

## Apprenticeships team

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### Framework updates

Qualification added to [Social Media and Digital Marketing](#):

- Level 4- Certificate in Professional and Digital Marketing C00/5080/4 610/4077/0 Chartered Institute of Marketing

Qualifications added to [Hair and Beauty](#):

- Level 2 Diploma for Hair Professionals - Barbering 610/5932/8 C00/5256/2 VTCT Skills
- Level 3 Diploma for Advanced and Creative Hair Professionals 610/5933/X C00/5256/3 VTCT Skills

### Level 2: Construction Pathways

Following engagement with apprenticeship providers, industry and learners, Level 2 apprenticeship pathways in bricklaying, site carpentry, scaffolding and building maintenance will be available later this year. The apprenticeship courses are being introduced by Medr following funding from Welsh Government.

## Apprenticeship Programme in Wales Consultation

The full consultation responses document will be published on the [Medr website](#) at the end of February. A high level summary of the responses will also be published alongside this.

## Apprenticeship Framework Sector Names

The number and naming of sectors was considered as part of the above consultation. Acknowledging the comments we received, we will reduce the number of sectors from 23 to 18. This does not mean we are losing any sectors, just combining some.

From April 2027, the sectors will be:

- Health, Social and Child Care
- Engineering
- Manufacturing
- Creative, Design and Media
- Management, Business and Retail Services
- Public and Protective Services
- Education and Early Years
- Catering and Hospitality
- Construction and the Built Environment
- Legal, Finance and Accounting
- Digital
- Hair and Beauty
- Agriculture, Environmental and Animal care
- Transport, Automotive and Logistics
- Science and Energy
- Food and Drink
- Property Services
- Sport and Leisure

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