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Modern Apprenticeships are a great way of getting a job and learning at the same time. You'll receive some of the best training around and you'll be paid while you learn. Because there are now over 40 different Modern Apprenticeship occupational areas, you've the chance to choose what's best for you.

#### Being a Modern Apprentice offers you real benefits:

- quality training to help develop the skills and confidence to successfully compete in today's business environment
- a choice of training for a wide range of jobs
- the chance to get nationally recognised qualifications (NVQs) and Key Skills
- regular pay
- a career that you really want

#### How do Modern Apprenticeships work?

If you're aged 16-24, don't want to go into full time education but do want a career with real prospects, a Modern Apprenticeship could be just the job. You'll learn by working with a local company alongside a Training Provider who will help develop your training plan with your employer, and work with you on a one to one basis throughout your programme. Training Providers can be colleges or specialist training organisations — there's a list of local providers in the centre of this brochure showing the occupational areas offered by each.

Modern Apprenticeships last for 2-3 years depending on the type of programme you follow and your own personal progress. There are currently two main sorts of Modern Apprenticeship, Foundation and Advanced and you'll get help to make sure you choose the right one for your career.

Foundation Modern Apprenticeships lead to NVQ level 2 with Key Skills and Advanced Modern Apprenticeships provide qualifications to NVQ levels 2 and 3, allowing you to develop skills to craft, technician and junior management levels with extra Key Skills.

#### **NVQs**

NVQs are nationally recognised qualifications based on standards connected to your performance within a proper working environment. They show employers you are committed to your work and are seen as the right qualification for building a proper career. Employers respect NVQs because they show you can do a job to the standards their business requires.

#### **Key Skills**

Key Skills are an important part of any Modern Apprenticeship and include:

- teamwork (working with other people)
- effective communication
- improving your learning performance
- · working with computers and IT

### Guide for parents and guardians

The Modern Apprenticeship programme is a training initiative that prepares young people for the modern workplace, managed by the Learning & Skills Council. Young people are trained to industry standards and work towards NVQs while being employed. There are five levels of NVQ with level 3 being considered equivalent to two A levels. The trainee is continually reviewed during the programme to ensure that all parties are satisfied with progress against the agreed training plan.

If you think a Modern Apprenticeship is for you, contact one of the Training Providers listed in this Directory offering training in the occupational area you are interested in, or call our Modern Apprenticeship Helpline on

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