

Factsheet 1

Active Leisure and Learning

National Apprenticeship Service

Overview

This Apprenticeship contains pathways that cover many aspects of sport and leisure, from professional sport/exercise instruction to play work. Currently there are 576,000 people within the UK in paid employment within this sector, England counts for 83% of this total. This sector has 230,708 organisations throughout the UK in public, private and voluntary organisations, and over the next 10 years it is predicted that the sector will grow faster than the economy as a whole. It is forecast that by 2014, employment levels in England will have increased by 100,000 an increase of 21%.

There is a high proportion of women and young people aged 16-24 however, few people under 18 years will be employed due to regulatory requirements.

Starting salary (once qualified) range from £12,000 - £14,000 (Level 2)
£15,000 - £18,000 (Level 3).

What is an Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a mix of real work and learning. Apprentices earn a wage and get experience whilst working towards a number of qualifications. An Apprenticeship follows a Level 2 programme and can lead onto an Advanced Apprenticeship which is a Level 3 programme.

Example Job Roles as an Apprentice

- Fitness Instructor
- Outdoor Activities Instructor
- Leisure Centre Manager
- Event Steward
- Coach
- Sports Development Officer
- Play Worker

Apprenticeship Framework

There are a number of elements to each Apprenticeship and this is called the framework. Each Apprenticeship framework has three main strands:

- competence based element
- technical element
- skills element

The three strands are sometimes accompanied by additional qualifications to give the most relevant skills and knowledge required for the job.

Competence Element

Apprenticeship – NVQ Level 2 in chosen route

Advanced – NVQ Level 3 in chosen route

Technical Element

None required for completion of the framework

Skills Element

Apprenticeship –

Communication Level 1

Application of Number Level 1

Advanced –

Communication Level 2

Application of Number Level 2

Other Additional Study

Employment Rights and Responsibilities

Apprenticeships Available

- Apprenticeship ✓
- Advanced Apprenticeship ✓
- Higher Apprenticeship X

Progression Routes

- Advanced Apprenticeship

Options within the Framework

- Coaching teaching and instruction
- Stewarding
- Treatment and management of injury in football
- Working in outdoor activities
- Managing sports volunteers
- Play work
- Customer care for active leisure

Already Employed?

Are you currently employed but not working towards qualifications? Speak to your employer about converting to an Apprenticeship and ask them to call 08000 150 600 for more information.

For more Information and to Apply

Visit:

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

www.skillsactive.com

If you require further advice or support on Apprenticeships please contact your local Connexions or Careers Advice Service.