

A quick guide to Foundation Apprenticeships

What is a Foundation Apprenticeship?

A Foundation Apprenticeship is a subject choice that allows pupils to get real industry experience while they are still at school.

Foundation Apprenticeships can set pupils up for a big future with the skills employers need in some of Scotland's most exciting and fastest growing industries.

Who can take a Foundation Apprenticeship?

Pupils can choose a Foundation Apprenticeship at SCQF Level 6 (same level as a Higher) in S5 or S6. Foundation Apprenticeships are offered in all 32 Scottish local authorities but what is available may vary from school to school.

There are also pilot SCQF Level 4 and 5 Foundation Apprenticeships in selected schools, for pupils from S3 to S6 in Construction, Automotive and Hospitality.

How does a Foundation Apprenticeship work?

Foundation Apprenticeships take up to two years to complete and usually start in S5 as part of your subject choices. Time is spent out of the classroom with a learning provider and an employer.

What will be involved?

You will be placed with an employer to do industry projects that can be done either in person or virtually. This will count towards your qualification and help you to develop industry knowledge and experience.



What subjects does it cover?

- Accountancy
- Business Skills
- Civil Engineering
- Creative and Digital Media
- Engineering
- Financial Services
- Food and Drink Technologies
- Hardware and System Support
- Scientific Technologies
- Social Services Children and Young People
- Social Services and Healthcare
- Software Development



What are the benefits of a Foundation Apprenticeship?

- ✓ help with progression on to a Modern or Graduate Apprenticeship
- ✓ get knowledge, skills and experience
- ✓ build confidence and develop key skills: creativity, problem-solving and communication
- ✓ gain an industry-recognised qualification recognised by unis and colleges for entry
- ✓ enhances your CV and job applications

How do I find out more?

For more information on Foundation Apprenticeships and to find out what's available in your school visit

apprenticeships.scot/foundation

