

WHAT IS AN

APPRENTICESHIP?



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8 reasons why an apprenticeship is a **GENIUS DECISION**

#1 AN APPRENTICESHIP WILL KICKSTART YOUR CAREER

Available to people aged 16+ (with no upper age limit). Apprentices are typically employed for at least 30 hours per week and will earn and learn on the job.

#2 APPRENTICES ARE PAID A SALARY

All apprentices will earn a salary of at least the National Minimum Wage for apprentices which is currently £6.40* per hour. But many employers pay more!

Take a look at the live vacancies on the Apprenticeship Vacancy Service (AVS).

#3 APPRENTICESHIPS LAST A MINIMUM OF 12 MONTHS

Most apprenticeships take between 1-4 years to complete. It will depend on the level and delivery model of the apprenticeship.

#4 APPRENTICESHIPS RANGE FROM LEVEL 2 TO LEVEL 7

There are apprenticeships at levels equivalent to GCSEs up to degrees, including bachelor's and master's degrees. This means you can now achieve a degree through an apprenticeship.

#5 APPRENTICES DO NOT PAY FOR THEIR TRAINING

All apprenticeship costs are paid for by the employer and/or the Welsh Government meaning that an apprentice doesn't have to.

#6 APPRENTICES WILL SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME ON-THE-JOB

Most of an apprentice's paid time will be spent on-the-job, gaining experience of the workplace, learning new skills and working with colleagues.

#7 APPRENTICES RECEIVE PAID OFF-THE-JOB LEARNING

Apprentice's paid time is spent on off the job learning to gain valuable skills and qualifications.

#8 THERE ARE A LOT OF APPRENTICESHIPS AVAILABLE.

Apprenticeships are available in almost every industry, with new ones being advertised each week across a wide range of job roles.

**The National Minimum Wage for apprentices is reviewed each April.*

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