

A GUIDE TO APPRENTICESHIPS



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What is an apprenticeship and where can it take you?

An apprenticeship gives you hands-on experience, a salary and the opportunity to train while you work in one of many different industries.

An apprenticeship is a real job. It's a way to:

- Earn a salary and learn at the same time, with at least 20% of your time set aside for learning
- Gain skills and qualifications, ranging from Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) up to degree level
- Start a long-term career path with the possibility of higher earnings.

Who are apprenticeships for?

There is no upper age limit. If you're 16+ then an apprenticeship could be for you.

Opportunities are available across a huge range of industries, including media, engineering, hospitality, finance and healthcare.

What will I earn?

Pay is dependent on the industry, location and the type of apprenticeship.

Many employers pay substantially more than the apprenticeship minimum wage, which is:

- £3.70 per hour for those aged 16-18
- £3.70 per hour if you are over 19 and in your first year of your apprenticeship – after that you are entitled to the National Minimum Wage.

Remember, if you complete a higher or degree apprenticeship, you'll have no university debt; you'll have been earning for the length of your apprenticeship with no tuition fees.

What other benefits will I receive?

As an apprentice, you may also be entitled to sign up to discounts through:

- The Apprentice Oyster Photocard
- NUS Apprentice Extra

Contact us to find out more:

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