

# A GUIDE TO HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

Now there is a real alternative to traditional university study. With the growth of higher and degree apprenticeships, you can gain your qualification, learn professional skills, progress your career plus earn a wage, want to find out more?

With a degree apprenticeship you can achieve a full Bachelor's or Master's degree. And just like traditional degrees, an apprenticeship is a great route to a great career.

## The facts

If you are over 16, live in England and are not in full-time education you can apply for an apprenticeship. Apprenticeships are available at intermediate, advanced, higher and degree levels.

All apprenticeships are real jobs so all apprentices earn a salary. You must be paid at least the national minimum apprenticeship wage and many employers pay significantly more. Apprentices should work for at least 30 hours per week, see [gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates](http://gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates) for further information. Entry requirements depend on the sector and prior skills. If you have achieved A-levels you may still be expected to start at intermediate or advanced level as some sectors, such as engineering, require you to build up your occupational skills.

## How are they structured?

Higher and degree apprenticeships are available at levels 4-7. They combine work with study and may include a work-based, academic or combined qualification or a professional qualification relevant to the industry. Levels 4 and 5 are equivalent to a Higher Education Certificate/Diploma or a foundation degree, level 6 is equivalent to a Bachelor's degree and level 7 is equivalent to a Master's degree. Typically, higher apprentices study part-time at college, university or with a training provider. Apprenticeships take between one and five years to complete.

## How do I find a higher or degree apprenticeship?

Over 240,000 workplaces employed an apprentice including Cap Gemini, Ford, ITV, Airbus, Rolls-Royce, Barclays and the BBC. With so many opportunities on offer you can find the apprenticeship that's right for you.

Applying is easy, just visit [GOV.UK/apply-apprenticeship](http://GOV.UK/apply-apprenticeship). There are up to 28,000 apprenticeship vacancies on the site at any one time.

08000 150 140 (free from landlines and mobiles)  
Email: [nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk](mailto:nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

If you need professional advice on making the right choices, visit:

[nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk](http://nationalcareerservice.direct.gov.uk)

for a web-chat with an adviser or call:

**0800 100 900** (free from landlines and mobiles).

For more information search  
'apprenticeships' on [gov.uk](http://gov.uk)

# THE A-Z OF HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

## HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP FRAMEWORKS IN ENGLAND

FRAMEWORK	LEVEL	FRAMEWORK	LEVEL
Accounting	4	Legal Services	4
Agriculture	4	Life Sciences and Chemical Science Professionals	4
Broadcasting Technology	6	Management	4
Business and Professional Administration	4	Manufacturing Engineering	4
Care Leadership and Management	5	Professional Development for Work Based Learning	4
Construction Management	4	Professional Services	4
Digital Learning Design	4	Project Management	4
Facilities Management	4	Public Relations	4
Health – Assistant Practitioner	4	Recruitment	4
Hospitality Management	4	Social Media and Digital Marketing	4
Human Resource Management	5	Supply Chain Management	4
Intelligence Operations	4	Sustainable Resource Operations and Management	4
IT, Software, Web & Telecoms Professionals	4	The Water Industry	4

## HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS IN ENGLAND

STANDARDS	LEVEL	STANDARDS	LEVEL
Actuarial Technician	4	Healthcare Science Associate	4
Advanced Dairy Technologist	5	Insurance Professional	4
Aerospace Engineer	6	Investment Operations Specialist	4
Aerospace Software Development Engineer	6	Junior 2D Artist (visual effects)	4
Aircraft Maintenance Certifying Engineer	4	Junior Management Consultant	4
Assistant Technical Director (visual effects)	4	Laboratory Scientist	5
Associate Ambulance Practitioner	4	Licensed Conveyancer	6
Associate Project Manager	4	Manufacturing Engineer	6
Aviation Operations Manager	4	Network Engineer	4
Bespoke Tailor and Cutter	5	Nuclear Scientist and Nuclear Engineer	6
Bus and Coach Engineering Manager	4	Nuclear Welding Inspection Technician	4
Chartered Legal Executive	6	Operations/Departmental Manager	5
Chartered Manager	6	Outside Broadcasting Engineer	7
Chartered Surveyor	6	Paraplanner	4
Control/Technical Support Engineer	6	Product Design and Development Engineer	6
Conveyancing Technician	4	Professional Accounting Taxation Technician	4
Cyber Intrusion Analyst	4	Public Sector Commercial Professional	4
Cyber Security Technologist	4	Rail Engineering Advanced Technician	4
Data Analyst	4	Relationship Manager (Banking)	6
Dental Practice Manager	4	Retail Manager	4
Dental Technician	5	Senior Compliance/Risk Specialist	6
Digital and Technology Solutions Professional	6	Senior Housing/Property Management	4
Electrical/Electronic Technical Support Engineer	6	Software Developer	4
Electrical Power Protection and Plant Commissioning Engineer	4	Software Tester	4
Embedded Electronic Systems Design and Development	6	Solicitor	7
Financial Adviser	4	Systems Engineering	7
Healthcare Assistant Practitioner	5	Unified Communications Trouble Shooter	4