



YOUR INVITATION TO...

**BECOME PART OF THE CPD STANDARDS COMMUNITY &
PROFESSIONALLY RECOGNISE YOUR**

APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME



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ACCREDITING APPRENTICESHIPS



Recent changes to the UK education system have seen the UK government invest and improve apprenticeships. With many more subjects available, and employers investing more, they have become a viable qualification option for anyone at any stage of their career.

What are Apprenticeships?

An apprenticeship is a system of training a new generation of practitioners of a trade or profession with on-the-job training and often some accompanying study. Apprenticeships also enable practitioners to gain a license to practice in a regulated profession.

From an aerospace engineer to a youth worker, there are now over 100 different apprenticeship subjects to choose from. In terms of complexity, these vary from level 2 to level 7 on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF – the national education levels) and are generally classified as intermediate, advanced, higher or degree level training.





PROVIDERS OF APPRENTICESHIPS

Various organisations offer apprenticeships, and the recent Government changes have seen many colleges and private training providers begin to offer them as part of their service provision.

As the provider of apprenticeships, the training provider has a key role to play in providing off-the-job training and assessing an individuals progress.

They work closely with the employer to ensure that the right resources are in place, regular reviews are scheduled and opportunities are put into practice so that off-the-job learning can achieve all of the requirements of the apprenticeship.



ACCREDITING APPRENTICESHIPS FOR CPD

As well as achieving a qualification, increasing numbers of individuals are undertaking apprenticeships for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) or lifelong learning purposes.

Over 5 million individuals in the UK undertake CPD per annum as part of their professional commitments – which is approximately 15% of the workforce.

Hence accrediting apprenticeships for CPD purposes exponentially increases the sales opportunities available.

Independent CPD Standards accreditation also strengthens reputation and brand by demonstrating independent 3rd party verification and approval.



OUR CPD COMMUNITY

WE ARE FOCUSED ON RAISING STANDARDS AND
MAKING CPD EASIER AND MORE SUCCESSFUL

The CPD Standards Office is part of the Professional Development Consortium. By working with providers to enable positive and successful CPD activities, our mission is to raise the standard of CPD.

Our CPD community is formed of a growing number of training providers, employers, universities, professional bodies, institutes and regulators.

By joining the CPD Standards Office, you will become part of the CPD community and benefit from:

- Building your reputation as a high quality CPD provider by using the CPD Standards Office accredited marks, certificates and website listing.
- Attending our CPD best practice events and benefit from meeting key organisations within your sector or industry
- Increasing sales and profit margins by attracting professionals and organisations that are purchasing apprenticeship training, that ALSO meets CPD requirements from professional institutes and regulators.

Our Authoritative and Educational Remit

CPD is not governed or regulated as a professional practice; instead there are professional bodies, institutes and regulators that are present in all sectors and disciplines, with over 2000 in the UK alone. These organisations mandate the CPD requirements for their specific sector, discipline or practice.

Our CPD research has consulted with over several hundred professional bodies, regulators, trade and membership organisations and as a result we are highly respected within our area of expertise.

To ensure transparency, the CPD Standards Office is steered by an Expert Advisory Board comprising of CPD experts, academics, professional bodies and employers.

CPD Standards & Apprenticeships

The CPD Standards Office is the only CPD authority to work at Government level to accredit apprenticeships. Part of the All Party Political Group for Skills and Education, we continually campaign for excellence in lifelong learning.



Find Out More & Get involved...

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