

Key Facts

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There are more than 180 job roles available for apprentices ranging from accountancy to textiles, engineering to veterinary nursing, business administration to construction.

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Funding for Apprenticeships has increased by almost a quarter between 2007/08 and 2009/10, to over £1 billion.

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New starts have increased from 65,000 in 1996/97 to 225,000 in 2007/08. In the first nine months of the 2008/09 academic year there were 196,600 new Apprenticeship starts, an increase of 15% on the same period in 2007/08.

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Since 1996/97 there have been more than 2 million Apprenticeship starts.

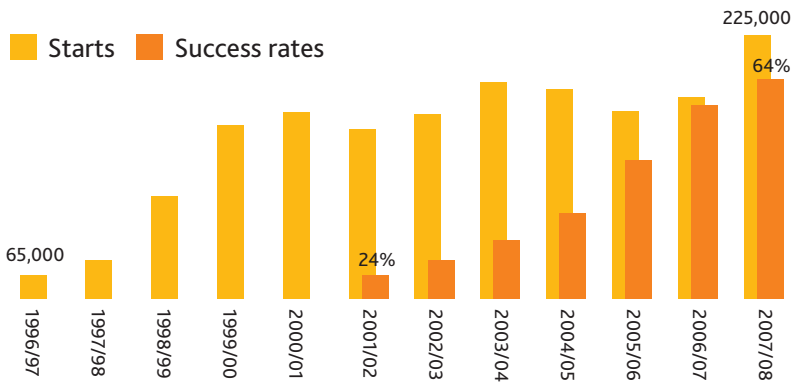
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Apprenticeship starts at Level 3 increased from 57,000 in 2006/07 to 73,000 in 2007/08. This is up 28% on the year before.

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Total Apprenticeship completions have risen from 39,000 in 2001/02 to 113,000 in 2007/08. Apprenticeship completion rates have reached an all time high in 2007/08 of 64% compared to 48% in 2005/06 and 37% in 2004/05.

Growth in Apprenticeships starts and success rates 1996/07 – 2007/08



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The proportion of Apprenticeships which are Level 3 has remained at around 30% in recent years, increasing to 32% in 2007/08.

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An apprentice earns a minimum of £95 per week with the average salary at approximately £170 per week. Some apprentices earn over £200 per week.

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The current target is to achieve 130,000 completions in 2010/11. By 2020, the target is to have 1 in 5 young people undertaking an Apprenticeship.

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There are thousands of Apprenticeships advertised on Apprenticeship vacancies every week. This is the online system where candidates can quickly search and apply for positions at apprenticeships.org.uk.