

# Apprenticeship levels



## LEVEL 2

### *Intermediate apprenticeships*

**Typical length**  
12-18 months

**Entry requirements:**  
None or few

**Qualifications obtained:**  
GCSE, BTEC or equivalent

**Who's it for?**  
Mostly for 16-year-olds with limited or no academic qualifications.



## LEVEL 4/5

### *Higher apprenticeships*

**Typical length**  
3-5 years

**Entry requirements:**  
A Levels or equivalent

**Qualifications obtained:**  
Higher national diploma / foundation degree

**Who's it for?**  
Mostly for those who want to qualify for professional career paths without attending university or college. Sometimes referred to as 'school leaver' or 'non-graduate' programmes.



## LEVEL 3

### *Advanced apprenticeships*

**Typical length**  
12-24 months

**Entry requirements:**  
Usually 5 GCSEs

**Qualifications obtained:**  
A levels or equivalent

**Who's it for?**  
Mostly for 16-year-olds with reasonable academic achievements but who don't want to study in sixth form.



## LEVEL 6/7

### *Degree apprenticeships*

**Typical length**  
3-7 years

**Entry requirements:**  
At least 2 A Levels or equivalent

**Qualifications obtained:**  
A BA or BSc degree or higher

**Who's it for?**  
Mostly for those with excellent sixth form results that want to study for a degree or similar whilst working.