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# Sports Coach

More information can be found at

[Sports Coach \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/sports-coach)



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## **Qualifications Required**

**A Level, NVQ 3 up to Degree, NVQ 6**

To get onto an apprenticeship, you'll usually need five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, possibly including English and maths.

Relevant vocational qualifications may be available in your area.

# Skills and Qualities



To become a Sports Coach, you need to:

- be enthusiastic about the sport you are coaching in
- know how to motivate and encourage people, to get the best out of them
- be able to put together innovative training plans
- have good observation skills, so you can give useful feedback on performance
- be a good communicator and enjoy working closely with people
- be patient

## **Do I need Welsh Language skills?**

Welsh Language skills are often asked for. Being able to read, write and speak Welsh may be an advantage when you're looking for work in Wales.



# Entry Routes

For most sports, to qualify as a Sports Coach the minimum qualification is the UKCC level 1 certificate in coaching.

This qualifies you to assist an experienced Coach.

To work independently you will usually need to have, or be working towards, a level 2 certificate in coaching.

Level 3 gives more advanced training.

All three qualifications include knowledge and practical elements.

An apprenticeship is a great place to start.

Take a look at our article 'Apprenticeships - How do I apply?' for more details on applying for apprenticeship positions.

Experience can be gained by doing coaching work on a voluntary basis.

Some colleges offer courses such as BTEC or City & Guilds qualifications that include coaching awards as part of a broad programme of study. Courses can also be taken at HND, degree, foundation degree, or postgraduate level.



The pay rates given below are approximate.

- Starting: £18,000 - £19,500
- With experience: £21,000 - £24,000
- Senior Sports Coaches earn £26,000

A few successful, higher profile coaches, can command salaries much higher than this.

## Salary



**For entry to the Sixth Form, some schools require that students need 5 A\*-C at GCSE, such as:**

Any A-level is beneficial, you may want to study a specific subject that is linked to what you want to coach.

e.g.

PE or BTEC Sport Diploma if you want to work in the sports industry



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