

# Choosing Vocational Qualifications

## Apprenticeships

Can study from level 1 to level 7

Must be a min. of 12 months long

20% off your time is off the job to study.

There are a wide range of roles available

You are entitled to a minimum wage (£4.81/hr) and paid holidays. You may have to pay tax and national insurance.

Securing an apprenticeship isn't easy!  
You are applying for a job and employers don't have to recruit or create a vacancy for you.



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## Apprenticeships

Using the Digital Prospectus can you find the answers to the following questions?

Q1. What levels of apprenticeships are available?

Q2. Where can you find and apply for apprenticeships?

Q3. If you have difficulty successfully interviewing for an apprenticeship what support is available to you?

Q4. How might a Traineeship prepare you for an apprenticeship?

**Q** What do you think employers look for when hiring an apprentice?



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## VTQs

Stands for  
"Vocational  
Training and  
Qualifications"

Can be studied  
with A-levels

Usually  
incorporate a  
period of work  
experience or  
applied learning

There are more than 12,000 vocational qualifications available at level 3 and below including BTECs and NVQs.

Usually assessed in modules by a range of short tests, projects, practical demonstrations and coursework



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## VTQs

Using the Digital Prospectus can you find the answers to the following questions?

Q1. How many different types of vocational qualifications can you name?

Q2. What is the main difference between a VTQ and an A-level?

Q3. Which providers in Stockport offer VTQs?

Q4. How would you decide if VTQs were a good choice for your next steps?

**Q** What is the difference between an entry level, level 1 and level 2 course?



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# Consider

Are there any additional **costs** involved - equipment, uniform, trips etc.

Can they offer the support you need?

Transport - how will you get to and from your provider?

How do you make an application?  
What are the closing dates?  
Do they offer the courses you want?



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