Degree Apprenticeships

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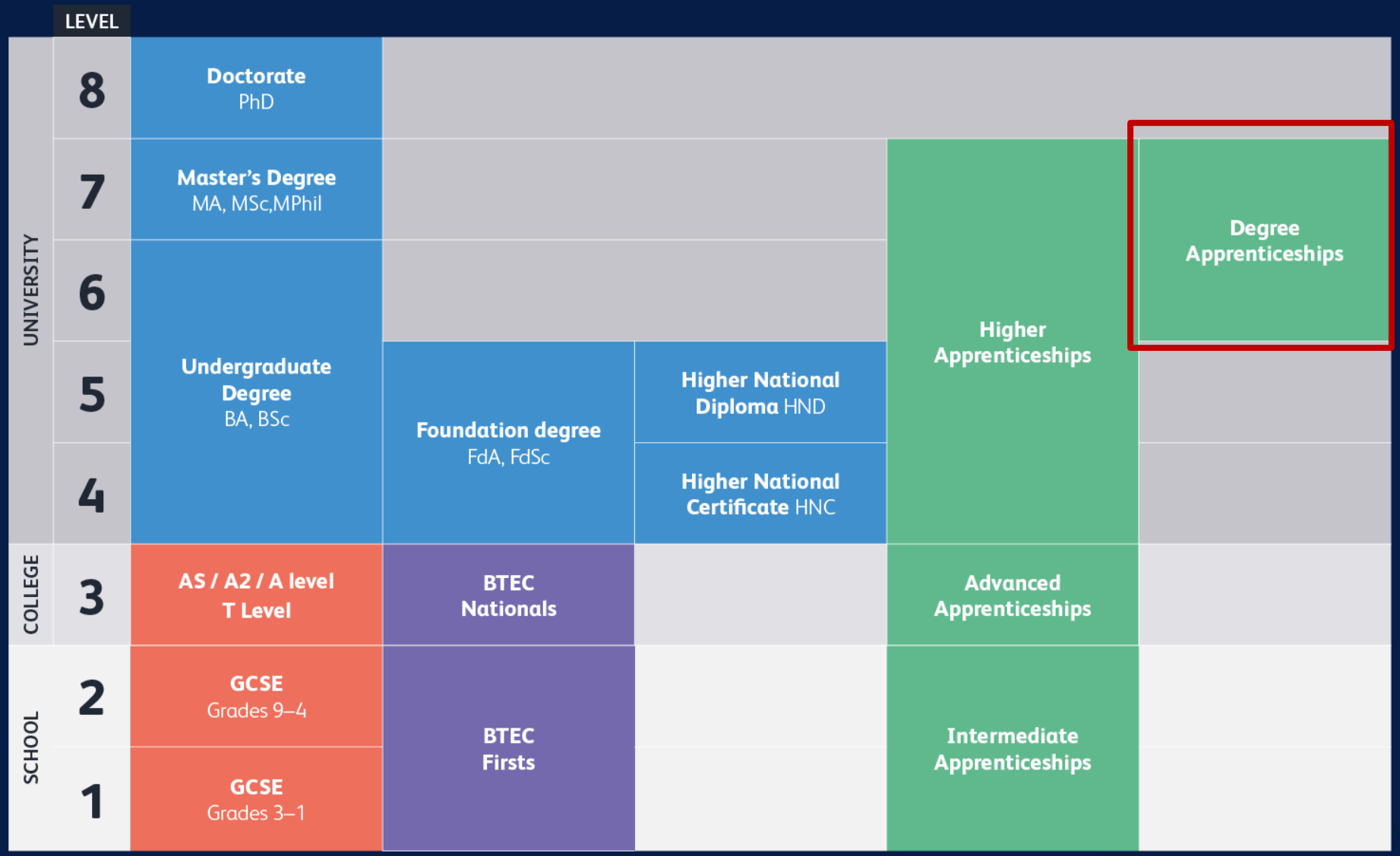
What is a degree apprenticeship?

- A paid job with practical work experience as well as formal classroom-based training
- Leads to a nationally recognised qualification
- Protected learning time within contracted hours, which is paid for by the employer (often 80% work, 20% study)
- Alternative work-based route to a degree
- Usually 3 to 5 years, depending on the subject
- An apprentice will gain the technical knowledge, practical experience and wider skills and behaviours that they need for their immediate job and future career
- You will complete an end-point assessment at the end of the apprenticeship. It tests your ability to do the job as well as your academic learning. You might also have assignments throughout the course.

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What level are degree apprenticeships?



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What are the benefits?

What do you think they are?

Apprentices often go on to secure graduate employment under their employer

Course fees are 100% paid by your employer

Earn a full-time salary (dependant on the sector, area and employer you work for)



No student finance tuition fee or maintenance loan

Protected learning time within contracted working hours

Receive employment pay and benefits as an apprentice

Develop soft skills

Benefits of being a university student

Develop in-demand, job-specific skills for the job you're in

Mentor at work and university to support you

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Degree Apprenticeship or University?



✓	Full degree qualification	✓
✓	3-6 years work experience	✗
✗	25-35 weeks of study each year	✓
✓	Study for equivalent of 1 day per week, year-round	✗
✓	Course fees paid for	✗
✓	Earn an annual wage	✗
✗	Choose any university	✓
✗	Choose any course	✓
✗	Grants/bursaries available	✓



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You can apply for a Degree Apprenticeship and apply for university through UCAS at the same time.

What should I consider?

You might not experience typical 'student life' or the 'university experience'

You may need specific grades for entry – all will need grade 4-9 in GCSE Maths and English



Degree apprenticeships are **very** competitive!

There might be no vacancies in the location you would like

There may not be a degree apprenticeship for your chosen course or subject area e.g. music production

You will need to make an individual application for each apprenticeship, tailored to the job description

You will need to balance working and studying at the same time

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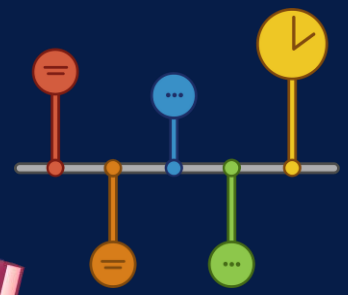
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When should I apply?





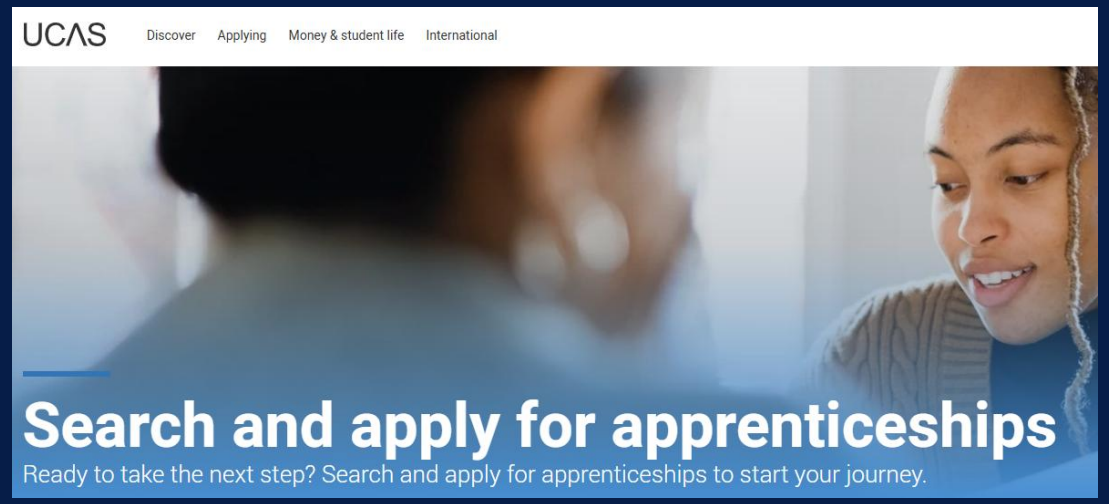
- Applications for degree apprenticeships are usually made during Year 13, for apprenticeships beginning September/October after leaving school/college
- Again, this will vary from employer to employer as there is no standard timeline for applications, like UCAS
- Some employers may open applications as early as October/November, others might advertise theirs in April/May or later
- You should check the websites of employers you are interested in to find out their deadlines and requirements

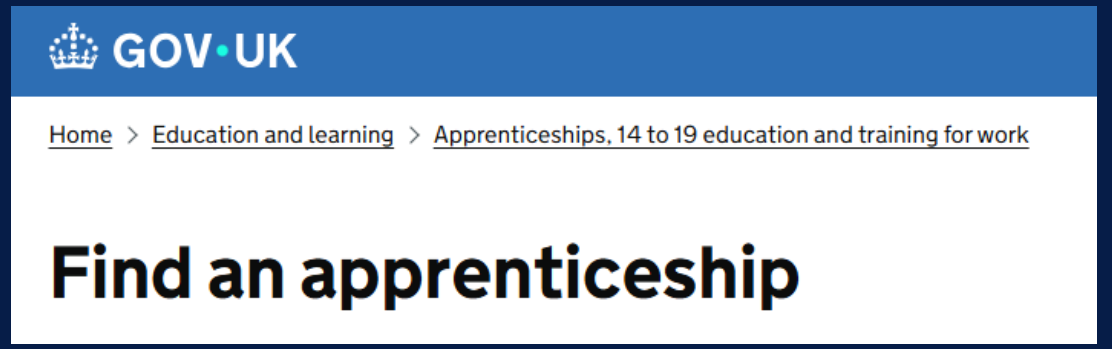
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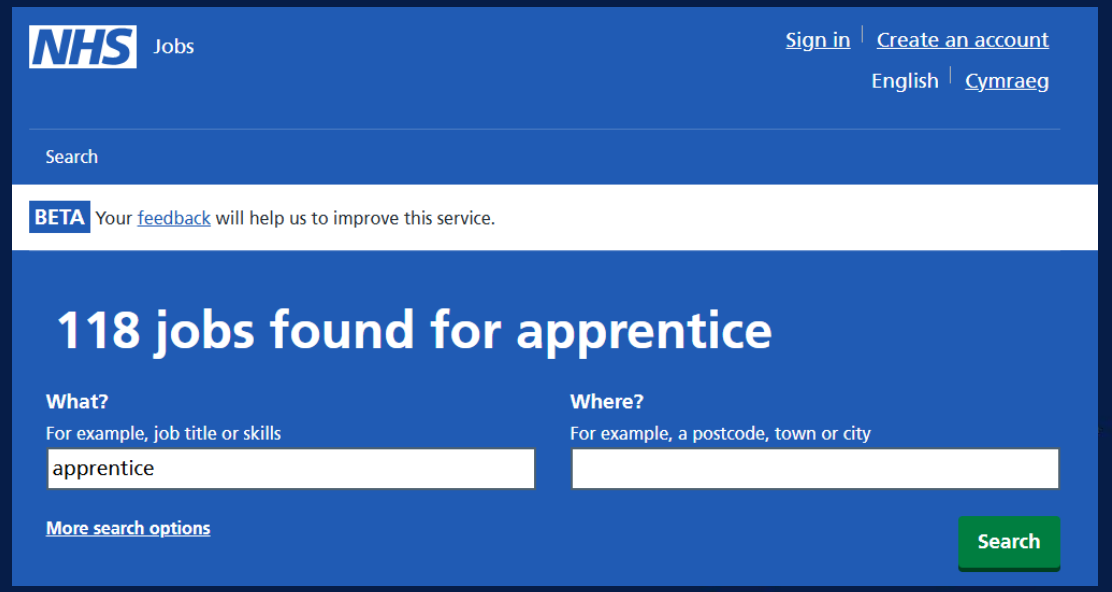
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Where can I find vacancies?









How do I write an application?

- Write an application for each vacancy – you don't apply on UCAS
- Look at the apprenticeship's skills, knowledge and behaviours that you will learn - do you have any of these already?
- Research the employer – who are they, where are they based, what are their values?
- Tailor your application to the employer and the job description
- Don't copy and paste the same application for each opportunity you apply for
- Be confident in yourself
- Think about: Why should **you** be the apprentice?



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What apprenticeships could I study with ARU?

Health and Social Care

Nursing Apprenticeships

Operating Department Practitioner

Hearing Aid Dispenser

Social Worker

Advanced Clinical Practitioner

Enhanced Clinical Practitioner (Paediatric Audiology)

Midwife

Occupational Therapist

Physiotherapist

Dispensing Optician

Digital, Data and Technology

Digital Marketer

Data Scientist

Digital and Technology Solutions Professional

Scientist

Business and Management

Chartered Manager

Project Manager

Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Practitioner

Built Environment

Chartered Surveyor (Building)

Chartered Surveyor (Quantity)

Construction Site Supervisor - (Construction Site Management Pathway)

Construction Quantity Surveying Technician - (Construction Quantity Surveyor Pathway)

Manufacturing and Engineering

Manufacturing Engineer

Civil Engineer

Civil Engineering Senior Technician

Electro-mechanical Engineer

Policing

Police Constable, East of England Forces

Degree Holder Entry Programme, East of England Forces

Detective Degree Holder Entry Programme, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk & Suffolk Constabulary

Emergency Contact Handler

Degree apprenticeships at ARU

- ARU has offered degree apprenticeships since 2017. Degree apprenticeships had only been introduced 2 years prior!
- We are one of the UK's leading Degree Apprenticeship providers: **7,800** apprentices and growing
- We are the leading provider of degree apprenticeships in the East of England
- We partner with over 1,000 employers nationwide
- You benefit from ARU social life & support, for example:

ARU Apprentice Society

Independent society set up by apprentices that aims to connect ARU apprentices to network, socialise and support each other.

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ARU Student Support Services

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Who could I work for?









































ARU Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship webinars

ARU welcomes your Year 12 and 13 students to join our Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship Webinars



At these events, attendees will:

- Learn more about the application process for the PCDA
- Hear about an apprentice's experience on the PCDA
- Speak to representatives from ARU's partner forces
- Take part in a Q&A, and ask questions about the PCDA and policing

*Booking is essential

For further information, please email:
schoolsandcolleges@aru.ac.uk

Location: Microsoft TEAMS

14th October 2026
6pm-7pm

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Location: Microsoft TEAMS

23rd November 2026
6pm-7pm

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Location: Microsoft TEAMS

13th January 2026
6pm-7pm

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ALUMNI RECOMMENDED



93%

would recommend degree apprenticeships to their peers



88%

said the effort was worth the outcome



94%

gained personal growth and confidence

Degree apprenticeship alumni survey 2025 - 72 respondents

and...

85%

received a salary increase
since starting their apprenticeship



Apprenticeships **boost career progression** and **earning potential**

76%

received a promotion
since starting their apprenticeship

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