

10 REASONS TO CHOOSE A SECURITY

APPRENTICESHIP

1. Diverse range of careers

The security industry has a huge array of options, training courses and career pathways and is developing rapidly with new technology. The private security sector encompasses a wide variety of security occupations, ranging from the traditional uniformed security officer to highly skilled technicians or designers. The Security industry offers everything that you could want for a career: hands on jobs, technical jobs, you can work for yourself or for someone else, for a manufacturer or in a business serving the end user. The choices are endless.

2. Earn while you learn

Apprentices have the same opportunities as employees and the current minimum wage rate for an apprentice is £3.30 per hour for apprentices age 19 and under. For apprentices over 19, minimum wage applies. The average weekly wage for an apprentice is around £170 but as you grow in experience, your pay will increase accordingly.

3. Experience

Apprenticeships are designed by employers so that an apprentice gets the skills they need to be successful in a job role with the abilities and knowledge needed by the industry. Apprentices learn on the job from experienced professionals and will also be trained externally at a local college or training organisation. Apprentices are supported throughout their training to ensure they are progressing.

4. Education to degree level

Along with comprehensive training, you will also gain a work-based qualification such as a National Vocational Qualification (NVQ). Apprenticeship levels are intermediate, advanced and higher which equivalent to degree level qualification and apprenticeships are available in 1500 job roles across more than 170 industries, so there is plenty of flexibility when it comes to the qualifications you can gain.

5. Avoid debt

Unlike the costs of going to university, with an apprenticeship you get paid to learn and any costs are covered by the employer. Also if you're between the ages of 16 and 18, training and qualification costs will be 100% funded by the government. If you're between 19 and 23, the government will fund 50% your course costs.

6. Get ahead

Experience counts for a lot in the workplace and many degrees are not vocational, meaning that graduates can find themselves leaving university with very few real-life skills. Compared to most graduates, apprentices have at least three years more experience - and maybe more - if they left school before taking A-levels. An apprentice will build up knowledge and skills every day at work whilst still working towards a nationally recognised qualification.

7. Impress future employers

Being able to show a prospective employer evidence of real-life experience arguably puts you at a distinct advantage over graduates. What's more, because the qualifications are recognised on a national level, the skills are transferable and there should be no issue if you choose to move on from the place you did your apprenticeship.

8. Build contacts

Apprenticeships typically take between one and four years to complete, depending on the type of apprenticeship and the level. In this time, you will forge relationships and contacts with clients, colleagues, and managers.

9. Paid holidays

In addition to your salary, you are also entitled to at least 20 days of paid holiday annually, in addition to bank holidays.

10. A career for life

The Security industry offers a diverse range of career routes and progression pathways. It may not be glamorous but most people stay in the industry as the opportunities, training, diversity and progression is all there for those who want it.