

# Motor Vehicle Apprenticeships

## Course Information

Around 1.5 million people work in engineering-related jobs, including motor vehicle. From a paint job or general vehicle maintenance to damage caused by an accident – motorists rely on trained professionals to get them back on the road. Jobs within the industry include body repairers, refinishers, builders and motor vehicle fitters.

To work as a motor vehicle repairer, refinisher or builder, employees need to be good with their hands, have confidence in using tools and equipment and interested in motor vehicles and new technology. With experience, there are progression opportunities to become a supervisor or manager or specialise in a particular type or make of vehicle.

Trainees salaries start at £7,000 to £13,000 a year, and experienced workers can earn up to £30,000 a year.

*Source: Connexions*

## What is an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are high quality work-based training programmes for people who want to earn while they learn and gain practical and transferable skills that today's employers are looking for.

## Who are they for?

Apprenticeships are open to anyone living in England and not taking part in full-time education.

## What do I need to start?

### 1. Previous training

- Three GCSE's D–G, including English and maths.

### 2. A job

You will need to have a job in the motor vehicle industry. You can either find an employer yourself or we can assist you with your job search. Call us to find out more.

## How long will my apprenticeship take?

Each apprenticeship lasts up to two years.

## What will I get out of it?

### Earnings

Recent research found that apprentices earn an average of £170 net pay per week. Research also shows that apprentices earn, on average, over £100,000 more throughout their lifetime than other employees. As of August 2009 the minimum wage for an apprentice aged 16 years is £95 per week.

### Qualifications

When you have successfully completed your apprenticeship in Motor Vehicle you will gain:

- NVQ Level 2/Level 3 in the motor vehicle subject you have chosen
- Technical Certificate relevant to the qualification
- Key Skills.

### Prospects

Apprenticeships train you in the skills employers want, so when you've finished you can carry on working, maybe get promoted, or go on to higher education in a college or university.

With experience, you may progress to become a supervisor or manager or specialise in a particular type or make of vehicle.

## How much does an apprenticeship cost?

The government cover the full cost of training for 16–18 year olds and contribute towards costs for those aged 19 or above.

## How do I apply?

To apply for an apprenticeship you will need to fill out and return an application form.

### To request an application form:

Tel: 01234 291000

Email: [apprenticeships@bedford.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@bedford.ac.uk)

### Once complete, please send your application form to:

Apprenticeships  
Bedford College  
FREEPOST BF356  
Bedford  
MK42 9BR

Once we have reviewed your application form we may invite you for an interview and assessment.

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