

# WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

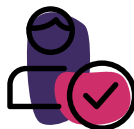


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**An apprenticeship is a paid job where the employee learns and gains valuable experiences.**

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?



To start an apprenticeship, you'll need to be:

- 16 or over
- living in England
- not in full-time education



You can apply for an apprenticeship while you're still at school but you'll need to be 16 or over by the end of the summer holidays to start the apprenticeship.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study. As an apprentice you'll:

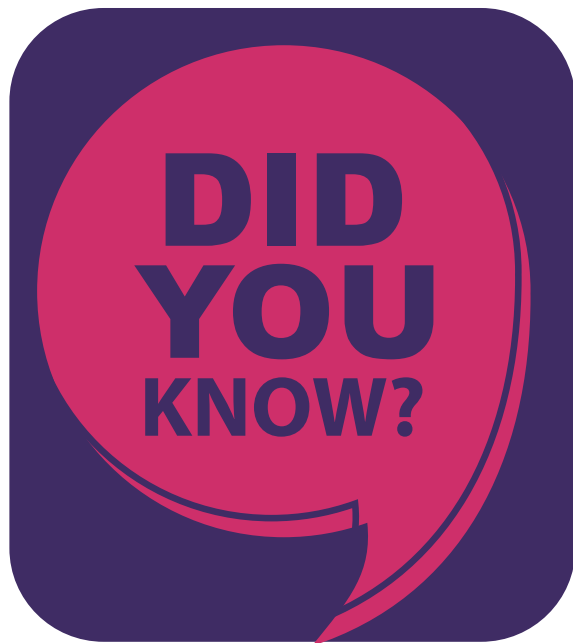
- be an employee earning a wage and getting holiday pay
- work alongside experienced staff
- gain job-specific skills
- get time for training and study related to your role.



### DID YOU KNOW...

Apprentices are entitled to an **NUS Apprentice Extra Card** which provides discounts in-store and online.

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You can apply for an apprenticeship vacancy on [NHS Jobs](#) or the [Find an Apprenticeship service](#).

### LEVELS

Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels.

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- **Intermediate** - Level 2 - GCSE
- **Advanced** - Level 3 - A level
- **Higher** - Levels 4,5,6 & 7 - Foundation degree & above
- **Degree** - Levels 6 & 7 - Bachelor's or master's degree

Some apprenticeships may also give you an additional qualification, such as a diploma.

### OFF THE JOB TRAINING

Off-the-job training is a statutory requirement for an English apprenticeship.

To be eligible for government funding, all full-time apprentices (those that work 30 hours per week or more) must spend an average of 6 hours per week on off-the-job training over the planned duration of the practical period.



### DID YOU KNOW...

Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level.