

Finding the right apprenticeship

There's a wide range of ways to seek out apprenticeships and we recommend using a selection of options rather than relying on one.

Government website

Most apprenticeships are posted on the Government's website. By creating an account, your child can set up alerts and filters to see opportunities that are of most interest to them and to be emailed when new opportunities arise. However, not all apprenticeships will appear.

Industry sector

It's smart to check apprenticeships directly on company, university or college websites. If your child doesn't know which of these sites to select, then they should first do some research on which industry sector may be of interest, and then find companies within this sector.

Companies direct

Another alternative is for them to identify companies that are of interest and check those websites for apprenticeships.

Be warned! Applications to well-known international companies (such as Amazon, Coca-Cola, Facebook, Google, Virgin) will be highly competitive; however, it might be a good starting point for identifying what's included in the apprenticeship and seeking out other companies that provide similar content. The descriptor names can then be used in search functions on the government website or job boards. Not all companies offer apprenticeships.

Job boards

National job agencies will also advertise apprenticeships and options can be narrowed to review within local distances from home or specific job types. This might be a particularly good way to seek out apprenticeships in level 3-5 range.

- [Gov. UK - Search](#)
- [UCAS](#)
- [Not going to Uni](#)
- [Apprenticeship search](#)

School careers advisor

If your child is still at school or college, then getting them to speak with their careers adviser is a good move. Careers advisers are often the first to hear from companies advertising new apprenticeships.

Reviews

To find out what other students have thought about an apprenticeship and how they rate them, there are reviews on *Rate my Apprenticeship*.



- ❑ How long does your child want to commit to studying?
- ❑ Is there a valuable role at workplace?
- ❑ What skills and subjects will be learned?
- ❑ What types of career will be available afterwards?
- ❑ Does the provider have a quality statement? I
- ❑ Is the provider's reputation solid? (i.e. knowledge/ skills behaviours)
- ❑ Degree level apprenticeship or other apprenticeship?
- ❑ With or without a university component?
- ❑ What do current apprentices think of the training?