Level up your tech career potential

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.

- Included in the Top 50 Training Providers for 2019 – 2020 and 2020-2021
- We are an Ofsted 'Good Provider'

We specialise in **Tech**

This is your game-changing moment.

- The UK's tech industry is booming. With an estimated **100,000 new 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).

How can you get started in a career in the tech sector?

- Take on a digital apprenticeship with QA

- Train to become a Tech Consultant for free with the QA Academy

- Sign up for one of our free, virtual coding sessions

- Apply for our free, tech bootcamp – we'll give you the essential skills needed to get started in your tech career

What is an apprenticeship & how does it work?

Get a head-start in the world of work

An **apprenticeship** is a modern, hands-on 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.

How does an apprenticeship differ from University?

- **You'll be earning a salary from the get-go**

- **You spend time learning *and* working**

- **You'll get to implement the skills you learn on the job**

- **You can earn a degree through your apprenticeship**

CHOOSE FROM
HUNDREDS
OF EMPLOYERS

FROM EDGY START-UPS TO
MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES
TO BIG HOUSEHOLD NAMES

BARCLAYS

Atos

FUJITSU

Royal Mail

Specsavers

vodafone

BRITISH AIRWAYS

Current apprenticeship vacancies in your region

- First Line Support Apprentice role in Irlam - £15,000

- Digital Marketing Apprentice role in Manchester - £14,000

- IT Engineer Apprenticeship role in Stretford - £18,000 - £20,000

- Cyber Security Analyst Apprentice role in Manchester - £21,000 - £25,000

Scan the QR code to view all our apprenticeship vacancies. Filter by region and tech interest

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.

Tech Trailblazers – Our Apprentice Stories

ROBERTA

STEPHANIE

JONATHAN

"The 'conventional route' is not the only way into higher education!"

Roberta started as an IT L3 apprentice working on the IT service desk at the Financial Times. She completed her degree apprenticeship in Digital & Technology Solutions and was promoted to a Tech and Product role in IT Governance.

"I chose to do the cyber security apprenticeship because it offered a mix of theory and practical knowledge."

Steph was the first woman in the UK to complete a Cyber Security Apprenticeship. Steph is now working towards extending her skills within the Cyber industry.
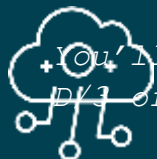
"As an apprentice, I was able to build my skills on the job and learn from the skills coaches at QA"

After completing his Digital Marketing apprenticeship, Jonathan was promoted to Marketing Manager at Edinburgh based start-up Wallet.Services. Through his apprenticeship he's begun to build a career he's proud of.

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

Cloud Network Specialist – specialising in cloud, you'll help solve problems, fix issues and help people to use technology well within a professional environment

Junior Developer – learn to build and test software applications on the web, mobile or desktop using coding knowledge

Digital Marketer – learn how to harness your creative skills to influence customer's behaviour

After your apprenticeship

Future job prospects:
- IT Infrastructure Technician
- Desktop Support Engineer

Future job prospects:
- First or Second line Helpdesk Support
- Technical Support Analyst

Future job prospects:
- Junior App Developer
- Junior Programmer
- Junior Software Developer

Future job prospects:
- Digital Marketing Technologist
- Social Media Executive
- Content Coordinator
- Digital Marketing Executive

What's Next: progress onto a Degree Apprenticeship Programme

Sign up to a free virtual coding courses!

- **Learn how to code from scratch!**

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 applications

After your apprenticeship

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
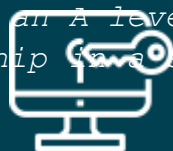
Future job prospects:
• Web Developer
• Application Developer
• Software Developer

What's Next: progress onto a Degree Apprenticeship Programme

Our Degree Apprenticeship Programmes

You'll need an A level (or equivalent qualification) in a related subject, a level 3 apprenticeship in a similar subject or a BTEC Extended Diploma

BSc (Hons) Cyber Security Technical Professional Degree Apprenticeship – develop, extend, update and deepen your knowledge within Cyber Security

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.

After your apprenticeship

Future job prospects:
- IT Consultant
- IT Project Manager
- Systems Designer
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What's Next: progress onto a Masters Degree Programme

Our Master's Degree Programme

You'll need a 2:2 honours degree in a related discipline or any relevant professional qualifications

MSc Digital and Technology Specialist
– enhance your career with niche knowledge and practice in a selected specialist area of technology. You'll also develop the skills to become a digital leader.

You could work in the following specialisms:
• Data & Analytics
• Enterprise Architecture
• Cyber Security
• IT Ops Management (Cloud Computing)
• IT/Digital Futures (DevOps)

Apprenticeship entry requirements

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

Your Apprenticeship journey with QA

1. 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 key words (ex. Data, data analyst, DevOps).

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

3. A career adviser will review your application and give you a call if you are a good match.

4. After completing a document and ID check, you'll create a personal profile which is an opportunity to tell employers about yourself.

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

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

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