and get holiday pay
- get time for study related to your role (usually one day a week)

Apprenticeships take 1 to 4 years to complete depending on their level.

## What types of Apprenticeships are available?

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Customer Service
- Electrical Installation
- Engineering
- Hairdressing and Barbering
- Human Resources
- IT
- Marketing
- Management
- Professional Cookery
- Team Leadership
- Teaching & Education

## Discover more

[mkcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://mkcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships)

## What's in it **FOR YOU?**



**A SALARY**



**NO TUITION FEES**



**FUTURE CAREER PROSPECTS**



**GAIN QUALIFICATIONS THAT ARE RELEVANT TO EMPLOYERS**



**FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS ON COMPLETION**



**A REAL JOB WITH A REAL EMPLOYER**

## Which Apprenticeship level is right for me?

Apprenticeships are available at Level 2 to Level 7 but the level you'll study can depend on the job role you are applying for and your current qualifications.

### Level 2 Intermediate Level Apprenticeship

Equivalent to five GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A\*-C)

### Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeships

Equivalent to two A-Levels

### Level 4, 5, 6, & 7 Higher & Degree Apprenticeships

Equivalent to HND, Foundation Degree and Degree Level

# How do I become an Apprentice?

## Becoming an apprentice has never been easier!

If you know what you'd like to study, you'll want to start checking out the latest apprenticeship vacancies to make sure you don't miss out!

If you are not sure on your career route, check out [www.startprofile.com](http://www.startprofile.com) to get started.

## Ready to apply?

Apply online for live vacancies [www.mkcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies](http://www.mkcollege.ac.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies) or by searching on [www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch](http://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch)



Make sure your application stands out from the crowd!

Check out [www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/get-a-job](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/get-a-job) which provides help with completing application forms and preparing for an interview.

## What to expect once you've applied

You will be invited to College to complete a maths and English assessment and in some cases, an occupational trades test.

You will also be invited to attend an interview with a Recruitment Advisor. You will then be put forward to employers for suitable vacancies or guided towards a suitable pathway. If you've impressed employers with your CV, you will be invited to attend an employer interview for roles.

## Contact the Apprenticeships Team

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# APPRENTICESHIPS MYTHBUSTING



## MYTHBUSTING



SETTING THE  
**RECORD  
STRAIGHT**

Apprentices have

**lots of**



**CAREER PROGRESSION**

Opportunities

**TRUE**

Apprenticeships are

**ONLY  
FOR**

**YOUNG  
PEOPLE**

**MYTH**

Apprenticeships

**ARE FOR THOSE**

who didn't get  
**GOOD EXAM RESULTS...**



**MYTH**

You can go to

**UNIVERSITY**

if you study  
an apprenticeship

**TRUE**

“

*“It's really improved my life as well as working in a career I really love.”*

**Jake Kerley**  
Teaching Support Apprentice

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## Did you know?

Apprentices get access to discounts on shopping, restaurants, cinema and travel with the NUS Apprentices Extra card.

Apprentices can register for their card online at [www.apprenticeextra.co.uk](http://www.apprenticeextra.co.uk).

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