

What is an apprenticeship?

Anyone living in the UK for at least the last three years, aged 16 or over and not in full-time education can become an apprentice.

A key element of an apprenticeship is work-based experience, so you must find an employer who is prepared to employ you as an apprentice. We can help you to find a vacancy and provide CV and interview workshops.

As employees, apprentices earn a wage and work alongside experienced staff to gain job-specific skills and knowledge.

You will usually attend classes at College for one day per week and for the remainder of the week you will be in the workplace. Here, you will produce a portfolio of evidence which shows your trainer what you are able to do and records your achievements as you progress through the apprenticeship.

Apprenticeships can take between one and five years to complete depending on the level of the apprenticeship, the apprentice's ability and the industry.

There is a minimum salary for apprentices set by the Government, however, many apprentices earn significantly more.

Key benefits:

- Earn a salary.
- Receive training.
- Learn job-specific skills.
- Develop a career.
- Increase future earning potential.



See the apprenticeships that Barnsley College offers:



What are the entry requirements for an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are available at four levels. Each level has different entry requirements which may depend on the skills and qualifications you hold, so this is only a guide.

Programme	Level	Entry Requirements
Traineeship	N/A	You will need to be aged 16–24; not hold a qualification higher than a Level 3; and be motivated to work. You must be unemployed or work fewer than 16 hours per week and have little work experience.
Intermediate Apprenticeship	2	You will need to be aged 16 or over; hold two GCSEs at grade 3/D or above including English; and find an employer to employ you as an apprentice.
Advanced Apprenticeship	3	You will need to be aged 16 or over; hold five GCSEs at grade 4/C or above including English. Some subjects require Maths and/or science; and find an employer to employ you as an apprentice.
Higher Apprenticeship	4/5	You will need to be aged 16 or over; hold five GCSEs at grade 4/C or above including English and a Level 3 qualification; and find an employer to employ you as an apprentice.
Degree Apprenticeship	6/7	You will need to be aged 16 or over; hold five GCSEs at grade 4/C or above including English and a Level 4/5 qualification; and find an employer to employ you as an apprentice.

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