

## **About Apprenticeships**

Apprenticeships allow you to combine work and study by mixing on-the-job training with classroom learning. You'll be employed to do a job role while studying for a formal qualification with your chosen provider. By the end of the apprenticeship, you'll hopefully have gained the skills and knowledge needed to either succeed in your chosen career or progress onto the next level.

Apprentices in every role follow an approved study programme, which means you'll gain a nationally-recognised qualification at the end of your apprenticeship.

You'll also be constantly developing your transferable skills, otherwise known as soft skills, which are highly valued by employers. These include communication, teamwork and problem solving, as well as knowledge of IT and the application of numbers.

## **Length of apprenticeships**

The length of your apprenticeship will depend on a number of factors, such as the level of the apprenticeship, your chosen sector, employer requirements and your individual ability.

At Dentrain Professionals Ltd our advanced apprenticeships are usually studied between 18 - 24 months.

## **Pay rates and working hours**

As an apprentice, you're entitled to the Apprentice National Minimum Wage, which currently stands at £4.30 per hour. This applies to all apprentices aged 16-18, or those in the first year of their course. Once you've progressed past this level, you'll be entitled to the minimum wage rate for your age.

This pay rate is stated as a guideline - some employers will pay you a higher wage. You'll also be entitled to sick pay, any additional benefits your employer offers to its other employees, such as healthcare plans and childcare vouchers, and at least 20 days of paid holiday per year.

Your working hours will vary depending on your employer, but you won't be able to work more than 40 hours per week or any fewer than 30. Typically, you'll work between 35 and 37.5 hours per week.

## **Age limit**

There is no upper age limit on being an apprentice. As long as you're over 16 and have the right credentials, you'll be eligible to apply for your chosen apprenticeship.

You can apply for apprenticeships at any time of the year - it all depends when an employer has a vacancy. You'll be able to check the specific entry requirements of your chosen apprenticeship once the position opens.

Should you want any further information or have any questions or queries relating to any of our Apprenticeships; please don't hesitate to contact the Dentrain team via

telephone, email or [click here](#) to submit and enquiry form and one of our team will come straight back to you to assist.