

## Guide to Apprenticeships

To start an apprenticeship, you'll need to:

- be 16 or over
- live in England
- not be in full-time education

You can apply for an apprenticeship while you're still at school.

### **What you'll do as an apprentice**

An apprenticeship is a job where you'll:

- earn a wage and get holiday pay
- work alongside experienced staff
- gain job-specific skills
- get time for training and study related to your role

The training might be at your place of work, a college, a training provider or online.

### **Types of apprenticeships**

There are over 600 different apprenticeships.

No matter what career you're interested in, there's likely to be an apprenticeship for you. Speak to Positive Steps if you need help on where to start.

### **Career starter apprenticeships**

The apprenticeship service has chosen some existing apprenticeships they think are perfect first jobs. These are called career starter apprenticeships.

If you cannot find a career starter apprenticeship that you like, you can search all apprenticeships, as most apprenticeships are excellent first steps to take after you leave school.

[Home - GMACS](#)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Prospects.ac.uk](#)

## After your apprenticeship

You could get a job with your current employer after your apprenticeship. They might like to hire you because they trained you and know you can do the job well.

You could also:

- find a new job with a different employer
- go to university or start another type of higher education
- do another apprenticeship at a higher level
- volunteer to get more experience which can help you get a job

## Levels of apprenticeships

You'll earn a qualification from your apprenticeship.

The 4 different apprenticeship levels are:

- intermediate: level 2
- advanced: level 3 (same as 2/3 A-Levels)
- higher: level 4 or 5
- degree: level 6 or 7