

***Earn while
you learn***

***Nescot Apprenticeship
Guide 2011***



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***What are
apprenticeships?***

Getting paid while you learn might sound too good to be true, but as an apprentice you really do get the best of both worlds.

If you are keen to enter the world of work but don't want to stop studying then an Apprenticeship could be the answer.



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Apprenticeships offer a practical balance between learning a trade and earning a living.

They enable you to start working and earn a decent wage whilst learning the skills and gaining the qualifications that employers want.

***What
apprenticeships
are offered?***



We are constantly adding new Apprenticeship subjects, please check the website for an up to date listing **www.nescot.ac.uk**

***Who can
do an
Apprenticeship?***

Eligibility:

Apprenticeships are open to all age groups above 16 years-old whether you are just leaving school, have been working for years or are seeking to start a new career.

You just need to be living in England and not taking part in full-time education.

Entry Requirements:

Entry requirements are flexible. The practical skills you have gained and the interest in the area of work you have chosen will be taken into consideration.




***Finding a
job vacancy***

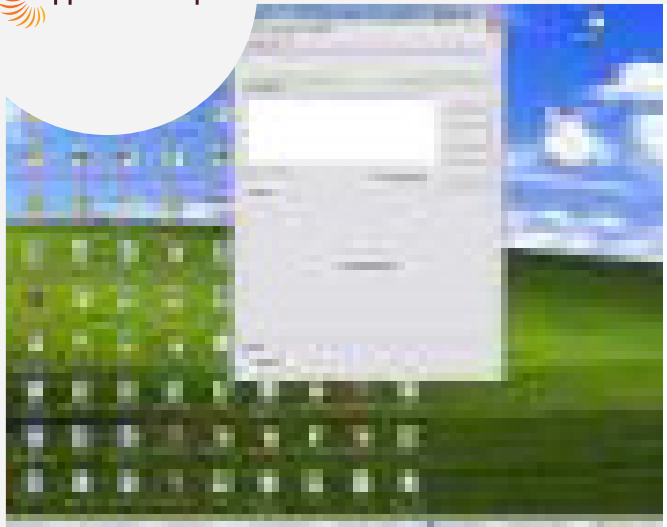
You will need to be employed
in a job that relates to the apprenticeship
that you want to undertake. If you are not
employed we can help you search
for an employer.

Please contact the
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 Apprenticeships



The apprentice

Zoe



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Course: Advanced Plumbing Apprenticeship

The apprenticeship has given me a future I can be proud of and look forward to.

At first I could only do tasks such as change radiator valves, cut flues and run condense pipes from the boiler, but as the engineers allowed me to do more I could soon decommission and install systems, cylinders, boilers, and radiators.



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The apprentice

Matthew



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“Since working for Harris Brothers I have experienced a lot of different challenges and aspects of the building trades, including brick block laying, digging foundations for extensions, laying concrete screed, drainage laying, patios and driveways.”

“I have also worked on larger projects such as a new building for a local college.”



How will I learn?

One day a week in College*,
the rest of the time you will be
working for your employer getting
on-the-job experience

You will learn in a variety of ways:


Practical and theory classes

One-to-One tutorials, guidance and support

Practical and written
assessments

Observations at work by a
Qualified Assessor

*How long
does it take?*



**It depends on which apprenticeship
you take - there are two levels
offered at Nescot:**

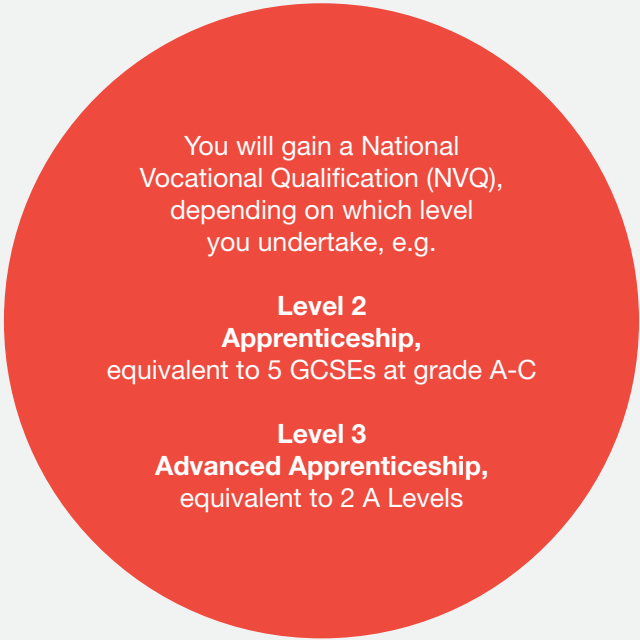
Level 2 - Apprenticeship

Usually takes about 2 years to complete

Level 3 – Advanced Apprenticeship

Usually takes 3 years to complete

***What do I get
at the end?***




You will gain a National Vocational Qualification (NVQ), depending on which level you undertake, e.g.

Level 2
Apprenticeship,
equivalent to 5 GCSEs at grade A-C

Level 3
Advanced Apprenticeship,
equivalent to 2 A Levels

You will also gain qualifications in Functional Skills: this includes elements such as working in teams, problem-solving, communication and using new technology. There is also the opportunity to gain additional qualifications that are relevant to your chosen occupation.

***What can I do
afterwards?***



You should be able
to progress onto the next level
e.g. an Advanced Apprenticeship.

There is also the opportunity to progress
on to higher education, either part time
or full time with your employer's help
and support.



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