



Apprenticeship FAQs

What criteria do I need to meet to be eligible for an apprenticeship?

- Aged 16+ at the time of enrolment
- Not in full time education
- Have lived in the UK or EEA for the past three consecutive years or have refugee status or indefinite leave to remain in the UK
- Have permission from the UK government to live in the UK (not for educational purposes) or have obtained pre-settled or settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme
- Not already holding a qualification at the same level and subject area (e.g. in software engineering or computer science).
- Require substantive new skills and knowledge in order to carry out the apprenticeship job role. You will complete an initial assessment that analyses your existing skills, knowledge, experience and qualifications against that of the apprenticeship to confirm that you meet the training need requirement.

What is the minimum level of education that I need to apply?

- We strongly welcome candidates from all education backgrounds and levels.
- You can apply for an apprenticeship with any qualifications but if you do not have a GCSE grade C/4 (or equivalent) in Math and English or an international equivalent you will need to take these exams or functional skills equivalent in Math and English while you are on your apprenticeship placement.

Can I apply if I have a degree?

- Yes, you can apply if you have a degree or higher.
- However, if you have studied a qualification at degree level (e.g. in software engineering or computer science), unfortunately you will not be eligible.
- If you have any concerns that your degree subject might not be eligible please email Makers for verification: apprenticeships@makers.tech

How will I be taught to code?

- You will start your apprenticeship with Makers immersive bootcamp within which you will learn to code. The bootcamp will run for 12 weeks - 18 weeks depending on the type of tech apprenticeship you apply for. This training will be full time and remote. Once complete, you will continue your learning on the job within your employer's tech team.
 - Software Developer bootcamp - 12 weeks
 - Software Test bootcamp - 16 weeks
 - DevOps bootcamp - 18 weeks

Can I take days off during my apprenticeship?

- Unfortunately, we can't allow for annual leave during your bootcamp training dates.
- During the rest of your apprenticeship placement, holiday can be taken. As you are an employee, you are entitled to both holiday and paid leave. The number of days is dependent on your employer and will be confirmed in your contract of employment, however you'll receive at least 20 days paid holiday per year, plus bank holidays.

Do I have to pay for my training?

- No - all training on your apprenticeship is paid for and you will earn a salary while training.

Am I considered an employee during my apprenticeship?

- Yes, as an apprentice you have employment rights. The only difference is you will have a contractual end date to your employment and training programme.

What level of apprenticeship is being offered?

- Makers offer Level 4 apprenticeships which is the equivalent to Foundation Degree Level.

How much will I be paid?

- Each apprenticeship opportunity has its own set salary. Salary information can be found on the application page for each opportunity.

Will I earn a salary while on the training bootcamp?

- Yes, your salary will start on the 1st day of your apprenticeship which includes the bootcamp.

If you have not found the answer to your question above or have further questions please email the Makers team: apprenticeships@makers.tech

For more generic information on apprenticeships, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/become-apprentice>