Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study. As an apprentice you will

work alongside experienced staff, gain job-specific skills, [earn a wage and get paid](https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide/pay-and-conditions) holidays.

You will have dedicated time for study related to your role (usually one day a week). To find an apprenticeship you need to find an employer willing to train you.

**https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships**

**This is the main site for local and national apprenticeships** and should be the starting point for anyone interested in doing an apprenticeship.

Tips

 Make sure the Job Profile and Application sections are fully completed

 Check all sections for spelling or grammar mistakes to make a good impression

 keep details of your login and password safe if you need to retrieve them

 take time to research the site because it contains valuable information on different types of apprenticeships and how to apply.

Apprenticeships

**Register on -** [**https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship**](https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

This site advertises current apprenticeships, traineeships and training providers locally and nationally.

 Research the apprenticeships advertised and plan how you will complete the application form. It is

useful to put together a CV to use as a template to copy and paste into the application form.

 Look at the apprenticeship specifications carefully. Think about work experiences you may have done or any other out of school activities that have developed your personal skills to meet the requirements of the apprenticeship.

 Check all sections for spelling or grammar mistakes so you make a good impression

 Ask family and friends to check your application.

 Keep details of your login and password safe if you need to retrieve them.

**What type of apprenticeship can I do?**

(The training providers below offer a range of training. Vacancies may not be available in all sectors).

**Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal care** – Reaseheath College, Lite (Stockport), Total People, Myerscough College, YMCA training

**Arts, Media and Publishing** – The Apprentice Academy, Macclesfield College, Total People, The Growth Company

**Business, Administration and Law** – Damar Training, the Growth Company, Macclesfield College, Total People, Kaplan Training.

**Construction, Planning and the Built Environment** – CITB, Stockport/Trafford College, Macclesfield College, JTL training. The Growth Company, Total People

**Education and Training** – The Growth Company, Trafford College.

**Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies** – SETA, JTL training, Macclesfield college, The Growth Company, Trafford College, Babcock Training, STETGA.

**Health, Public Services and Care** – Macclesfield College, the Growth Company, Total People

**Information and Communication Technology** – Baltic Training Services, Estio Training, Macclesfield College, QA Ltd, the Growth Company, Total People

**Leisure, Travel and Tourism** - Rochdale Training, Lifetime Training Group

**Preparation for Life** – Skills Company Stockport, Juniper Training

**Science and Mathematics** – Cogent Skills, Trafford College

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**Retail and Commercial Enterprise** The Growth Company, Michel John Hairdressing, Terence Paul Hairdressing

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**Contact training providers and colleges offering apprenticeships directly**

Training providers offer qualifications linked to the apprenticeship. You can apply directly to the training providers related to the job area you are interested in. While training providers can help match you to an employer, they may also ask you to find your own employer.

Stockport College/Trafford College offer apprenticeships – Apply early. Colleges may ask you to find your own employer.

**Explore contacts with family and friends.**

Utilise all family and friends contacts as this remains one of the most useful ways to secure an apprenticeship.

**If you are not ready to find an apprenticeship consider doing a traineeship**

Traineeships prepare young people for progression into an apprenticeship. They are especially useful to gain work experience, improve literacy and numeracy and develop employability skills. Again look at the website above to find local traineeships.

In Stockport, Juniper and The Growth Company offer traineeships amongst others.

**Degree apprenticeships and other useful websites**

These are offered by some universities in partnerships with employers. Look at Ucas or go directly to the university websites.

[**https://www.ucas.com/.../what-apprenticeships-are-available/degree-apprenticeships**](https://www.ucas.com/.../what-apprenticeships-are-available/degree-apprenticeships)

[**https://www.studentladder.co.uk**](https://www.studentladder.co.uk)

[h**ttp://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk**](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

 **Apprenticeship Store**

The store offers information on apprenticeships and arranges recruitment events with training providers. You can contact them for further details.

Email: **apprenticeships@stockport.co.uk**

Apprenticeship Store, Grand Central, Wellington Road South, Stockport, SK1 3SS

Telephone: (0161) 474 4745

**Education and Careers Advice**

Stockport Family’s Education and Careers Advice Workers provide independent, impartial careers advice and guidance service at:

Stockport Grand Central, 48–52 Wellington Road South, SK1 3TA.

Telephone 0161 474 2300

Drop in times: Monday to Friday 12.30 to 4.30 pm.

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