

A quick guide to **Foundation Apprenticeships**

What is a Foundation Apprenticeship?

A Foundation Apprenticeship is a subject choice that allows pupils to get real industry experience while they are still at school.

Foundation Apprenticeships can set pupils up for a big future in some of Scotland's most exciting and fastest growing industries.

Who can take a Foundation Apprenticeship?

Pupils can take a Foundation Apprenticeship at SCQF Level 6 in S5 or S6 and Foundation Apprenticeships are offered in all 32 Scottish local authorities.

How does a Foundation Apprenticeship work?

Foundation Apprenticeships takes up to two years to complete and usually starts in S5 as part of your subject choices. Your time is spent with a learning provider and an employer.

What will be involved?

You will be placed with an employer to do industry projects that can be done either in person or virtually. This will count towards your qualification and help you to develop industry knowledge and experience.

What subjects does it cover?

- Accountancy Business Skills
- Civil Engineering
- Creative and Digital Media
- Engineering
- Financial Services
- Food and Drink Technologies
- Hardware and System Support
- Scientific Technologies
- Social Services Children and Young People
- Software Development
- Social Services and Healthcare

There are also pilot SCQF Level 4 and 5 Foundation Apprenticeships in selected schools, for pupils from S3 to S6 to gain a work-based learning qualification at an earlier level of learning in Construction, Automotive and Hospitality.

What are the benefits of a Foundation Apprenticeship?

- completing a Foundation Apprenticeship can help with progression on to a Modern or Graduate Apprenticeship
- get knowledge, skills and experience
- you will gain an industry-recognised qualification (at SCQF Level 6 - same level as a Higher)
- enhances your CV and job applications
- gives you a qualification recognised by colleges and universities
- helps build confidence and develop key skills: creativity, problem-solving and communication
- the qualification is recognised by all colleges and universities in Scotland for entry into their further and higher education courses.

How do I find out more?

For more information on Foundation Apprenticeships and to find out what's available in your school visit apprenticeships.scot/foundation

