

# finding an apprenticeship in north wales

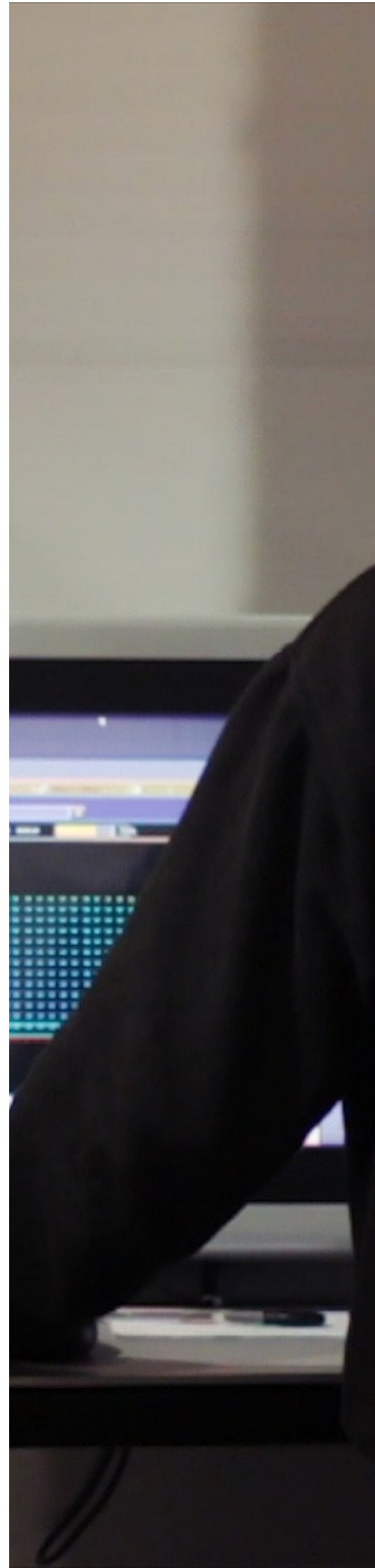
## jobs and skills e-guide

A short guide to finding an  
apprenticeship in North Wales.

Including how apprenticeships work,  
different types of apprenticeships,  
and where to look for opportunities.



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# what's an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship can be a great way to combine on-the-job learning with study.



They typically take between one and four years to complete and allow you to work alongside experienced colleagues in a real work environment, earn a wage and study towards a recognised qualification.



Basically, it's a job with training :)

# how do they work?

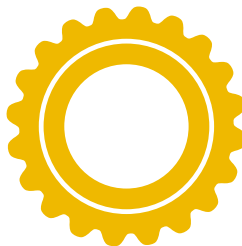
There are three types of apprenticeship, because different jobs need different levels of skill and knowledge...



- Foundation
- Apprenticeship
- Higher Apprenticeship

Your employer will decide on the format of your training. For example, you might learn on the job. Or you might learn at college. Or it might be a combination of the two.

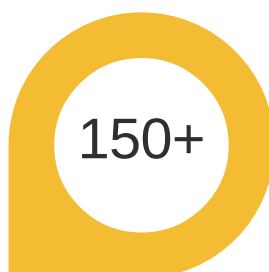
Either way, you'll follow an approved programme of study and gain a recognised qualification at the end.



# what could I do?

There are more than 150 jobs with apprenticeships linked to them. Including...

animal care  
manufacturing  
retail  
software  
journalism  
plumbing  
sports development  
engineering  
cabin crew  
accounting  
construction  
learning support  
advertising  
dental nursing  
youth work  
logistics  
hair dressing  
floristry  
marketing



# how much will I earn?

How much you earn will depend on what your employer decides to pay you.



Remember that while you're training, you might not be as productive as a normal employee because of time spent learning and studying.

The national minimum wage for UK apprentices can be found on the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website.



However, your employer might pay you more. It's up to them.

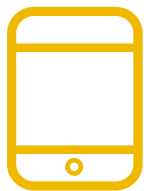
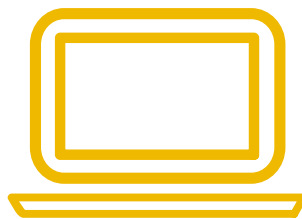
Either way, you'll have a recognised qualification at the end of your apprenticeship, which should boost your career prospects.

# how can I find an apprenticeship?

**Sign-up for the Careers Wales apprenticeship matching service.**

The service helps people looking for apprenticeships find employers looking to recruit.

[www.careerswales.com](http://www.careerswales.com)



You can also contact Careers Wales for one-to-one help and advice. Call 0800 100 900.

It might sound obvious, but it's also worth searching online. Try job-search sites and training providers for example.

Finally, you could try and convince an employer to take you on as an apprentice. Just ask them. It could be worth a shot.