



APPRENTICE FAQS



AGE

You must be over 16 to do an apprenticeship. There is no upper-age limit. Excellent news for people returning to work after a break, looking to spread their wings and move on from a current role or for those seeking a career change.



LOCATION

Your employer must be based in England for you to take an English Apprenticeship. If English is not your first language you may have to improve your language level before you start your apprenticeship. Most apprenticeships will require everyone to achieve a level 2 in English and Maths.



PAY

Apprentices are employed and must receive a wage of at least £3.70 an hour. Pay is determined locally so it may be higher but cannot be lower than this amount. Some trusts may pay a special training or 'spot' salary. Talk to your employer to find out more.



TUITION FEES

Your employer and the government will pay for your tuition as an apprentice. You will have to pay your own travel and subsistence. Great news for those who were put off continuing their education and training because of the costs.



QUALIFICATIONS

Many apprenticeships contain a qualification. If you already hold a qualification at that level then make sure that the apprenticeship will provide significant new learning for you (at least 12 months). Your apprenticeship provider will be able to help you work this out.