

# Apprenticeships

## CRAFT & OCCUPATIONAL

On/Off the job learning

Internationally recognised qualifications

100's of careers to choose from

Be paid as you train

Electrician

Accountancy

Hotel & Catering

Butcher

Finance

Insurance.....

# TYPES

Occupational Apprenticeships



## CRAFT APPRENTICESHIPS

**T**he traditional type of Apprenticeships co-ordinated by SOLAS and follows a standard based training. NFQ Level 6 Advanced Certificate, recognised internationally e.g, Hairdressing, Electrician, Baker, Carpentry etc.

Choose your career

[www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)

### Meet the requirements

Depending on the job or trade - different entry requirements apply.

- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Have a minimum of 5 D Grades in the Junior Cert or equivalent QQI level 3/4\*
- \*In reality many employers would prefer to take on those with a Leaving Cert or equivalent.*

If you can't meet these criteria, you may still become an apprentice if you:

- Complete an approved pre-apprenticeship training course. *\*see back page.*
- Are over 16, have worked for at least 3 years in a relevant industry (SOLAS approved) and successfully complete an interview.

Visit your local SOLAS office

Call down to make an appointment to talk to someone about apprenticeships.

Find an employer

- Find someone willing to take you on as an apprentice - They will need to be approved by SOLAS.
- Check with SOLAS for employers that are looking for an apprentice.
- Register with [www.apprentices.ie](http://www.apprentices.ie) for some trades.
- Keep at it - be persistent!



# OCCUPATIONAL APPRENTICESHIPS

**N**ew type of Apprenticeships ranging from two to four years in duration, and from Levels 5-9 on the NFQ. eg. Medical Devices, Accountancy, Network Engineer.

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## Meet the requirements

There are different entry criteria depending on the sector and job....  
The most common way is through the Leaving Cert.

However, you could also meet the criteria by

- \* having QQI/FETAC qualifications or
- \* by being a mature student or
- \* having other qualifications

Check with the individual sector for the exact entry requirements for your chosen career!

Contact the relevant professional body

Professional bodies such as the Accounting Technicians of Ireland/ ESB/ Insurance Practitioners of Ireland have programmes to link you to employers & academic institutions.

Youth Info or SOLAS can help you contact these professional bodies

Apply

Individual Sectors have different dates & ways to apply.

We can help!

Recruitment

Each industry may use different methods / criteria to choose an apprentice.

Apprentices are employed and paid under a Contract of Apprenticeship

## Tips:

- join their mailing list
- keep an eye out for recruitment drives
- talk to potential employers



## PRE - APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

A pre-apprenticeship course is for young people who want to do an apprenticeship but don't have the minimum entry requirements.

These courses have both hands-on and classroom based modules, and aim to develop skills, knowledge and expertise to gaining an apprenticeship in a range of trades or industries.

**Where?** Contact your local Youth Info Service or Solas.

## TASTER TRADE PROGRAMMES

The taster trade courses are designed to introduce you to a trade, to give you some hands-on experience & skills in a trade. It is a useful way to give you an idea of how well suited you are. It's always wise to look before you leap and attending one of these taster courses could well help you make the right choice for your future.

**Where?** Contact your local Youth Info Service or Local Area Partnership to find out more.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

[youthinfo.crosscare.ie](http://youthinfo.crosscare.ie)

[www.apprenticeship.ie](http://www.apprenticeship.ie)

[www.apprentices.ie](http://www.apprentices.ie)

[www.jobsireland.ie](http://www.jobsireland.ie)

[www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)

[www.careersnews.ie](http://www.careersnews.ie)

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