

# Understanding apprenticeships

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# What are apprenticeships?



Employed



Off the job



Intermediate -  
degree



Paid a salary



Typically 1-6  
years



Real  
responsibilities



Contract



700+ standards



Not the easy  
option

# Levels of apprenticeships

## Intermediate

Equivalent to:

5 GCSE passes at grade 9-4 (A\*-C)

Level 2



## Advanced

Equivalent to:

2 A levels /  
International  
Baccalaureate

Level 3



## Higher

Equivalent to:

Foundation degree  
and above

Levels 4-7



## Degree

Equivalent to:

Bachelors or  
masters degree

Levels 6 & 7



# Levels of apprenticeships

## Intermediate (L2)

- Furniture maker
- Security operative
- Barber
- Aviation ground handler
- Dog groomer
- Florist
- Accounts assistant
- Pharmacy assistant
- Marina operative
- Junior estate agent

140+ standards

## Advanced (L3)

- Engineering technician
- Pastry chef
- Multi-channel marketer
- Fundraiser
- Scenic artist
- Electrician
- Community wellbeing worker
- Data technician

230+ standards

## Higher

- Visual effects artist
- Town planning assistant
- Sports coach
- Space engineering technician

110+ standards (L4)

- Vet technician
- Nursing associate
- Rail engineer
- Marine pilot
- Nuclear technician

40+ standards (L5)

## Degree

- Geoscientist
- Accounting manager
- Midwife
- Social worker
- Civil engineer

110+ standards (L6)

- Doctor
- Game programmer
- Play therapist
- Solicitor
- Economist

60+ standards (L7)

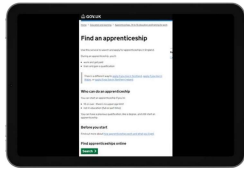
# Range of employers



# Meet some apprentices



# Where to look



Find an apprenticeship



Job Websites



Company websites



Careers websites



Social media



Friends and family



Higher and Degree listing



# Apprenticeships - Key facts

- ✓ Levels not linear - dependent on role and experience
- ✓ Majority of starts in U19s were Intermediate & Advanced
- ✓ Employer led - apply to employer, they select the provider
- ✓ Different recruitment methods
- ✓ Entry requirements vary
- ✓ Employer decides when they advertise

