

Where do I learn?

This will depend on what you are doing. Your employer will decide how they want you to be trained to do their work. Typically Fashion & Textiles apprentices are trained:

- In the workplace On-the-job training (Competence)
- At a college/private training provider which you could attend once a week or in blocks of a few days or weeks (Knowledge and supporting functional skills)

The schedule of training is flexible but how often, when and where will be up to your new employer. You will be given information on this when you go through the application or you should ask for details at your interview.

What do I do to apply for an apprenticeship?

- You need to be aged 16 or over
- You have to apply like any other job

How do I apply?

1. Search online for vacancies

- England: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- Wales: <http://www.careerswales.com/>
- Scotland: <https://www.apprenticeships.scot/>
- Northern Ireland: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/apprenticeships>

2. Through the employers own system

Some employers want to use their own recruitment process. This may be an online application or they may send you out a paper application form.

3. Research local college provision

Most Colleges have excellent links with industry and can advise on the regional need in the area you are most interested.

The levels

There are various levels of Fashion & Textiles apprenticeship to apply for depending on current skills and qualifications. Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels:

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Level	Equivalent educational level
2	5 GCSE passes
3	2 'A' Level passes
4	Foundation Degree

Scotland

Level	Equivalent Scottish educational level
2	SCQF Level 5
3	SCQF Level 6/7

What's available?

England

Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship in Fashion & Textiles

Covering –

- Textiles
- Apparel
- Leathergoods
- Footwear
- Saddlery
- Leather Production

Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship in Fashion & Textiles

Covering –

- Textiles
- Apparel
- Leathergoods
- Footwear
- Tailoring
- Leather Production

In England, as part of the Governments apprenticeship reforms, (following on from the Richard Review findings), no new apprenticeship frameworks have been developed since September 2014. They will be replaced by apprenticeship standards.

UKFT is working as secretariat to a number of employer groups to ensure the new standards are fit for purpose and in place before the withdrawal of frameworks proposed in 2020.

Fashion & Textiles apprenticeship standards approved for delivery are –

- Bespoke Cutting and Tailoring at Level 5
- Bespoke Saddler at level 3

Under development –

- Level 2 Textile Manufacturing Operative
- Level 2 Footwear Manufacturer
- Level 2 Textile Care Services Operative
- Level 2 Sewing Machinist
- Level 3 Pattern Cutter
- Level 3/4 Garment/Product Technologist

Wales

Level 2 Foundation Apprenticeship in Fashion & Textiles

Covering –

- Textiles
- Apparel

Level 3 Apprenticeship in Fashion & Textiles

Covering –

- Textiles
- Apparel
- Tailoring

Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship in Fashion & Textiles: Technical

Covering –

- Technical Textiles
- Product Development and Sourcing

Scotland

Modern Apprenticeship in Fashion & Textiles Heritage at SCQF level 5

Covering –

- Leather Production and Manufacturing
- Textiles/Technical Textiles
- Textile Care Services

Modern Apprenticeship in Fashion & Textiles Heritage at SCQF level 6/7

Covering –

- Leather Manufacture
- Textiles/Technical Textiles
- Kilt making

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