

# Apprenticeships

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**1** 80% of those employers who employ apprentices agree they make their workplace more productive.

**2** 81% of consumers favour using a company which takes on apprentices.

**3** The minimum wage for apprentices is £95 per week. Many employers prefer to pay more however, and research shows that the average salary is approx £170 per week.

**4** Employers who take on a 16-18 year old apprentice only pay their salary. The Government will fund their training.

**5** Over 100,000 employers offer Apprenticeship places in over 190 job roles across a wide range of sectors.

**6** 88% of employers who employ apprentices believe that Apprenticeships lead to a more motivated and satisfied workforce.

**7** 83% of employers who employ apprentices rely on their Apprenticeships programme to provide the skilled workers that they need for the future.

**8** One in five employers are hiring more apprentices to help them through the tough economic climate.

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“Our Apprenticeship scheme improves staff retention, increases skills transfer within the workplace, drastically increases first time-fix rates, improves morale and ultimately improves the health of the business – boosting profitability and customer satisfaction.”

*Geoff Matthews, Honda Institute*

“Apprenticeships will help give our employees the confidence and competence to do their jobs to the best of their ability... It is not just our people and our business that will benefit. Apprenticeships are also good news for the wider economy.”

*David Fairhurst, McDonald's UK*

“Apprenticeships are a great way for small businesses to increase the skills of their staff thanks to the subsidised training on offer.”

*Paul Sawicki, small garage owner*

“Apprenticeship vacancies is a fantastic idea. As well as providing a free recruitment service for employers, it is very straightforward to use. It gives people the opportunity to search and apply for local, regional and national vacancies. On top of that it gives employers a vast database of interested candidates to tap into.”

*Paul Livingston, Guardian Marine Testing*

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