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# Apprenticeships

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## What is an apprenticeship?

One of the options open to you after the age of 16 is to train (and earn) through an Apprenticeship?

This is a way of learning the skills necessary for various careers while earning at the same time.

An Apprenticeship will often suit young people who do not want to go into full-time further or higher education, but still want to gain extra qualifications that are work related.

## What apprenticeships are available?

There are more than 190 different occupations in which you can train through an Apprenticeship, from animal care to building trades, from administration to catering.

The type of Apprenticeship you can follow will depend on what is available in your local area.

At **Bodmin College** we run apprenticeships programmes in:

- Bricklaying
- Maintenance Operations
- Hairdressing
- Supporting Teaching and Learning
- Beauty Therapy
- Business Administration
- Customer Service
- ICT

## Are there different levels of apprenticeships?

There are three levels of Apprenticeship: Intermediate level Apprenticeships are usually completed in under a year, but the time it takes will depend on your existing knowledge and skills, and the type of Apprenticeship you are doing

## Where will I learn?

Although this will depend on the employer and training provider you will usually spend four days with the employer and attend college for one day a week. Occasionally, you may do 'block release' where, for example, you may attend college for two or three week 'blocks'.

## What are the entry requirement?

For a level 2 apprenticeship you may, though not always, need some GCSE subjects at grades A – C. For a level 3 programme (called an Advanced Apprenticeship) you will normally need five GCSEs, often including English, Science and Mathematics, or have already completed a level 2.

## How long does it take to complete an apprenticeship?

This will vary according to the employer, the type of occupation you are training for and the level of Apprenticeship, but Apprenticeships normally take between one and four years. The length of time taken to complete your training will also depend on your own skills and ability.

## What will I earn?

There is no single rate of pay for an Apprentice. It will depend on your employer and your job role, but there is a minimum agreed rate.

In most cases the rate of pay will increase as you become more skilled and experienced.

## Where can I get some advice?

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