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# Degree Apprenticeships Overview

***“Degree Apprenticeships will give people a great head start, combining a full degree with the real life practical skills gained in work and the financial security of a regular pay packet.” David Cameron, 2015***

***Degree Apprenticeships are:***

- ***A government backed initiative to reduce skills gap;***
- ***Degrees are designed by industry employers in partnership with colleges and universities;***
- ***Great way to get on the career ladder***

# What Is A Degree Apprenticeship?



- An opportunity to gain a full bachelor's **degree** (Level 6) or **master's degree** (Level 7)
- Can take between **three to six years** to complete, depending on the course level.
- Designed in partnership with employers, part-time study takes place at a university or college, with the rest of your time being with your employer
- Only available in England and Wales, applications may be made from all parts of the UK
- Aimed at **18 to 19-year-old school leavers & existing employees**
- Click on this link to view the video: [What is a degree apprenticeship?](#)

# Why should I do a degree apprenticeship?

- The average student *“leaves university with £44k of debt, and no guarantee of a job.”*  
*Institute of Fiscal Studies*
- *Reasons to do a degree apprenticeship are:*

<b>1. EARN WHILE YOU LEARN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get paid work from day one</li><li>• Apprentices can expect to earn over £35,000 per year on completion of their degree!</li></ul>
<b>2. EMPLOYABILITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Degree apprenticeships <b>do not guarantee a permanent job</b>, but apprentices are highly employable graduates.</li><li>• Building a relationship with an employer over an apprenticeship scheme will open doors into an industry.</li></ul>
<b>3. RELEVANT SKILLS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Employers and professional bodies design the apprenticeship programme....</li><li>• So apprentices obtain the specific practical skills which are necessary for a job.</li><li>• Apprentices can move seamlessly from their degree apprenticeship into a skilled profession.</li></ul>

# What degree apprenticeships are available?

There are currently 24 degree apprenticeships in different industries on offer. These programmes are listed below:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Aerospace Engineering</b></li><li>• <b>Aerospace Software Development</b></li><li>• <b>Automotive Engineering</b></li><li>• <b>Banking Relationship Manager</b></li><li>• <b>Bespoke Tailoring</b></li><li>• <b>Chartered Legal Executive</b></li><li>• <b>Chartered Manager</b></li><li>• <b>Chartered Surveying</b></li><li>• <b>Construction</b></li><li>• <b>Defence Systems Engineering</b></li><li>• <b>Dental Technician</b></li><li>• <b>Digital and Technology Solutions</b></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Electronic Systems Engineering</b></li><li>• <b>Healthcare Assistant Practitioner</b></li><li>• <b>Laboratory Science</b></li><li>• <b>Licensed Conveyancer</b></li><li>• <b>Nuclear Science</b></li><li>• <b>Operations Manager</b></li><li>• <b>Outside Broadcasting Engineering</b></li><li>• <b>Power Systems</b></li><li>• <b>Product Design and Development</b></li><li>• <b>Solicitor</b></li><li>• <b>Technical Support Engineering</b></li></ul> |
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# How are degree apprenticeships paid for?

Cost:- **£9, 000 per year**

The **funding** for degree apprenticeships is **divided** between the **government** and your **employer**.

The government pays **two-thirds** of your costs and fees, capped at **£18,000**, while your employer pays the rest.

Apprentices will work for **a minimum of 30 hours a week** for **30 weeks a year**.

# Entry Requirements

- **The entry requirements for each degree apprenticeship varies for each programme.**
- **Not all employers are requiring candidates to have A Levels to qualify for applications.**
- **For example, some employers request candidates have the equivalent of 280 UCAS points.**
- **Relevant work experience is also considered by employers if other criteria are not met.**
- **For full entry requirements, it's best to look at university websites and employer's recruitment materials.**
- **You may be surprised about which degree apprenticeships you are eligible for!**

**Watch 'A Week in the Life of Siobhan Holden', a degree apprentice at Barclays.**

**[A Week in the Life of Siobhan Holden](#)  
[- a degree apprentice at Barclays](#)**



# Key Things To Investigate

- **What is the apprenticeship and job role – does it fit what you're looking for?**
- **Find out about the employer – is it the type of company you want to work for?**
- **Find out about the training provider, college, or university where you could be studying.**
- **What qualifications, subjects, and grades are they looking for?**
- **What essential/desirable skills and experience do they ask for, and what qualities are they are looking for in applicants?**
- **Does the job require you to work in different locations?**
- **Would you need to move away from home for work?**
- **What is the salary, and do they offer any other benefits or facilities you can use?**
- **What are your three most and least positive aspects of this apprenticeship or job opportunity?**

# Where do I find a degree apprenticeship?

You can find degree apprenticeship schemes here:

- [View degree apprenticeship vacancies](#)
- <https://careerfinder.ucas.com/jobs/apprenticeship/>
- [Visit the government website for apprenticeships](#)
- [Discover full list of apprenticeships in England](#)
- [Alternatively, you can apply through the Tech Partnership](#)

Or, you can go directly to the sites of employers and their university partners.

# Degree Apprenticeships In London

- **BPP Business School** are providing two programmes, a BBA (Hons) Chartered Management and BSc (Hons) Design and Technology Solutions.
- **The University of Roehampton** offer a BSc (Hons) Digital and Technology Solutions, specialising in network engineering, software engineering and data analysis.
- **Queen Mary University of London** are in partnership with Goldman Sachs, GSK, IBM, and have designed an IT Degree Apprenticeship with John Lewis.
- **The University of West London** have introduced three new programmes; a Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship, a Digital and Technology Solutions Manager Degree Apprenticeship, and Healthcare Assistant (Practitioner) Higher Degree Apprenticeship.
- **The University of Greenwich** and **Ravensborne College** have yet to declare which courses they are launching next year.
- [Pearson College London](#) provide three degree apprenticeship programmes: a Business Management degree in partnership with the BBC, a Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship, and a Rotational Degree Apprenticeship, which includes professional work experience with three industry leading companies.
- **Birkbeck, University of London** offer two schemes, a Digital and Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship and a Chartered Management Degree Apprenticeship

# Software Engineering degree apprenticeship with Custodian Solutions and the University of Exeter - **Example**

- Tom is working for Custodian Solutions, with structured intervals to attend lectures and complete online classes, in order to gain a BSc Digital and Technology Solutions from the University of Exeter.
- Tom is developing a technical and professional expertise in IT in a real-life working environment.
- His degree is tailored to the specific and relevant skills he needs for a career in software engineering.
- He earns a salary of £20,000 and is debt free as his employer is paying for his degree from a Russell Group university.

# More Useful Videos

To view the videos, click on any of the links below:

- [WATCH! Degree Apprenticeship in Digital & technology Solutions at MMU](#)
- [WATCH! BBC group case study](#)
- [WATCH! Megan at Shop Direct](#)
- [WATCH! Ryan at AstraZeneca](#)
- [WATCH! Adam at Solutions PT](#)

# Next Steps

For more information on degree apprenticeships, see Lynn Bayliss in H Block



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