

IT'S TIME TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.



TODAY IS THE DAY YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN! KICK-START YOUR CAREER AND BE THE PERSON YOU WANT TO BE.

BECOME AN APPRENTICE

An Apprenticeship is a job so you will be a new or existing employee starting a new position, in a Northern Ireland-based or UK National company, working with experienced staff to learn and develop your skills.

An apprenticeship can give you the training and qualifications you need to help you get ahead in your chosen career. The Apprenticeship programmes offer training across a wide range of occupational areas, to people aged 16 and over.



FINDING AN EMPLOYER

Finding someone to employ you as an apprentice is really like finding any other job. You can, for example:

- ▶ Search for apprenticeship opportunities
- ▶ Contact employers or an apprenticeship training provider
- ▶ Look for vacancies on employer or recruitment websites
- ▶ Contact the Careers Service
- ▶ Contact your local Jobs and Benefits office

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TYPES OF APPRENTICESHIPS

There are two apprenticeship programmes funded by the Department for the Economy (DfE):

- ▶ ApprenticeshipsNI - Level 2 and 3 - available to individuals 16 and over, however certain conditions apply to individuals aged 25 and over in certain occupational areas
- ▶ Higher Level Apprenticeships (HLAs) - Level 4 to Level 7 - HLAs are not subject to age eligibility restrictions

With ApprenticeshipsNI you can either progress from Level 2 to Level 3 or go straight to Level 3, depending on your ability and the qualifications you already have. It usually takes between two and four years to complete.

An Apprentice is in paid employment from day one and follows a national training framework which leads to the attainment of industry approved competence and knowledge based qualifications, at Level 2 or 3, in conjunction with Essential Skills qualifications (where appropriate).

HLAs offer frameworks from Level 4 upwards and will take a minimum of two years to complete. Apprenticeship levels are equivalent to:

- ▶ Level 2 (5 GCSEs)
- ▶ Level 3 (2 A Levels)
- ▶ Levels 4 and 5 (Foundation degree)
- ▶ Levels 6 and above (Bachelor or Master's degree)

Currently there are approximately 70 Level 2 and 80 Level 3 ApprenticeshipsNI frameworks and over 45 HLA frameworks to choose from including:

- ▶ Pharmaceutical
- ▶ Hospitality
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Motor Vehicle
- ▶ ICT & Digital
- ▶ Health & Social Care
- ▶ Agriculture
- ▶ Electro Technical
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Financial Services

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