

# LEVEL UP YOUR CAREER POTENTIAL

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## We are QA

The UK's leading tech skills training provider.

We work with everyone from apprentices to business leaders, helping them to develop their digital skills and capabilities. Over the last 10 years, QA have jump-started over 30,000 careers through our digital apprenticeships.



## We specialise in tech

The UK's tech industry is booming. With an estimated <u>100,000 new</u> opportunities emerging every month – and average tech salaries topping £53,000 – this wide and resilient sector is alive with career potential.

And the even better news is that there is no one type of tech person. In fact, it's an increasingly diverse, vibrant and in-demand sector, entered by people whom you might not expect to. People just like you.

#### So... Why put off pursuing a tech career any longer?

We offer apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships that focus on the most in-demand tech skills – from Level 3 all the way to Level 7 (a Master's Degree).





## What is an apprenticeship & how does it work?

Get a head-start in the world of work.



An apprenticeship is a modern, handson way to train for an exciting new career in tech.



It's a paid full-time job - you'll work with an employer, have a line manager, take home a salary at the end of the month and have access to employee benefits such as annual leave. pension scheme etc.

You'll spend 80% of your time at your job.



You'll also have a structured training programme with **QA** (virtually or face to face) for 20% of your working week. You'll learn and develop your skills and earn an industry recognised qualification at the end of your apprenticeship.

## Your apprenticeship journey with QA











Apply for one of our apprenticeship vacancies - 100s of new opportunities all across the UK are added every month. You can narrow your search via location or by keywords (ex. Data, Data Analyst, DevOps).

Fill in your details and upload a copy of your CV (optional).

A career adviser will review your application and give ID check, you'll you a call if you are a create a personal good match.

After completing a document and profile which is an opportunity to tell employers about yourself.

## Your apprenticeship journey with QA







We support you all the way. We'll set up any interviews or assessments and help you prepare for if any others come them.

We'll keep in touch about the apprenticeship job you applied for and, up that we think you'd like, we'll let you know.

If all goes well...you'll get the job and start your apprenticeship.



## Your apprenticeship the QA way

With all of our programmes you have the chance to earn additional qualifications along the way, helping to grow your skills. As a QA apprentice:



You'll have access

to Cloud Academy

– a virtual portal of

up-to-date courses

your knowledge and

and content you

can use to build

embed what you

learn. You can earn

extra qualifications

from prestigious IT

Azure and more.

vendors such as AWS.





Digital by Design – our model of learning is a blend of virtual and face-to-face learning sessions.

You'll gain knowledge through a combination of project and lab work, events, self-research, self-paced learning and peer-to-peer learning.



from the beginning of your apprenticeship right until the end. Recruiters work with you to prepare for any interviews or assessments, you'll have the support of the "Safeguarding and Learner Services" team for any day

You'll be supported

to day queries or

you may have.

wellbeing concerns



You'll have the chance to join our Alumni community of current and past apprentices. This is the first of its kind in the UK. This helps you to create connections, find support and have fun whilst completing your apprenticeship.

We host quizzes, movie nights and other fun activities for our apprentices.

## Tech Trailblazers – Our apprentice stories



#### **Youness**

#### Software Developer Apprenticeship at Arm

"Before joining the program, I was studying BTEC IT in college without a very clear goal in mind. After I started my apprenticeship I was able to really push myself in a meaningful way to learn as much as I could about tech as well as adopt new skills."



#### Debora

## Information Communications Technician Apprenticeship at Associated British Ports

"This programme has impacted my life massively. Not only by improving my quality of life, but it has also opened the door for me to repurpose my work life with a 180 degree turn. I spent a few months unemployed after I left the NHS trying to do as many free IT courses as I could, but when I saw this opportunity I knew it would be perfect for me!."



### Lawrie

### Digital Office Support Apprenticeship

"My apprenticeship with QA has been completely life changing for me. I now stand as Head of Marketing for YARD direct. My development and progression was all down to the training and opportunities given to me by QA. Me as a person or in my career would never be as strong, dedicated and as hard working without the motivation of QA and for this I am forever grateful."

## **Apprenticeship entry requirements**

With all of our programmes you have the chance to earn additional qualifications along the way, helping to grow your skills. As a QA apprentice:

#### The Basics



- Aged 16+ with a valid passport/birth certificate and NI number
- Must have lived in the UK and/or EEA for 3 years prior to apprenticeship start date
- Must be working in England for at least 50% of working time
- Not undertaking another apprenticeship or government funded qualification at the same time

#### Qualifications



- This depends on the programme you'll be undertaking
- A minimum GCSE English and Maths at grade D/3 or above and 3 GCSEs at grade C/4 or above



## Our level 3 apprenticeship programmes

You'll need 5 GCSEs at Grade C/4 or above – 2 of which must be Maths & English at Grade D/3 or above.



#### **Azure Cloud Specialist**

Learn how to solve problems and get to the root of issues, using Azure Cloud software



- IT Infrastructure Technician
- Desktop Support Engineer



#### **Cloud Network Specialist**

Specialising in cloud, you'll help solve problems, fix issues and help people to use technology well within a professional

#### Future job prospects:

- First or Second line Helpdesk Support
- · Technical Support Analyst

#### Junior Developer

Learn to build and test software applications on the web, mobile or desktop using coding knowledge

#### **Future job prospects:**

- Junior App Developer
- Junior Programmer
- · Junior Software Developer



#### **Digital Marketer**

Learn how to harness your creative skills to influence customer's behaviour

#### Future job prospects:

- Digital Marketing Technologist
- Social Media Executive
- Content Coordinator
- Digital Marketing Executive



## Our level 4 apprenticeship programmes

You'll need a Level 3 IT Apprenticeship or an A-level in a STEM subject (plus successful completion of our Aptitude test) or a BTEC Diploma in a STEM subject (plus successful completion of our Aptitude test).













#### **DevOps Engineer**

Learn how to accelerate and simplify development cycles by combining the practices of software development and technical operations

#### **Data Analyst**

Learn how to collect, organise and study raw data and translate it into understandable language

#### **Network Engineer**

Learn how to design, install and maintain communication networks

#### **Cyber Security Engineer**

Learn how to fight cybercrime, protect systems and use logic to keep ahead of cyber criminals

#### **Software Engineer**

Take your coding knowledge to the next level and learn how to create complex software

#### **Business Analyst**

Learn how to analyse data and investigate information systems solutions in order to find trends, answer questions, and draw conclusions to improve operational efficiency

### Future job prospects:

Automation Engineer
Platform Engineer
Infrastructure Engineer

#### Future job prospects:

- · Data Manager
- · Data Scientist
- · Data Engineer

#### **Future job prospects:**

- Network Designer
- Network Technician
- · Systems Engineer

#### Future job prospects:

- Information Security Officer
- Cyber Operations Manager
- Information Security Architect

#### Future job prospects:

- · Web Developer
- Application Developer
- Software Developer

#### Future job prospects:

- · Business architect.
- Business systems analyst.
- · Enterprise analyst.
- Management consultant.
- Process analyst.



## Our degree apprenticeship programmes



#### **BSc (Hons) Cyber Security Technical Professional Degree Apprenticeship**

develop, extend. update and deepen your knowledge within Cyber Security



- Database specialist



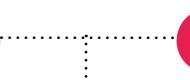
#### BSc (Hons) Digital & **Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship**

- take your tech skills and knowledge to the next level by specialising in 1 of the following 4 areas: Network Engineer, Software Engineer, IT Consultant or Data Analyst.



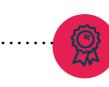
#### **BA (Hons) Digital** Marketing Apprenticeship

- learn the skills and knowledge to lead on the creation and execution of digital marketing strategies



#### **BSc (Hons) Professional** Management Apprenticeship

- develop skills to be high preforming managers who can apply their expertise in any context to improve their performance - whether experienced or inexperienced.



#### **BSc (Hons) Project** Management

**Apprenticeship** – develop your understanding of the Project Management subject discipline and capitalise on opportunities for applied learning within the context of your employment.



#### **BSc (Hons) Digital User Experience (UX) Apprenticeship**

- learn to develop, update, extend and deepen your knowledge, technical, behavioural and contextual competence and underpinning professional skills and behaviours to excel as a digital user experience professional working in organisations across sectors

- IT Consultant
- · IT Project Manager IT Project Manager
- Systems Designer Systems Designer
  - · Database specialist

**Future job prospects:** 

IT Consultant

- Future job prospects: Digital marketer
- Market researcher
- Marketing executive

#### **Future job prospects:**

- Business adviser
- Business analyst
- Business development manager

#### **Future job prospects:**

- Project coordinator.
- · Projects lead.
- Project manager

#### **Future job prospects:**

- User Researcher
- · Visual/Graphic Designer
- Information Architect



# If you're still at school or under 16 and want to get started on an apprenticeship, here are a few things you can do to prepare:



## Take on some free courses

Show your future employer you're proactive and ready to learn.



#### Work on your CV

Start getting your CV ready as you'll need one when you apply for your apprenticeship.



## Undertake work experience

You could volunteer at a local charity shop or do some work experience at a tech firm. You'll be developing useful skills like communication and team work which is great for your CV.





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