

Thinking of doing an apprenticeship?

Have you been in local authority care?

Did you know that you are eligible for a £1,000 payment if you choose to do an apprenticeship?

If you're a care leaver aged 16-24, you'll receive a £1,000 bursary payment to support you in the first year of your apprenticeship.

### What is an apprenticeship?

It's a real job, with hands-on experience, a salary and the chance to train while you work.

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with off-the-job learning. This means you can earn money while you gain the skills and knowledge needed for your career. Apprenticeships are:

- Available in hundreds of different job roles in all sorts of industries and organisations.
- Open to all age groups (above 16 years), whether you are just leaving school and looking to get on the job ladder, have been working for a few years or are looking to start a new career.
- Take between one and six years to complete depending on the type of apprenticeship, the level they're at and your previous experience.

### Why choose an apprenticeship?

- Learning or training while you work can help you build up confidence, learn new skills, do better in your current job or take steps towards getting a different job.
- You will earn a salary from day one of your training.
- As an apprentice, you will gain transferable skills such as working in teams, problem solving, communication and using new technology as well as developing the skills you need for your chosen career
- 9 out of 10 apprentices continue in employment or further training after their apprenticeship.

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## Apprenticeships



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## How much will it cost?

Your training is free – you will not have to pay any of the costs of your training or assessments. This cost will be covered by your employer and training provider.

If you are under 25 and have been in local authority care, you should tell your employer and training provider as they should be able to get additional funding from government to support you in your apprenticeship.



## Applying for an apprenticeship

To see what's available in your area and apply for apprenticeship opportunities online go to the Find an Apprenticeship service at: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

The National Careers Service can help with writing applications and preparing for interviews.

Visit <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/> or call **0800 100 900** to speak to an adviser.

Speak to your employer about what sort of apprenticeship opportunities they offer.

An apprenticeship is a really good way into paid work. Your local authority personal adviser or care leaver support worker can support you to make the move as easy as possible including help with finding and applying for apprenticeships and entitlement to benefits.

**For more advice and information about apprenticeships:**  
Visit <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>

**Contact the Apprenticeships helpline at:**  
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