

WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

The Apprenticeship programme provides you with an opportunity to earn while you learn. As an Apprentice, you will spend time both in College and in the workplace learning new skills and training alongside experienced staff, which will lead to a nationally recognised Apprenticeship. At the end of the Apprenticeship you will have acquired job specific skills and the ability to perform your job competently; you may also have achieved qualifications which are recognised by your chosen profession.

VENUE AND DURATION OF COURSE:

East Surrey College, Gatton Point, Redhill, RH1 2JX, 48 months excluding EPA period.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

The formal entry requirements for this Apprenticeship are both English and Maths at Level 2 and you must be in paid work for a minimum of 30 hours per week. It is essential you have the right mind-set for working full-time and studying at the same time. Having a can-do attitude, being flexible and reliable are also important. You must also be able to communicate effectively with others.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?

The Apprenticeship Standard you are studying is a qualification in its own right. Some employer groups have asked for formal qualifications to be achieved as part of the Apprenticeship programme. These will be listed below along with any units or topics delivered and forms of assessment.

APPRENTICESHIP DESCRIPTION:

The content of an Apprenticeship has been developed by an employer group. The detail can be found on the website <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/> Below is a brief summary.

Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technicians plan, select, install, service, commission and maintain all aspects of plumbing and heating systems. Plumbing and domestic heating technicians can find themselves working inside or outside a property. Customer service skills and being tidy and respectful are important qualities as they can often find themselves working in customers' homes as well as on building sites. As a competent Plumbing and Heating Technician, the installation of plumbing and heating systems includes accurate measuring, marking, cutting, bending and jointing metallic and non-metallic pipework. Appliances and equipment can include gas, oil and solid fuel boilers as well as pumps, heat emitters, bathroom furniture or controls as part of a cold water, hot water, and central heating or above ground drainage and rainwater systems. Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technicians are at the forefront of installing new and exciting environmental technologies like heat pumps, solar thermal systems, biomass boilers and water recycling systems. It is important for a plumbing and heating technician to be able to work independently or as a team and use their knowledge and skills to ensure that both the system and appliances are appropriately selected and correctly installed, often without any supervision, and done so in a safe, efficient and economical manner to minimise waste.



END POINT ASSESSMENT:

All Apprenticeship standards have an End Point Assessment. This is carried out by an independent organisation who will assess whether you have achieved all the elements of your Apprenticeship. They will assess the Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours gained throughout your apprenticeship. You will only be able to undertake the EPA once you have satisfied all the requirements of the element called 'The Gateway'. The detail can also be found on the Institute for Apprentices website.

GATEWAY REQUIREMENTS:

- Maths and English at Level 2 achieved
- Level 3 Plumbing & Domestic Heating Qualification

END POINT ASSESSMENTS ELEMENTS:

- Multiple choice test
- Design Project
- Practical Installation Test
- Practical Application Test
- Professional Discussion

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

All students will be expected to wear clothing suitable for a practical workshop environment including steel toe capped boots. A high-vis vest will be provided and must be worn in the workshop.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD?

A career in the construction industry as a qualified tradesperson or a Level 4 Apprenticeship.

COURSE FEE:

All fees where applicable are paid for by the employers and no fees will be charged to Apprentices. Your employer will contribute as follows:

Companies with a payroll of more than £3 million will have a levy account which can be used to pay for Apprenticeship training. Where the training costs exceed the amount of levy available the Government will contribute 95% of the outstanding amount and the employer will be invoiced the remaining 5%.

Other companies:

Apprentice Age (start of programme)	Less than 50 staff members on PAYE	50 or more staff on PAYE
16-18 years	Free – No fees due	5% Contribution of overall fee
19+	5% contribution of overall fee	5% Contribution of overall fee

Incentive payments: All companies who recruit an Apprentice aged 16-18 years will be eligible for a grant of £500 once the Apprentice has been in training for 13 weeks and a further £500 at 52 weeks.

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

If you are employed or have an employer lined up, please contact our Employer Services team on 01737 788316 or by emailing employerservices@esc.ac.uk.

To find an employer working with the College and to view all of our current Apprenticeship vacancies, please visit our website www.esc.ac.uk/apprenticeship-vacancies.



Candidates who are unable to secure employment should consider applying for a Full-time programme at the College or may consider a Traineeship programme.

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