

A quick guide to apprenticeships

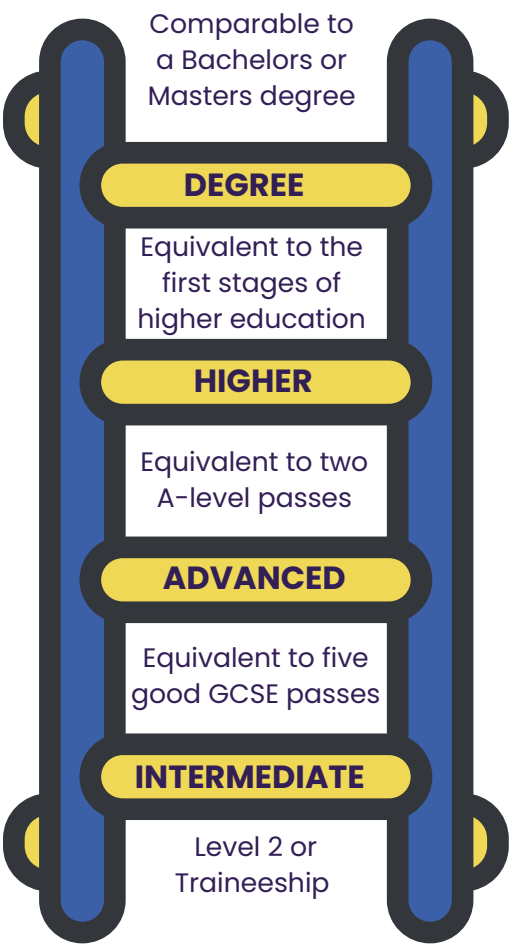
What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a paid training programme that combines working for a salary with studying, and leads to a nationally recognised qualification.

An apprentice will:

- work alongside experienced staff
- gain job-specific skills
- earn a wage and receive holiday pay
- be given time for study related to their role (80% in the workplace 20%, classroom learning).

There are more than 1,500 different types of apprenticeships covering 170 different industries.

A vertical ladder diagram with four rungs. Each rung is a yellow horizontal bar with a black outline, set between two blue vertical bars that also have black outlines. The rungs are labeled with apprenticeship levels. Text boxes are placed above and below the rungs to provide context. The top rung is labeled 'DEGREE' and is described as 'Comparable to a Bachelors or Masters degree'. The second rung is labeled 'HIGHER' and is described as 'Equivalent to the first stages of higher education'. The third rung is labeled 'ADVANCED' and is described as 'Equivalent to two A-level passes'. The bottom rung is labeled 'INTERMEDIATE' and is described as 'Equivalent to five good GCSE passes'. Below the bottom rung, the text 'Level 2 or Traineeship' is written.

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Levels of Apprenticeships

There are 4 types of apprenticeships to suit your level.

They all involve a work-based learning programme and lead to nationally recognised qualifications.

The level of apprenticeship that you start at will depend on the qualifications you have and what the employer is offering.

You can start with a Level 2 qualification or a traineeship. Then you can progress your career and potentially, in some job roles and career areas, climb the ladder all the way to higher and degree level apprenticeships.

For more information

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk>

The Government website with everything you need to know about becoming an apprentice.