

# Introduction to Foundation Apprenticeships



## What are Foundation Apprenticeships?

Foundation Apprenticeships are a Skills Development Scotland (SDS) initiative, providing new, work-based learning opportunities for S5 and S6 learners. It enable them to complete elements of a Modern Apprenticeship while still at school.

Learners work towards a Foundation Apprenticeship alongside their other subjects — their National 5s and Highers. They'll also spend part of the school week at college or with a local employer. They will work towards industry-recognised qualifications while developing skills and experience in the workplace.

## What Foundation Apprenticeships are available?

There are Foundation Apprenticeships in:

- ◆ Business Skills
- ◆ Civil Engineering
- ◆ Engineering
- ◆ Financial Services
- ◆ Information Technology: Hardware/System Support
- ◆ Information Technology: Software Development
- ◆ Social Services and Healthcare
- ◆ Social Services: Children and Young People

## Who delivers them/where can I complete a Foundation Apprenticeship?

Currently, colleges are delivering Foundation Apprenticeships in partnership with schools and employers. Speak to your local school or college to find out more.

## Who can complete a Foundation Apprenticeship?

Learners in 5th and 6th year at school can undertake a Foundation Apprenticeship. Your school will be able to advise on what arrangements it has in place with colleges and employers.

## Will I receive a certificate?

Yes, as long as you have completed and been resultted for all the required elements you will receive a Foundation Apprenticeship certificate. If you complete part of the Foundation Apprenticeship, you will receive a certificate listing all the results you have achieved during your apprenticeship.

When you receive your certificate depends on when your results are sent to SQA.

## Where can I find more information about Apprenticeships?

To find out more information about Foundation Apprenticeships, please visit:

- ◆ SDS Apprenticeships website: <http://www.apprenticeships.scot/become-an-apprentice/foundation-apprenticeships/>,
- ◆ SDS website: <https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/what-we-do/our-products/foundation-apprenticeships/>