

Degree Apprenticeships

Ten Key Facts for You



1 What is a degree apprenticeship?

A degree apprenticeship is a job, where you earn and learn while studying for a degree (bachelor's or master's) and where you develop the skills, knowledge and behaviours needed for a specific occupation. It focuses on work-integrated learning to develop professional knowledge and skills valued by employers.

2 What do you get on finishing a degree apprenticeship?

On successful completion of a degree apprenticeship you gain a degree directly relevant to your chosen profession. You will have developed the skills, knowledge and behaviours that make you occupationally competent as you will have developed your capabilities at work and as you study. Depending on the degree apprenticeship you may also gain professional body membership and accreditation.

3 Are you paid?

With a degree apprenticeship you are employed from day one and are paid a salary by your employer. An important feature is that you could potentially increase your long-term earning potential too.

4 Who pays for a degree apprenticeship?

Your employer/government pays the cost of the degree and any other training and assessment requirements of the apprenticeship. You will not pay any tuition fees for a degree apprenticeship.

5 Do you get time off work for study?

Your employer MUST provide you with at least the equivalent of one day a week to study 'off-the-job' for the degree apprenticeship. You benefit from being part of a student community and experience a learning environment at a university, college or training provider.

6 In which occupations are degree apprenticeships available?

Degree apprenticeships are new, but available in an increasing range of occupations and professions— examples include architect, chartered manager, civil engineering site management, data analyst, police constable, quantity surveyor, registered nurse, sales professional and software developer.

7 Which universities deliver degree apprenticeships?

Degree apprenticeships are delivered by a range of universities, including some Russell Group or high tariff universities. They are also delivered by some further education colleges and training providers.

8 Who are degree apprenticeships for?

Degree apprenticeships are for individuals who know the job they want to do and are prepared to combine work with academic study. Degree apprenticeships can be an aspirational choice for everyone. They are suited to individuals who enjoy learning on and off-the-job / through practice and want to combine learning at work with academic study.

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What are the Entry Requirements?

Employers recruit individuals for the job and employers with universities or colleges or training providers determine who are offered places. Entry to programmes will be competitive. Individuals need to secure employment as a degree apprentice and meet the entry requirements for study. Entry requirements will vary by occupation, by employer and by the university, college or training provider offering the training for the apprenticeship. Your apprenticeship training will be individually tailored to suit your own needs and experience.

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Who should apply for a degree apprenticeship?

Degree apprenticeships are taken by individuals who know the career they want. If you would like to earn a salary while studying for a degree relevant to your chosen profession then a degree apprenticeship may be for you. They have significant advantages, but you must be prepared to combine work with studying for a degree. This may take you longer than if you were completing a degree full or part-time.

How do I find out more and apply?

Applying is easy, just visit:

[GOV.UK/apply-apprenticeship](https://gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

Visit:

ucas.com/apprenticeships-in-the-uk

If you require any support with your

Find An Apprenticeship application please contact:

0800 015 0400 (free from landlines and mobiles)

Email:

nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

For professional advice on making your choice, visit:

nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

or call: **0800 100 900** (free from landlines and mobiles).

For further details on degree apprenticeship standards ready for delivery and in development please visit:

instituteofapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards

To find out more about which employers are recruiting and who is delivering degree apprenticeships, check out university and employer websites. The key is to do your research.

Wishing you the best of luck.

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