

## Apprenticeships team

**Update: December 2025**

### Updates to Frameworks/Pathways/Qualifications

**L4 Digital Marketing & Social Media** has been updated with a new Agored qualification (replacing City & Guilds)

**L2: Nursing Assistants in a Veterinary Environment:** Central Qualifications has updated their Level 2 Diploma for Veterinary Nursing Assistants (small animals). It now has a new number and title: C00/4653/1 CQ Level 2 Diploma for Veterinary Nursing Assistants - Small Animal

**L4 Higher Apprenticeship in Housing** has been added – qualifications are the CIH Certificate in Housing (competence) and the City & Guilds Diploma in Leadership and Management (knowledge)

**L3 Supporting Teaching and Learning in Physical Education and School Sport**  
Qualification added

**L3 Cultural Heritage** has been removed from the **Cultural Heritage** pathway (L5 remains)

**Healthcare** a back-office system error had resulted in some display problems/ misalignment of qualifications. These issues have been resolved:

- **L3 FutureQuals Diploma in Ambulance Emergency Care and Urgent Care Support** is now displayed correctly in the Associate Ambulance Practitioner Framework

- **L3 City & Guilds Diploma in Dental Nursing** is now correctly displayed in the Dental Nursing Framework
- **L3 Diploma in Clinical Healthcare Support** in Wales and **L3 Diploma in Primary Healthcare Support in Wales** - correct qualification numbers have been reinstated for both
- **L2 and L3 Medical Administration**. **New** pathway has been published but Medr are currently working on the funding band.

## Reviews

Initial work being carried out for the following with setting up of steering groups imminent:

- Automotive
- Agriculture
- Energy

Ongoing work taking place on:

- Engineering
- Building Services
- Construction
- Digital
- Creative
- Playwork and Supporting Teaching & Learning (separate groups)

## New Apprenticeship Programme (from 2027)

Our consultation closed on 31 October. Alongside the online survey, we also held 5 engagement events of which 3 were online and 2 were in person (one held in the north and held in the south). Over this period we engaged with 335 cross sector stakeholders and received a total 82 written responses to our online survey. We are currently collating the feedback and will be able to share this in the New Year.

We value the comments and thoughts that were shared with us across all methods and thank you for your participation.

## Micro Credentials Pilot

A WBL allocation of **£272,559.47** will be allocated to Apprenticeship Contract Holders (ACH) for the delivery of short Micro Credential courses to existing apprentices. The course list has been aligned to the Personal Learning Account (PLA) programme and has been developed following consultation with the ACH, industry bodies and key stakeholders. The allocations have been agreed following an expression of interest process as implemented by Medr.

Full details can be seen on our [website](#).