

# Apprenticeship Timeline

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Here is a guide to what your Apprenticeship process may be like - keep in mind that this may vary depending on the role you choose to apply to.

## FINAL YEAR OF SCHOOL/COLLEGE

This is when you will have to become serious about which path is best for you. Do you want to study at University? Or become qualified through a different path, such as an Apprenticeship? If it is an Apprenticeship you decide on, you will need to think about which will be best for your prospects, and make sure you have the necessary qualifications for the role.

## APPLY FOR APPRENTICESHIP

At this stage you need to start making some important decisions. You should have a good idea about what industries you wish to enter, or maybe even a specific job role! If you have a specific employer you want to work for, keep your eye out on the opportunities they have on offer. Once you have decided this, you can sign up at [www.GetMyFirstJob.co.uk](http://www.GetMyFirstJob.co.uk) where you'll be able to upload your CV and see the Apprenticeships we have on offer.

## ASSESSMENT DAY/OTHER TESTS

Sometimes you will be expected to complete an assessment day, or even be given other tests to find your compatibility for the role. This means it is important to be prepared! Complete some research before the day to enable you to perform at your best. However, some companies may not have an assessment day, so it really depends on which role you have applied for.

## GAP YEAR

A gap year is an excellent chance to broaden your horizons and gain independence before starting your career. Some people choose to get work experience and save up for a year, or you could volunteer. Other people may choose to travel, or even take part in a combination of these.

## INTERVIEW

This may be face-to-face, over the phone or through a video call. You may even have to complete a group interview! Make sure you're confident, well presented, and have prepared some answers to 'popular' questions so you are ready. For more tips on how to prepare, see our 'Ready for Work' section.

## START APPRENTICESHIP

You've got the job! Now it's time to make the most of your opportunity. Your Apprenticeship can last anywhere from a year to six years depending on the Level and role you have. There are many different Apprenticeships available ranging from Intermediate to Degree, so it's crucial you have chosen the one that's right for you. For tips on how to handle your first day, please see our 'Ready for Work' section later in the guide.

## FINISH!

Now that you have your Apprenticeship certificate, you can choose to go onto a job, a Higher Apprenticeship or even University - the choices are endless!