

# Applying for Degree Apprenticeships in England

## What is a Degree Apprenticeship?

A Degree Apprenticeship blends working for an employer with studying at university to gain a degree or masters. A Degree Apprenticeship usually takes 3-6 years and an apprentice will spend approximately 80% of their time with the employer and the rest of the time at university.

## Who can apply for a Degree Apprenticeship?

Degree Apprenticeships are suitable for school leavers with A-levels or equivalent, or those who already have a degree, as well as mature students.

## Does an individual need to pay for a Degree Apprenticeship?

The good news is that the individuals on an apprenticeship do not need to pay! The apprenticeship is fully funded by the employer and/or the government. Not only does the apprentice get valuable insight into their chosen industry by working for them, but they also get paid to work and study. The salary is at least usually £20,000 per year - win-win!

## What if an individual does not have the grades to apply for a Degree apprenticeship?

If an individual is unsure whether they meet the requirements for a degree apprenticeship, it is important that they speak to someone who can help e.g. someone at school, a trusted adult, a careers advisor or organisations such as the Department for Education Apprenticeship and Skills Team at [nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeships.service.gov.uk](mailto:nationalhelpdesk@findapprenticeships.service.gov.uk) or on 08000 150 600.

Find out what can be studied and where [Degree apprenticeships | Prospects.ac.uk](#)  
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Vacancies [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#) | [NGTU \(notgoingtouni.co.uk\)](#)  
How to write a CV [Rapid Read: How do I write a CV? - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

## How does someone apply for a degree apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships can be applied for directly through an employer or via the websites below which will redirect the applicant to either the employer's website or the employer's chosen university who will process the application. Below are some of the websites which advertise apprenticeships:

[Find an apprenticeship](#)

[Search and apply for apprenticeships](#)

[Search graduate jobs](#)

[Amazing Employers](#)

Applications for degree apprenticeship take place throughout the year. Employers will state a deadline to submit the application, as well as a start date. To apply for a degree apprenticeship, an application will need to be completed, along with a C.V. and cover letter. Advice on how to complete these can be sought from school/college, possibly your Virtual School or the National Careers Service on 0800 100 900.

If an individual is unsure how to complete either of these, they could ask for help from school/college and possibly their Virtual School.

**It is important to note that apprentices will not be eligible for a student loan.**

Things to consider before applying for a degree apprenticeship

- An apprentice's experience at university won't be the same as it is for other undergraduates who are not on an apprenticeship.

An apprentice will be still eligible for student discounts and a student bank account!

There is no guarantee of a job at the end; however, an apprentice will have gained a lot of valuable experience and a degree and many employers will give a position at the end of an apprenticeship e.g. 30% of Rolls Royce senior managers started as apprentices!

Care leavers could be entitled to a £3000 bursary, more information [here](#).