

APPRENTICESHIPS

WHAT ARE THEY & WHERE DO WE FIND THEM?

WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP

An apprenticeship is a paid full time or part time job where the employee learns and gains valuable experiences.

Alongside on-the-job training, apprentices spend at least 20% of their working hours completing classroom-based learning with a college, university or training provider which leads to a nationally recognised qualification.

An apprenticeship includes:

- Paid employment with holiday leave
- Hands-on-experience in a sector/role of interest
- At least 20% off-the-job training
- Formal assessment which leads to a nationally recognised qualification

APPRENTICESHIP vs UNIVERSITY

An apprenticeship is funded by your employer, a way to earn and learn, and gives you practical, on-the-job experience. A university degree involves paying tuition fees, purely academic study, and attendance of seminars and lectures.

Apprenticeships -

- Employed while learning a qualification
- Earning a Salary
- Qualification is free to yourself
- Hands on experience

University -

- Each academic year costs £9,250
- No income unless employed
- Attend seminars and lectures
- Limited hands-on experience
- Potentially move away from home

WHO CAN APPLY

An apprenticeship is a great paid work opportunity for people **over the age of 16 in England** who are:

- Early in their career
- Looking to upskill in their current job
- Looking for a career-change
- Not in full-time education

There is no maximum age to be an apprentice.

APPRENTICESHIP LEVELS

An apprenticeship can start at any level, but some may require:

- Previous qualifications such as English or Maths GCSEs
- Additional training in English or Maths to ensure the apprentice is at the right level

Intermediate – Level 2 – GCSE

Advanced – Level 3 – A Level

Higher – Level 4, 5, 6, and 7 – Foundation Degree and Above

Degree – Level 6 and 7 – Bachelor's and Master's Degree

OFF-THE-JOB TRAINING

In England, it is a statutory requirement for an apprentice to spend 20% of their paid time 'off-the-job'. This involves essential training to help the apprentice gain the skills needed to complete their apprenticeship.

Off-the-job training is delivered by subject experts and can include:

- Teaching theory (e.g. classroom lessons, lectures and online learning)
- Practical training (e.g. shadowing, mentoring, industry visits)
- Learning support and time to write assignments

The training can take place in or out of the work environment. Some employers will offer in-house training, others may work with colleges, universities and training providers to deliver the training for them.

APPRENTICE MINIMUM WAGE

The current minimum wage for an Apprentice –

Current wage is £8.00 per hour, seeing a big increase from April 2025.

Some companies will offer a lot higher than the minimum apprenticeship wage but not all companies have the ability to do so. It may be about finding the correct opportunity.

The NHS Apprenticeship starting salary this year is £22,816 per year.

WHERE TO FIND AN APPRENTICESHIP

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Find an apprenticeship portal is the Government Portal for all available apprenticeships. All Training providers are required to advertise on Behalf of companies on the portal who are Seeking an apprentice.

The search tool can be filtered for keywords, Location, distance and levels.

Other locations such as, UCAS and Unifrog also Advertise.

Find apprenticeships online

Search >

Keywords (optional)

Can include job title, employer or reference number

All

Your location

Enter postcode, town or city or [use current location](#)

Within

5 miles

Apprenticeship level

All levels

Only show

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Search

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WHERE TO FIND AN APPRENTICESHIP

If you are unsure what you would like to find an apprenticeship in, simply conduct a search around your local area and see what is available to you.

At the point of this search, 36 are available within 5 miles of Riverside College. Various sectors, companies and levels.

Search results

We've found **36** apprenticeships in your selected area.

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[Engineering Technician Mechatronics Apprentice - Electrical / Mechanical](#)

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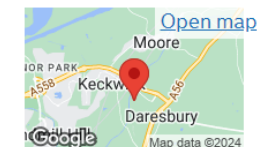
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This is a very exciting opportunity for somebody who is looking to work and learn as an Engineering Technician and complete Level 3 Mechatronics (Electrical / Mechanical) Apprenticeship.

Distance: 4.1 miles ▶ [Journey time](#)

Closing date: 18 Feb 2024

Possible start date: 01 Sep 2024



[Electronics Engineering Technician - Mechatronics Apprentice](#)

WHERE TO FIND AN APPRENTICESHIP

If you find a vacancy you could be interested in. Click on it and you will find all details regarding the apprenticeship, such as.

- Job title
- Company
- Wage
- Duties
- Training Provider

It will also indicate where to apply.

Engineering Technician Mechatronics Apprentice - Electrical / Mechanical

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[Apply now](#)

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Apprenticeship summary

Annual wage

£18,000.00

STFC offers a benefit package to provide an excellent work/life balance including 30 days annual leave, Christmas closure and flexible working hours.

Working week

What you will do in your working day

- Working on international projects in everything from science and engineering to computing and technology
- Installation of equipment following high attention to detail
- Working alongside and guided by experienced technicians and engineers
- Direct involvement in facilitating exciting scientific projects
- Support collaborations from all over the world
- Mechatronics Maintenance Technicians ensure that plant and equipment perform to the required standard to facilitate production targets regarding

OTHER SEARCH TOOLS

Although the Government request vacancies to be advertised on NAS. Some organisations advertise via their own career's portal. As they have their own training programs. So be mindful to check these. For example, the NHS have their own careers portal, which can be found by most search engines.



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Trainee Nurse Associate Apprenticeship

Band 3

Main area:

Site:

FOLLOWING YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have submitted your application, you may be contacted by the training provider.

They will speak to you regarding your application and test your eligibility to make sure you have the entry requirements.

They may ask for your CV, so make sure you are prepared, they then forward this onto the employer to arrange a potential interview.

If you require any CV or interview support, speak to the Advice, Careers and Employability Team located in Programme Management to book an appointment.

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SKILLS TO WIN
A PRIZE!**



ANY QUESTIONS?

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