

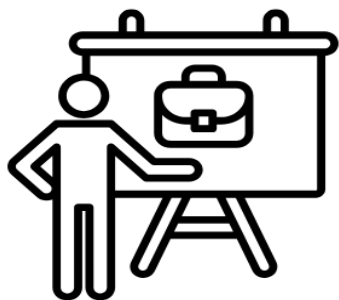
# ***Leeds Apprenticeship Hub***

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- Facts about apprenticeships
- Levels and categories
- Benefits of apprenticeships
- Apprenticeship or University?
- Examples and wages
- Application timelines
- Where to find out more

**What will you get  
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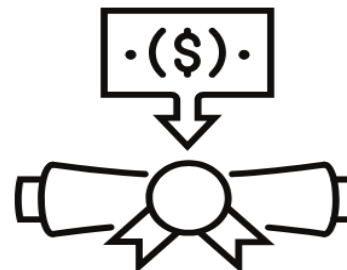
# What is an apprenticeship?



Jobs with training



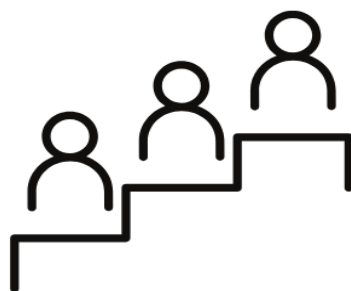
Paid employment



No tuition fees



Minimum 6 hours per  
week training



Level 2 - Level 7

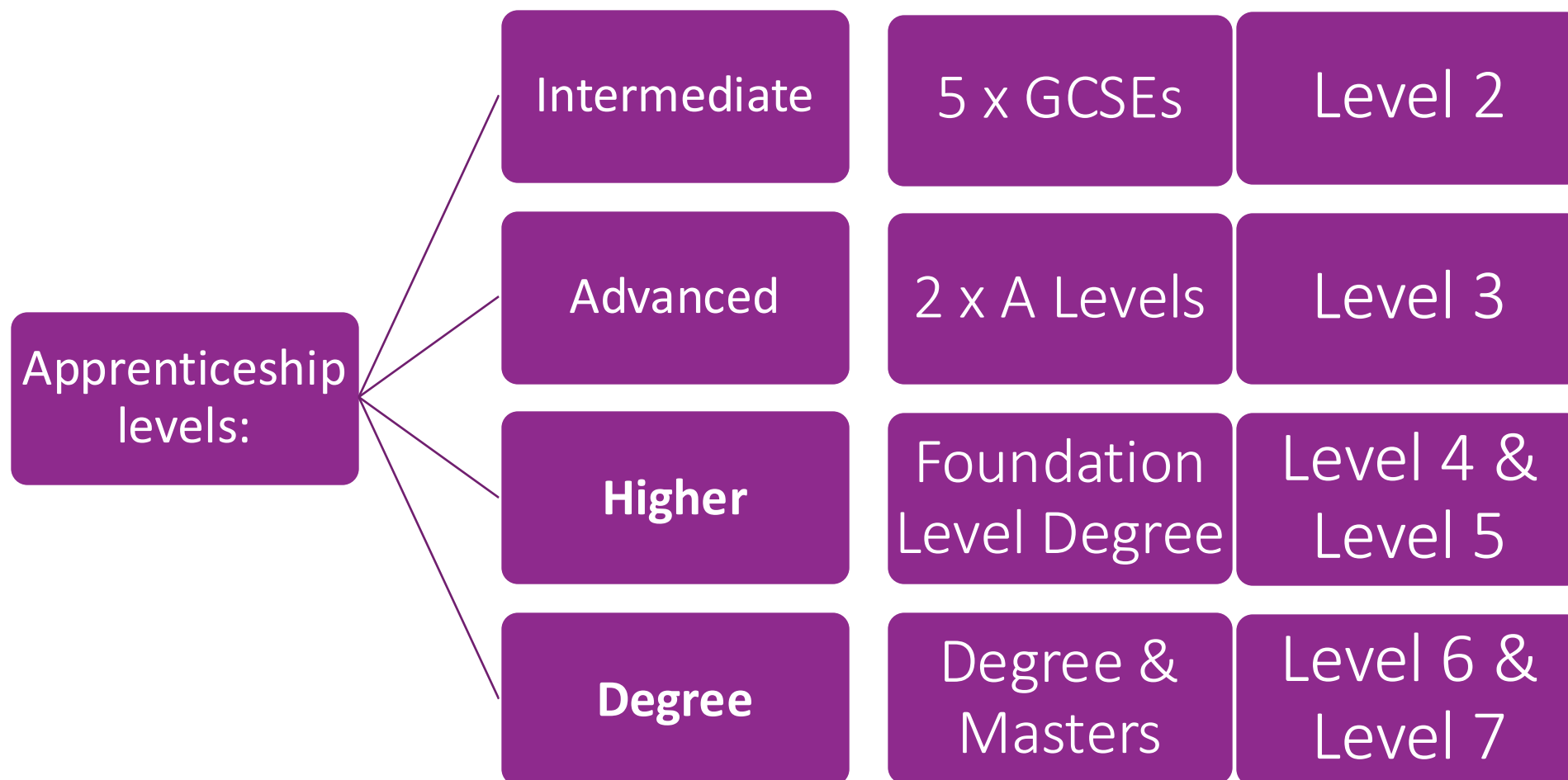


12 - 60 months



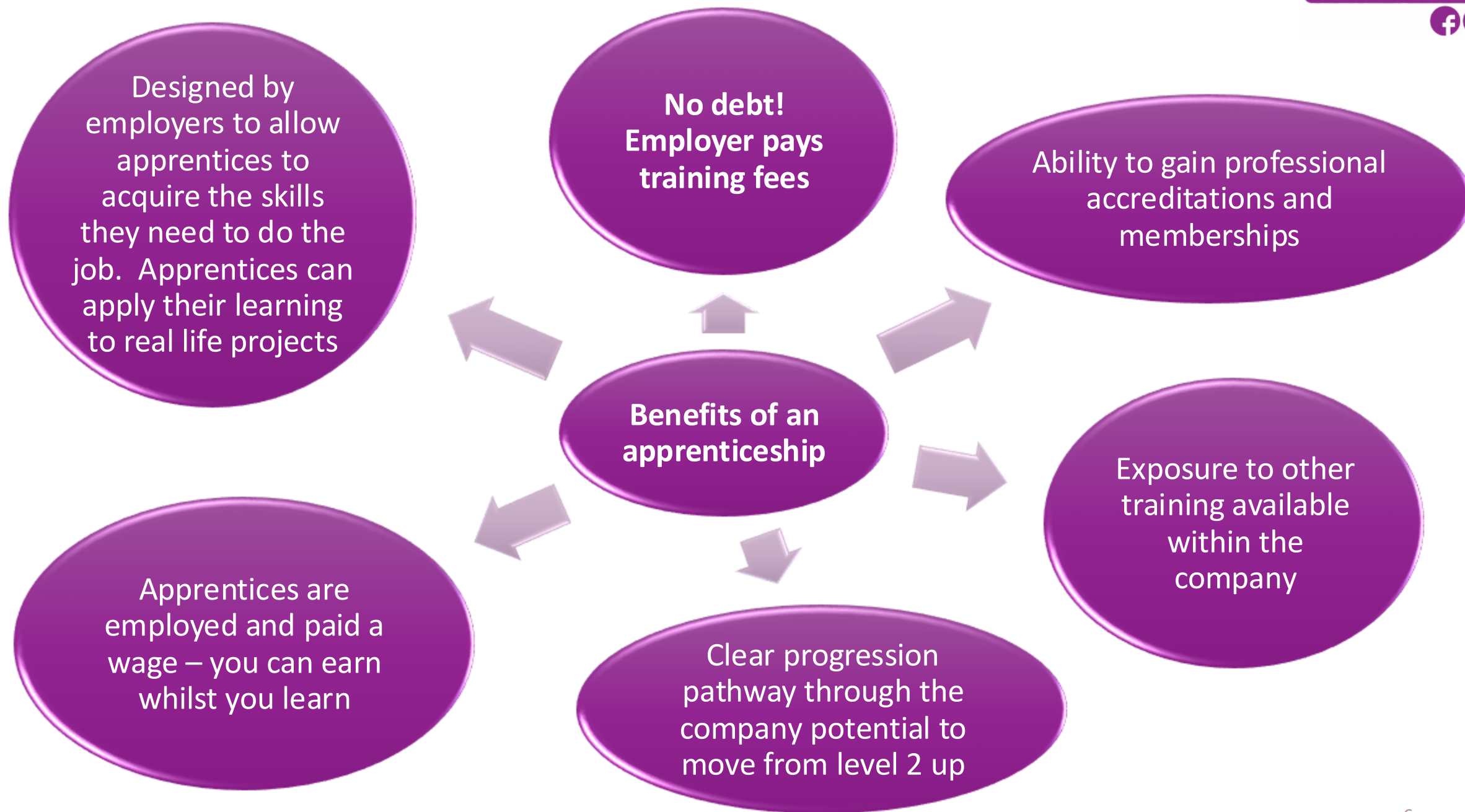
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# Apprenticeship Levels



# Apprenticeship Categories

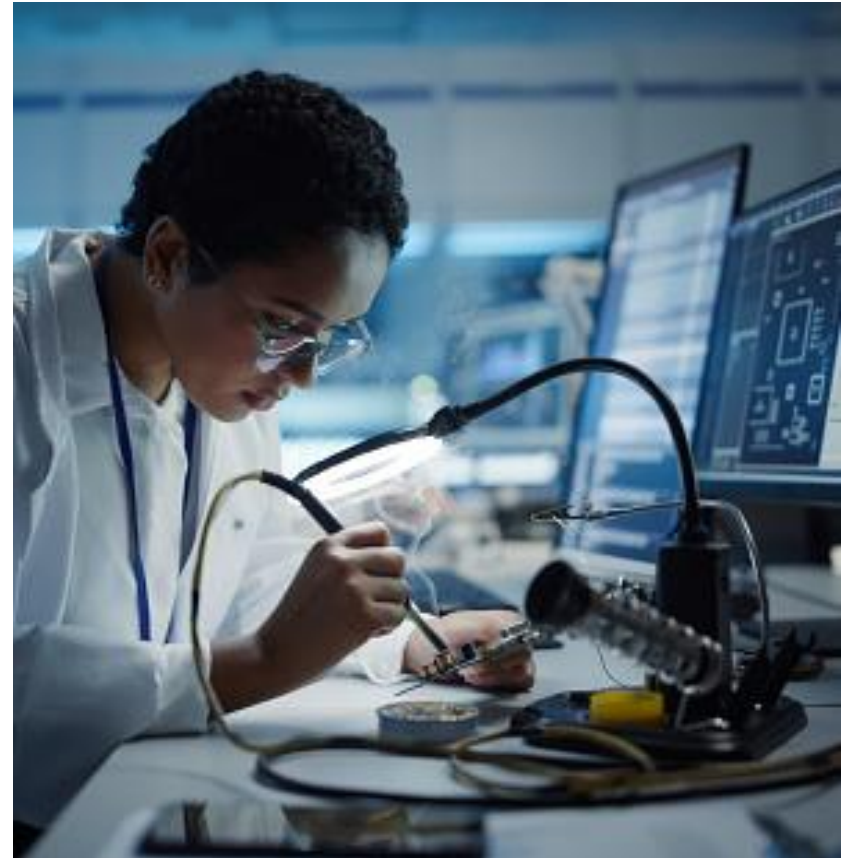




# Choosing between university and an apprenticeship

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- You can apply for both at the same time!
- Application and deadline patterns are different to applying to university
  - University application open in **December.**
  - Degree apprenticeships open **October to May.**
  - All level apprenticeships can open at **any time** depending on the needs of an employer.
- Not the easy option!





# Choosing between university and an apprenticeship

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- They are competitive.
- Consider applying for Degree apprenticeships all round the country.
- If you can't find a level 6 and you don't want to go to university then consider applying for Level 3 or 4 apprenticeships after A levels. This can be a good way of getting into the industry and then working your way up – e.g., Professional accounting or taxation technician - Accounting L4 > Accountancy or taxation professional L7





# Recently Developed Apprenticeships

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- Costs lawyer level 6 48 months
- Dental hygienist level 6 36 months
- Digital forensic technician level 4 24 months
- In Development
  - Cognitive behavioural psychotherapist level 7
  - Optometrist level 7
  - Clinical research practitioner level 6



# Degree apprenticeship examples

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## **Civil Engineering Apprentice Level 6**

96 UCAS points. Other relevant qualifications and industry experience.

£14, 722.50 to £23,809.50 per year

## **Product Design & Development Engineer Degree Apprenticeship Level 6**

A level in maths, Science or Engineering (grade BBC/Distinction Merit

£24,000 per year

## **ICT Systems Administrator Degree Apprenticeship Level 6**

GCSE or equivalent in any 3 subjects grade A\*-C, English & Maths D or above. Other relevant qualifications and industry experience.

£33,366 per year

## **Full Stack Software Development Apprentice Level 6**

A level in IT Related or Science or Maths (Grade B)

£21,000 per year

# Minimum salary levels

	New hourly rate from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
<b>Apprentices</b>	<b>£7.55</b>
<b>Workers aged under 18</b>	<b>£7.55</b>
<b>Workers aged 18-20</b>	<b>£10.00</b>
<b>National living wage for workers aged 21 and over</b>	<b>£12.21</b>

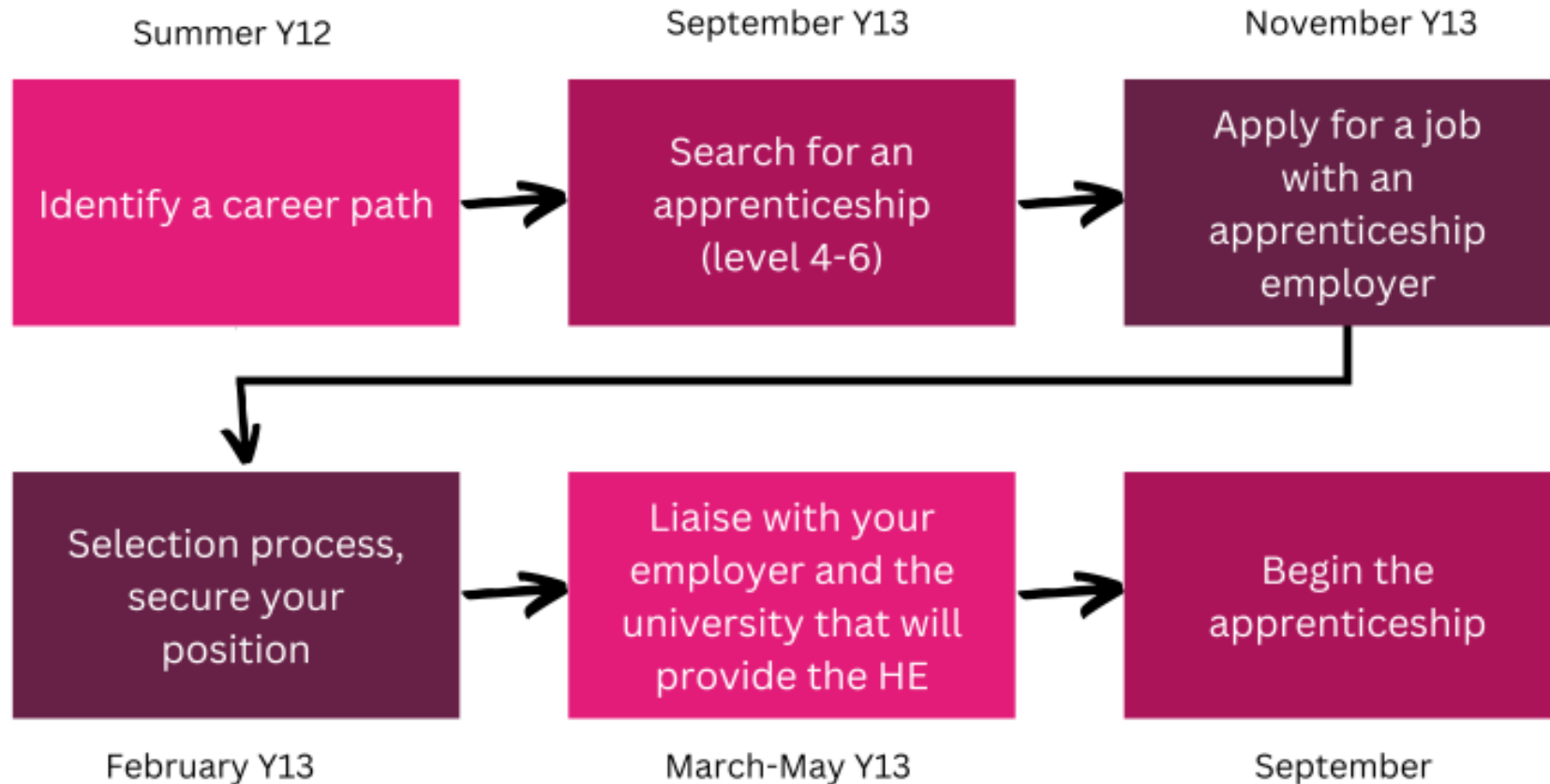
# Timeline of applying

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- Most organisations will begin their recruitment processes in **January or February for an August or September start date**, but larger organisations will start earlier than this.
- If students know the industry they are interested in, they should start researching businesses within that sector around the same time as researching universities. Check their career pages to see if they have apprenticeship schemes and when they open.
- Don't delay in making applications. Closing dates may seem a long way away but once a business has enough applications they may close a vacancy early. Students can consider using their university statements as jumping off point for their cover letter if the application requires one.
- Apprentices are jobs, so they come and go all the time. Students should sign up to the [www.findanapprenticeship.gov.uk](http://www.findanapprenticeship.gov.uk) website and set alerts for new opportunities.

# Timeline of applying – higher and degree

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# Where to Find Out More


The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) occupational maps show where technical education can lead

Explore the IfATE occupational maps by selecting a route below:





# Where to Find Out More

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## SEARCH THE APPRENTICESHIPS

### Filter the results

#### Keywords

#### Route(s)


- ☐ Agriculture, environmental and animal care
- ☐ Business and administration
- ☐ Care services
- ☐ Catering and hospitality
- ☐ Construction and the built environment
- ☐ Creative and design
- ☐ Digital

### Sort:


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The off-the-job training requirements for full time apprentices who start on or after 1 August 2022 have changed and are detailed as part of the [apprenticeship funding rules](#). The wording in the updated rules supersedes the wording in the EPA plans of individual apprenticeships published prior to this change. The English and maths requirements have also changed for all level 2 apprentices, regardless of their start date. Please see the current apprenticeship funding rules for details.

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### Science manufacturing technician 2023

ST1406  
Version: 1.0 Approved for delivery from 04 Mar 2024  Level 3  36 months  Max funding: £22,000

Apply a process or processes to create products to a specification.

### Scenic construction technician

ST0917  
Version: 1.0

# Where to Find Out More

## PHOTOGRAPHER

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### Key information

**Status:** Approved for delivery 

**Reference:** ST1388

**Version:** 1.1

**Level:** 4

**Typical duration to gateway:** 18 months

**Typical EPA period:** 3 months

**Maximum funding:** £8000

**Route:** Creative and design

**Date updated:** 06/03/2024

**Approved for delivery:** 29 August 2023

**Lars code:** 725

**EQA provider:** [Ofqual](#)

**Review:** This apprenticeship standard will be reviewed after three years.



Find an apprenticeship





Find apprenticeship training providers that deliver this standard



Find an end-point assessment organisation



Are you considering applying to assess against this standard?



Contact us about this apprenticeship



Employers involved in creating the

**standard:** Aim Assessment, Anthony

Milner Photographv Studio. AWE. Bailev

### Apprenticeship summary

### Occupational standard

### EPA plan

#### Contents

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1. Occupation summary
2. Occupation duties
3. Knowledge
4. Skills
5. Behaviours
6. Qualifications
7. Version log

### Details of the occupational standard

[Print occupational standard](#) 

#### Occupation summary

This occupation is found in multiple sectors including government, scientific, crime, social, commercial, cultural heritage, media, journalism and advertising.

Photographic companies and studios vary in size and the number of employees they have, and are

# How to find an apprenticeship



Register on Find  
An apprenticeship



Manage your alerts



Social Media



Do your research



Direct via company  
websites



Friends and Family



Search and Apply

To find an  
apprenticeship visit

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)  
([www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk))



Training Providers/  
Colleges, Open days

# Useful Websites



Apprenticeship vacancies	<p>Find an apprenticeship <a href="http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship">www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship</a></p> <p>UCAS Apprenticeship jobs (<a href="http://ucas.com">ucas.com</a>)</p> <p>Not Going to Uni <a href="http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/">www.notgoingtouni.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Indeed Apprenticeships Jobs   <a href="http://Indeed.com">Indeed.com</a></p> <p>Get My First Job <a href="https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/">https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Opps in Leeds Newsletter <a href="http://Leeds City Council (govdelivery.com)">Leeds City Council (govdelivery.com)</a></p> <p>Yorkshire Apprenticeship Service <a href="https://yorkshireapprenticeshipservice.co.uk/">https://yorkshireapprenticeshipservice.co.uk/</a></p>
Resources for students, teachers and parents	<p><a href="http://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/">www.amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/</a></p> <p><a href="#">Leeds Apprenticeship Hub   Inclusive Growth Leeds</a></p>
Apprenticeship standards and those under development	<p><a href="http://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/">www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/</a></p>
National Careers Service	<p><a href="http://www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/">www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/</a></p>
West Yorkshire Learning Providers	<p><a href="http://www.wylp.org.uk/">www.wylp.org.uk/</a></p>
Hundo - free online space - Create your avatar and explore apprenticeship providers and employers in Leeds	<p><a href="https://www.hundo.xyz/events/leeds-fair/1">https://www.hundo.xyz/events/leeds-fair/1</a></p>

# The recruitment process

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- What might you need to do? Could include - application form, CV, covering letter, online tests, phone or online interview, an assessment day, a face to face interview
- Include interests, skills, qualities and work experience in your application

## **Sought-after skills and qualities**

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| ● Teamwork             | ● Communication       |
| ● Collaboration        | ● Analysis            |
| ● Interpersonal skills | ● Creative solutions  |
| ● Enthusiasm           | ● Attention to detail |
| ● Motivation           | ● Logical thinking    |
|                        | ● Initiative          |

# Help with applications and finding your skills

- **The STAR method** <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/interview-advice/the-star-method>
- **National Careers Service skills assessment**  
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/skills-assessment>
- **Application forms** <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/careers-advice/application-forms>
- **Applying for apprenticeships**  
<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/applying-apprenticeship>



# Employers offer apprenticeships to those who...

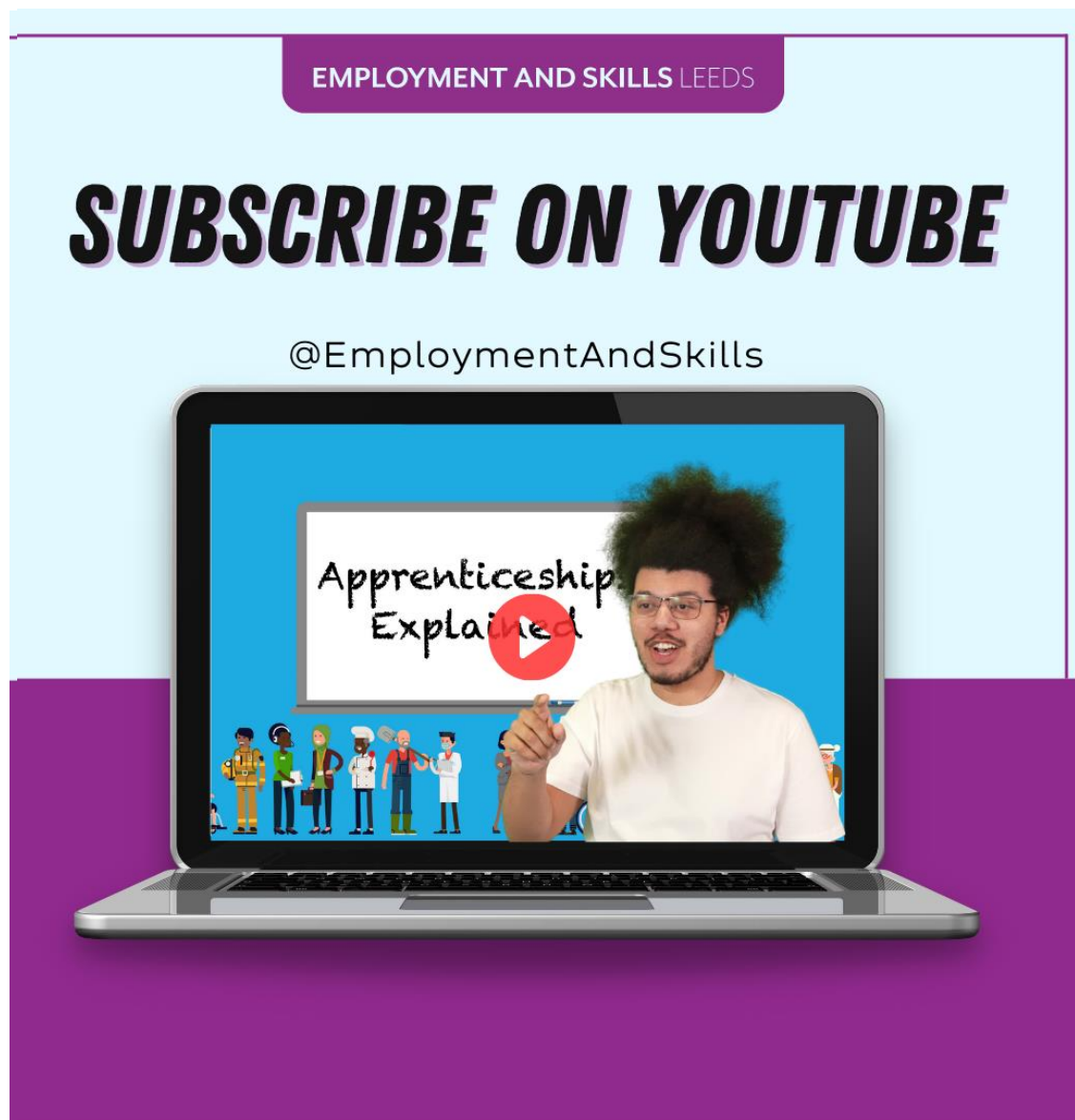
- Have knowledge of the industry they are applying to enter
  - Show an understanding of the skills needed for the job
  - Can demonstrate they have those skills/willing to learn
- Show an interest and knowledge of the business they are applying to
- Would you be able to prove/demonstrate that you MATCH the role description/required criteria?

# Next steps

- Speak with careers advisors in school and/or the job centre about what you want to do next. They will be able to help you decide your next steps
  - Research the sector and industry of the apprenticeship you are interested in
- Have a look online at apprenticeship vacancies and decide which apprenticeships you want to apply for
- If you are ready to apply for an apprenticeship vacancy you can begin your application. Speak with teachers, work coaches, friends and parents and carers who may be able to support you with your application
  - If the business that you want to work for doesn't offer apprenticeships
    - ask them to enrol you in one!

# Employment and Skills YouTube

- Subscribe for videos about apprenticeships and our careers events
- Leeds Apprenticeship Hub | Inclusive Growth Leeds



# Leeds Apprenticeship Recruitment Fair



**Thank you**  
**Any questions?**