
Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers

Information for Employers

Introduction

The **Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers** celebrates England's outstanding apprenticeship employers, showcasing those that have done the most to provide apprenticeship opportunities over the past 12 months.

And the **Top 50 SME Apprenticeship Employers** features small and medium-sized employers from across the country that offer successful apprenticeship programmes.

First compiled in 2020, the prestigious annual employer rankings have been developed by the Department of Education, in partnership with High Fliers Research, who independently assess and rank the nation's top apprenticeship employers.

Why enter in 2024?

Employers, large and small, will be recognised for their commitment to creating new apprenticeships, the diversity of their apprentices, and the number of apprentices who successfully achieve their apprenticeships.

The new Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers and Top 50 SME Apprenticeship Employers for 2024 will be announced in the summer during a special live TV programme – and employers featured in the rankings will attend a celebration lunch at the House of Commons in the autumn.

Who should enter?

Apprenticeship employers in every industry and employment sector – from engineering, manufacturing and technology, to accounting & professional services, health & social care and retailing – are invited to enter for this year's rankings..

There are two entry categories:

- larger employers (for organisations with more than 250 employees, that employ a minimum of 25 apprentices in England)
- SME employers (for small & medium sized organisations with 10-249 employees, that employ a minimum of 3 apprentices in England)

How to enter

Entries are free and the entry form has been specifically designed to be simple and straightforward for employers to complete.

Enter online at:

www.topapprenticeshipemployers.co.uk

The closing date for entries is **12th April 2024**.

Completing your entry

You will need to provide the following details about your apprenticeships in your entry:

- the number of apprentices who started an apprenticeship in the last 12 months (including those recruited externally and existing employees or apprentices), at all levels of apprenticeships from level 2 to level 7
- the diversity of these apprentices who began new apprenticeships in the past year (including apprentices' gender, ethnicity, age and learning difficulties & disabilities)
- how many apprentices successfully achieved an apprenticeship in the last 12 months, by completing all the requirements of their apprenticeship and passing the End-Point Assessment (EPA); and the number of apprentices who withdrew from an apprenticeship in the past year

You will also be asked about the total number of employees in England at your organisation, the number of apprentices who are currently on apprenticeships, and your Companies House registration number.

Once your entry has been submitted, you will take part in a follow-up data check by email or telephone to confirm the information.

Your data will then be independently verified, assessed and weighted according to the size of the your workforce, to compile the final rankings.

Help with your entry

Take a look at the FAQs on the Top 100 entry website for more information. You can email us at entries@topapprenticeshipemployers.co.uk or call the entry helpline on **08000 073 100** from Monday to Friday 10.00am-4.30pm.