

## What levels and types of Apprenticeships are available?

Apprenticeships are available from Intermediate to Degree across levels 1-7 as detailed in the table

Apprenticeship level	Level descriptor	Equivalent qualification
Level 1		Five GCSEs graded D-G
Level 2	Intermediate level apprenticeship	Five GCSEs grades A*-C NVQ level 2 Key skills level 2 BTEC first diploma and certificate
Level 3	Advanced level apprenticeship	Two A/AS levels (any grade) NVQ level 3 Key skills level 3 BTEC Diplomas, Certificates and Awards
Level 4	Higher level apprenticeship	Certificate of higher education (first year of bachelor's degree) NVQ L4
Level 5	Higher level apprenticeship	Diploma of higher education Foundation degree (second year of bachelor's degree)
Level 6	Degree level apprenticeship	Bachelor's degree
Level 7	Degree level apprenticeship	Master's degree

below:

## How long will an Apprenticeship programme take to complete?

An apprenticeship can take between one and **four years** to complete depending on the level of apprenticeship, the apprentice's ability and the industry sector. As a guide, an Intermediate Level 2 apprenticeship usually takes around 12 to 18 months and an advanced Level 3 apprenticeship around 24 months.

## Are there any entry level requirements?

Employers might ask for two or more GCSE grades (A\*-C) or equivalent. For some intermediate apprenticeships, however, you might not need any formal qualifications.

If you don't have GCSEs in English and Maths, though, you'll usually be required to take a basic numeracy and literacy (Functional Skills) test.

As part of the intermediate apprenticeship, you'll then either take a GCSE qualification in English or a Functional or Key Skills qualification at either Level 1 or Level 2.

If you don't quite meet the entry requirements, the National Apprenticeship Service runs an Access to Apprenticeship pathway.