

# WHAT IS A DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP?

## Frequently Asked Questions

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Degree apprenticeships are exactly what they say - an apprenticeship programme that leads to a full degree-level qualification. This could be a bachelor's or master's degree, or an equivalent professional qualification.

### Who are they for?

Degree apprenticeships can be for new recruits into apprenticeships (for example, those leaving school) or they can be for an existing employee who is looking to upskill or retrain in their job role.

### How long do they take to complete?

Degree apprenticeships will typically take between 2 - 6 years to complete, depending on the level and programme. The apprentice will split their time between working and studying with a training provider.

### How much do they cost?

The apprentice will not be required to pay towards the cost of the training, this will be funded by the employer and/or government. The apprentice will earn a salary throughout their apprenticeship, which means they are being paid to learn and will not incur student fees.

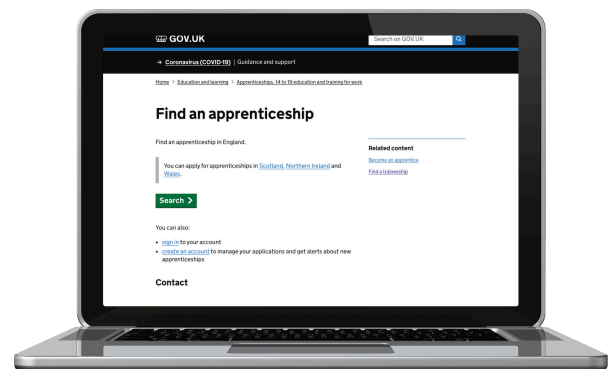
### How do you find a degree apprenticeship?

Degree apprenticeships are still relatively new and the number of vacancies is expected to increase each year. Top places to look include:

### Find an Apprenticeship

[www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

This is the government website where you can set up an account to search, apply and receive alerts for different apprenticeship vacancies.



### Higher & Degree Listing

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/higher-degree-listing/>

Twice a year, a listing of higher and degree apprenticeship vacancies is published on the Amazing Apprenticeships website containing a wide selection of opportunities and links to apply. Look out for this in November and February.



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### **UCAS Career Finder**

[careerfinder.ucas.com](https://careerfinder.ucas.com)

The UCAS website also hosts some higher and degree apprenticeship vacancies.

### **What else happens if I don't finish the apprenticeship? Do I have to pay the fees back?**

No, the apprentice will never be expected to pay back the apprenticeship training costs.

### **Do employers value degree apprentices as highly as they value a traditional degree?**

Yes! Employers really value degree apprenticeships because you will be applying what you learn immediately in the workplace and helping to introduce and suggest new ideas and approaches.

### **Do apprentices get a social life?**

Of course! You get the benefits of meeting new people at your workplace and through your training provider. There are also many networks you can join as an apprentice to meet others as well as applying for a [TOTUM apprentice card](#) or [UNiDAYS card](#) to access fantastic discounts and benefits.

### **Is a degree apprenticeship a real degree?**

Yes - it is exactly the same degree that you would study full-time, except it will be studied in a different way and your apprenticeship may also include additional qualifications and/or professional accreditation.

### **Do I apply to the employer or the university?**

Firstly, you will need to secure an apprenticeship with an employer, and they will decide which training provider is best suited to the needs of their business. Depending on which training provider they are using, there could be additional applications or assessments that you will need to undertake.

