

Here at CACD DurhamWorks we are offering support for any applicants registered with DurhamWorks wishing to apply for Durham County Council vacancies. For further information contact [www.durhamworks.info](http://www.durhamworks.info)

### What are Apprenticeships?

An apprenticeship is a way of gaining qualifications as you learn your new job. Normally a young person leaving education will be looking at the options available to them to move in to their chosen career. Some careers will need you to go to University as they require a degree, others may not require any qualifications at all. Most jobs fall in between, meaning that you will need to learn and gain qualifications as you go. An apprenticeship normally consists of 80% on the job training and 20% in education. You may go to college one day a week or in blocks, or maybe a training provider will visit you in the workplace.

Apprenticeships come in different levels and are open to all ages, not just young people. You may need entry qualifications to apply for an apprenticeship or do an entry test to ensure you can achieve the level of qualification the apprenticeship works to.

Levels of apprenticeship

	Level	Equivalent educational level
<b>Intermediate</b>	2	GCSE
<b>Advanced</b>	3	A level
<b>Higher</b>	4,5,6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
<b>Degree</b>	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

An apprenticeship is a real job, you will be paid a salary, have holiday leave and an employment contract the same as other employees. You will gain hands on experience, learn as you work and develop valuable skills.

### What can I do if I don't have the entry requirements?

Sometimes a person may not have the required entry requirements for the apprenticeship they want to do. In this case a **Traineeship** may be the answer. A traineeship is a stepping stone towards an apprenticeships, A traineeship is a course with work experience, offered by a college or training provider, which gets you ready for work or an apprenticeship. It can last from 6 weeks up to 1 year, though most traineeships last for less than 6 months. You can apply if you're eligible to work in England, unemployed and have little or no work experience and aged 16 to 24 and qualified up to and including Level 3 (equivalent to A Level). You are not paid on a traineeship.

Currently there are over **750** apprenticeship vacancies within 20 miles of Durham. These vacancies cover hundreds of different careers. Vacancies and further information can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

For further information regarding vacancies for Durham County Council's Apprenticeships and Traineeships follow the link below <https://www.durham.gov.uk/ALSS-apprenticeships-and-traineeships>

Have you checked out the DurhamWorks website or Facebook page recently?  
[www.durhamworks.info](http://www.durhamworks.info)

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**Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm**  
**Debt Adviceline: 0300 323 2000 Monday to Friday 9am-4pm**  
**Consumer Helpline: 0808 223 1133**  
**Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm**  
**Universal Credit Helpline: 0800 144 8 444**  
**Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm**  
**COVID19 temporary contact 07736 923502**

[www.citizensadvicecd.org.uk/](http://www.citizensadvicecd.org.uk/)

Citizens Advice County Durham (CACD) DurhamWorks Employment Support Team are here to help young people get in to work or education. For more information on the support we offer please contact us.

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60 Durham County Council Apprenticeships available through DurhamWorks

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