



Skills Demystified



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APPRENTICESHIPS **Fill the skills gap and train for the future**

Apprenticeship the Key Facts

- ★ Apprentices work alongside experienced staff gaining job-specific skills and nationally recognised qualifications
- ★ Apprenticeships can take between one and four years to complete depending on the level of Apprenticeship and the industry sector
- ★ Nationally there are over 200 different types of Apprenticeship frameworks, covering more than 1,200 different job roles in a range of industry sectors, from engineering to accountancy and more.
- ★ The training for 16-18 year old apprentices is fully funded by the Government.
- ★ The minimum apprentice wage is £2.60 an hour – although the average is £170 per week take home pay

Apprenticeship the Key Statistics

- ★ Over 100,000 employers in over 160,000 workplaces in England offer Apprenticeships
- ★ There were over a half a million (685,000) apprentices working in England throughout the 2010/11 academic year
- ★ Provisional data shows 2010/11 Apprenticeship starts have risen by 58% compared to the full 2009/10 academic year.
- ★ Established sectors such as construction, manufacturing and engineering are continuing to support Apprenticeships as well as a significant increase in the service sector
- ★ Apprenticeships have developed to match the diverse range of occupations available today.

This is good news for young people, but great news for employers and the economy



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