

APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship is an opportunity to work and study at the same time.

The qualification you can achieve could vary from the equivalent to GCSEs, to a master's degree depending on the level of apprenticeship you take.

Have a look at how apprenticeships compare to other qualifications:

		LEVEL			
UNIVERSITY	8	Doctorate PhD			
	7	Master's Degree MA, MSc, MPhil			Degree Apprenticeships
	6	Undergraduate Degree BA, BSc			Higher Apprenticeships
	5		Foundation degree FdA, FdSc	Higher National Diploma HND	
	4			Higher National Certificate HNC	
COLLEGE	3	AS / A2 / A level T Level	BTEC Nationals		Advanced Apprenticeships
	SCHOOL	2	GCSE Grades 9-4	BTEC Firsts	
1		GCSE Grades 3-1			

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP (LEVEL 6-7)

Securing your degree through an employer means that you will be working whilst studying. This is hard work, and is certainly not the easy option, but is a very good decision if you are confident about your future career path and you don't mind missing out on the university experience.

Salaries are at entry-level, but employers are also paying the cost of your degree course. Some will also offer subsidised accommodation or travel if you need to relocate for your work.

As your employer has invested in your degree, you will be expected to remain with your employer for the duration of your studies, and a number of years following this. If you leave, they would be entitled to ask you to pay the cost of your degree.

As you are working at the same time, it will take typically 4-5 years to secure your degree rather than 3 years.

You will spend approximately 80% of your time working , with 20% set aside for study – this may be on a university campus.

Degree apprenticeships are advertised through employers, and you will have to complete a rigorous selection process to be successful. They are highly sought after, and very competitive. You will need top grades, as well as be able to demonstrate personal experience and qualities that make you stand out from other applicants.

There is information below on Degree Apprenticeships on both UCAS and Government Apprenticeship websites:

[Degree apprenticeships - Learn more here \(ucas.com\)](#)

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP (LEVEL 4-5)

These are full-time job with a study element – typically a 30-hour working week, plus a day of study toward professional qualifications through and approved awarding body.

Level 4 apprenticeships are equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree, or a Higher National Certificate (HNC).

Level 5 apprenticeships are equivalent to a foundation degree, or a Higher National Diploma (HND).

Any Tuition fees are paid by your employer but, as with degree apprenticeships, you must commit to remaining with your employer, so you need to be 100% sure about the sector you are entering before you apply.

Higher apprenticeships are advertised through employers, and you will have to complete a rigorous selection process to be successful. They are highly sought after, and very competitive. You will need good grades, as well as be able to demonstrate personal experience and qualities that make you stand out from other applicants.

[Higher apprenticeships - who offers them & how they work \(ucas.com\)](#)

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