

Plumbing

Apprenticeships

Course Information

There are approximately 20,000 plumbing businesses in the UK. The main employers are general building contractors with large contracts from housing, offices and even the Olympic games. Many plumbers are self employed.

Plumbers should have good practical skills, be able to follow technical drawings and building plans and be physically fit. Experienced plumbers can work towards supervisory jobs, may choose to specialise in areas such as heating, ventilation or air conditioning or may start up their own business.

Plumbers salaries range from £5,000 for a new apprentice to £30,000 a year.

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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 todays 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–D, including English and maths.

2. A job

You will need to have a job in the plumbing trade. 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 Plumbing you will gain:

- NVQ Level 2/Level 3 Plumbing
- Technical Certificate Level 2 Basic Plumbing Studies/Technical Certificate Level 3 Plumbing Studies
- Basic Health & Safety Certificate
- 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 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

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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