

# Electrotechnical Services Apprenticeships Course Information

The electrotechnical industry involves the installation, maintenance and repair of electrotechnical equipment – from installing electrical systems inside a new building to maintaining machinery on a production line.

Industry electricians should be good with their hands and able to use a range of tools, good at maths and science and physically fit. With the right qualifications and experience electricians can progress to supervisory or management roles, become self employed or set up their own contracting business.

Electricians salaries range from £10,000 for an apprentice to £30,000 a year or more.

*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 GCSEs A–C in English, maths and a science subject.

### 2. A job

You will need to be working in the electrical sector e.g. factory or construction. 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 three and a half 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 Electrotechnical Services you will gain:

- NVQ Level 3 in Electrotechnical Services (Electrical Installation, Buildings & Structures)
- City & Guilds Certificate in Electrotechnical Technology Levels 2 and 3
- AM2 Practical Test
- 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.

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## 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.

## 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.

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