



Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship is a programme of structured education and training which formally combines and alternates learning in the workplace with learning in an education and training institution.

An apprenticeship prepares participants for a specific occupation and leads to a qualification currently ranging from level 5 to level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

Apprenticeships are a very exciting option for many people of all ages, which prepare people for a career, not just a job. One of the key features of the programmes is the “earn and learn” opportunity it offers, where as an apprentice you get paid while you are in training.

From an industry perspective apprenticeships bring employers new and valuable resources and skills to their organisations and ensure the skill needs of industry are being met.

There are currently 54 apprenticeship programmes on offer, which include 25 traditional Craft Apprenticeship programmes, such as Motor Mechanic, Plumbing, Brick & Stonelaying, Plastering, Sheet metalworking and Electrician.

More recently, as part of the expansion of the apprenticeship system in Ireland, 29 new apprenticeships have been developed in new sectors of the economy such as ICT, logistics, financial and biopharma.

A further 23 apprenticeships will get underway in sectors such as retail, hospitality, healthcare and horticulture.

Further information about apprenticeships is available on the website www.apprenticeship.ie.