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# Apprenticeships

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[Apprenticeships | Careers Wales \(gov.wales\)](https://www.gov.wales/apprenticeships)



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# What is an Apprenticeship

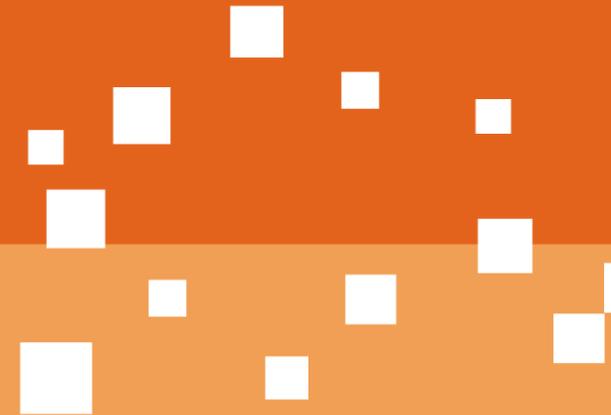
**Apprenticeships in Wales are jobs that include recognised qualifications and job-specific skills. You earn a wage while you work and learn.**

**The following slides will cover some of the questions which you may have**



- Foundation Apprenticeship - you would usually gain a Level 2 qualification (equivalent to GCSE A\*-C Level) that is relevant to the job
- Apprenticeship - you would work towards a Level 3 qualification (equivalent to A Levels) that is relevant to the job
- Higher Apprenticeship - you would work towards a higher qualification of Level 4 and above. This could be an HNC/HND or Foundation Degree
- Degree Apprenticeship - these offer learning at Level 6 and provide the opportunity to gain a full bachelor's degree. They combine working with studying part time at a university or college

You can also find information about apprenticeships on Welsh Government's [Apprenticeships. A Genius Decision.](#)



# What are the Apprenticeship Levels

## Apprenticeship Level

Foundation Apprenticeship – Level 2

Apprenticeship -Level 3

Higher Apprenticeship – Level 4/5

Degree Apprenticeship – Level 6

## Equivalent Education Level

5GCSEs / NVQ Level 2

2A Levels/NVQ Level 3

HNC / HND / Foundation Degree

Batchelor's Degree

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# Where would I train

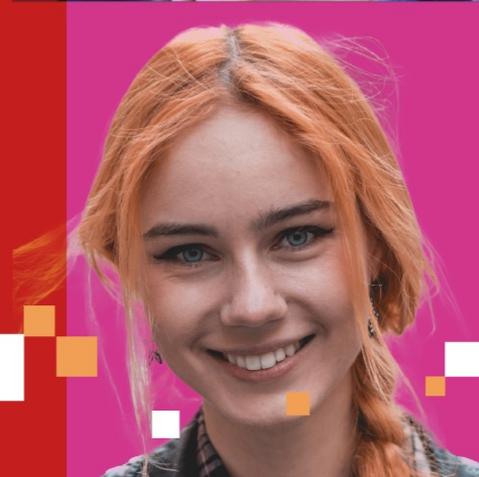
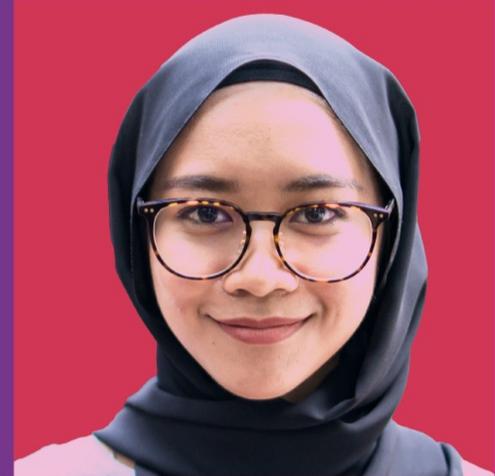
This will depend on what you are doing. Your employer will decide how they want you to be trained to do their work.

These are some of the ways apprentices are trained:

- On the job
- At college which could be full-time or part-time
- At a training centre which you could attend once a week or in blocks of a few days or weeks
- At university if you are doing a higher level or degree Apprenticeship

What is certain is that you will have training. Where and how you will train will depend on your course and employer.

You will be given information on this when you go through the application or you could ask for details at your interview.



# What types of Apprenticeships are advertised

There are a wide range of Apprenticeships on offer, and many different employers who offer them:

- Use [Apprenticeship Search](#) to see the vacancies available now. You can look at all vacancies or filter them by type of work or area that you live
- Take a look at [Employers who offer Apprenticeships](#) web links which are listed by the type of Apprenticeship. This will give you an idea of the range of Apprenticeships, and the employers who offer them

If you're not sure what job might suit you then why not:

- Try the [Buzz Quiz](#) to discover your strengths
- Take our [Career Match Quiz](#) to get career ideas that match your skills and interests
- Use [Job Information](#) to find out more detail about what different jobs involve

View a full list of the types of apprenticeships available at [Apprenticeship Certification Wales](#).



# What are the entry requirements for an Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships are open to anyone over the age of 16, including those with a disability, health condition or learning difficulty.

There is no upper age limit.

Almost all apprenticeships can be made accessible and your employer will work with you to ensure you get tailored support to meet your needs so that you can work confidently.

For more information visit [Apprenticeships for Disabled People](#) on the Working Wales website and [Apprenticeships: a guide for disabled learners](#) on the Welsh Government website.

You have to apply for an Apprenticeship like any other job. The employer who advertises the Apprenticeship will state the qualifications, skills and experience they require.

Apprenticeships are such a great opportunity so they can be very competitive. It is very important that you put together a good [application](#) or [CV](#).



# What will I get paid for an Apprenticeship

There is a national minimum wage for apprentices, but employers may often pay more than this.

What you are paid depends on the employer.

Find out more about [national minimum wage for apprentices](#) on gov.uk



## Where can I find an Apprenticeship

Search and apply for Apprenticeships through [Apprenticeship Search](#). You can look at all the vacancies, not just the ones in your area or just look at the type of jobs you are interested in.

[Employers who offer Apprenticeships](#) lists web links of employers who offer apprenticeships. You can visit their websites to:

- View and apply for any live vacancies they may have
- Find out when they are next recruiting if they haven't got live vacancies now
- Register your interest or submit your CV if they invite you to

Some employers also advertise on social media and online job sites like [Find a job](#) and [Indeed](#).

To find degree and higher level apprenticeships visit:

- [Degree Apprenticeships](#) - lists universities in Wales who provide IT based degree apprenticeships
- [Higher Level Apprenticeships](#) - lists employers, who offer A Level entry (and equivalent) apprenticeships in a wide variety of subjects

Top tip! If you're interested in an apprenticeship with a specific employer then why not ask them and see what they say?

You can also follow Welsh Government on [Facebook](#) and [twitter](#) where they regularly post Apprenticeship opportunities.

[Contact us](#) on 0800 028 4844 for help and advice.



# Search and Apply via the Careers Wales website

Looking for an Apprenticeship?

Search and Apply

[Home](#) > [Apprenticeship Search](#)

## Apprenticeship Search

Search and apply for apprenticeships. The vacancies listed are provided through the Welsh Government's Apprenticeship Vacancy Service.

Keyword

For example, hairdressing

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All

Apprenticeship level

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Location or postcode

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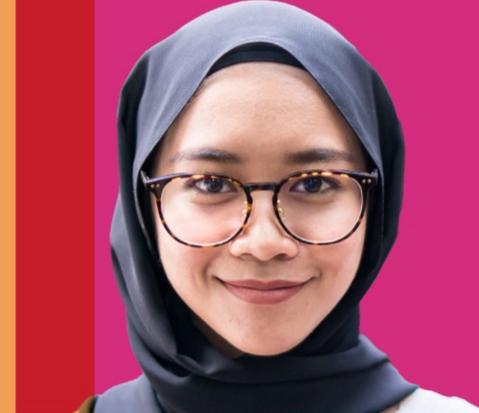
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# How do I find employers that offer Apprenticeships

[Employers who offer Apprenticeships | Careers Wales \(gov.wales\)](#)

View our list of some of the larger employers who take on apprenticeships

Find  
**employers** who offer  
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