

# What are Apprenticeships?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sK1AZ5mnMWo>

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study.

As an apprentice you'll:

- work alongside experienced staff
- gain job-specific skills
- [earn a wage and get holiday pay](#)
- study towards a related qualification (usually one day a week)

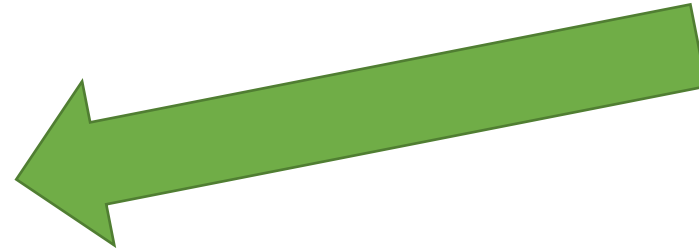


Apprenticeships take 1 to 4 years to complete depending on their level.

## Levels of apprenticeship

Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels.

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grades A* to C
Advanced	3	2 A level passes
Higher	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree



# PROS & CONS

- Paid employment
- 90% find or retain employment after
- No tuition fees, even for apprenticeships earning degrees.
- Gain a range of qualifications
- Range of entry levels available
- Ongoing applications (flexibility with dates/deadlines)
- Professional accreditation or membership
- Job-specific skills & experience
- Long-term career path
- Potential for progress & promotion in a company

- Not an easy option, balancing work & study
- Still limited places
- Tough competition for top positions
- Entry requirements & desirable skills/experiences still needed
- Penalties for leaving courses early (repay fees etc.)
- Potentially a long period in a specific workforce

# What can you expect?



## Level 4 accounting apprenticeship

No minimum academic criteria

"Interesting candidates who can show that they've done some great things outside of their studies"



*BT*

**IT degree apprenticeship**

BBC at A-Level



GlaxoSmithKline

**Level 5 laboratory technician high apprenticeship**

240 UCAS points from 3 A Levels, including biology & chemistry.

**ASOS**

*The Online Fashion Store*



**John Lewis**

# What can you do NOW?

- Check out the **government's site**.
- Check out the **school website** regularly for both a range of information, plus possible opportunities & vacancies made available to us.  
<http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=Careers%2C+Work+Experience+and+Work+Related+Learning&pid=85>
- Follow **@getingofar** & **#getingofar** on the likes of **Twitter, Instagram, Facebook** etc.
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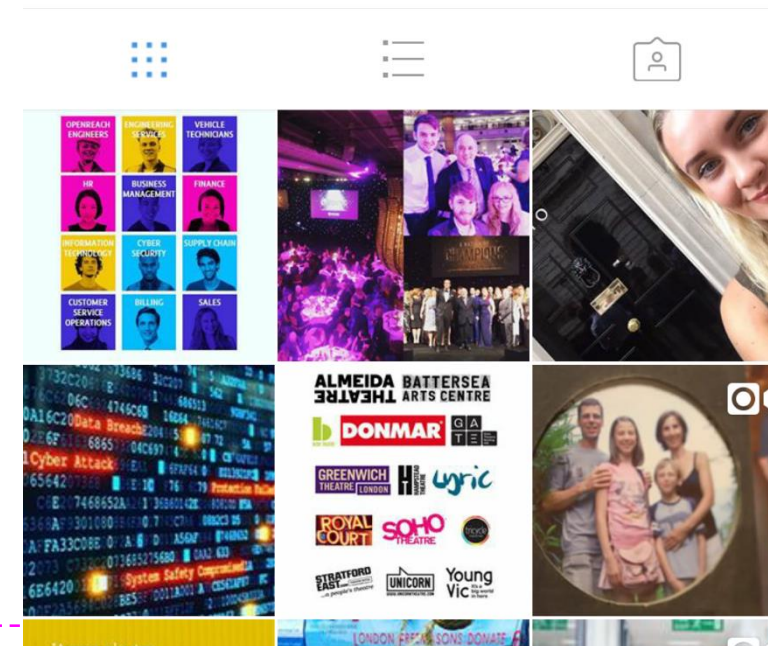


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# What should you do next?

- Sign up for a **free account** on the government website to search apprenticeships & sign up for alerts.
- Investigate any possible **trade shows** or **industry fairs**.
- Start building a **CV**.
- Consider **part-time work, extra-curricular activities, volunteering** etc. that might give extra merit.

## Find an apprenticeship

[Search the find an apprenticeship service](#) for apprenticeships in England.

You don't need an account to search.

### Create an account

You need to [create an account](#) to:

- apply for apprenticeships
- get email and text alerts about new apprenticeships and your applications
- track your applications

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>



# Tasks:

1. Sign up to AIM apprenticeships  
<http://www.aimapprenticeships.co.uk/>
2. Research apprenticeships you may be interested in, looking on UNIFROG.
3. You will need to start your CV. Research what is needed to go in your CV, look at a few blank templates and get going.