

Apprenticeships team

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Framework / pathway updates

Levels 2, 3, 4 and 5 apprenticeships – Qualifications ADDED

Hair and Beauty

Qualification	Awarding Body	Competence, Knowledge or Combined
L3 Certificate in Access to Aesthetic Therapies	VTCT Skills (ITEC)	Combined
L3 Certificate in Facial Electrotherapy	VTCT Skills	Combined
L4 Certificate in Advanced Aesthetic Therapies for Skin Rejuvenation	VTCT Skills	Combined

Healthcare

Qualification	Awarding Body	Competence, Knowledge or Combined
L3 Diploma in Blood Donation for Wales	Agored Cymru	Combined

Life Sciences

Qualification	Awarding Body	Competence, Knowledge or Combined
L4 NVQ Diploma in Laboratory and Associated Technical Activities	GQA	Competence
BTEC L4 Higher National Certificate in Applied Sciences	Pearson	Knowledge

Engineering

Qualification	Awarding Body	Competence, Knowledge or Combined
L4 NVQ Diploma in Engineering Manufacture	EAL	Competence

Education and Information Services

Qualification	Awarding Body	Competence, Knowledge or Combined
L3 NVQ Diploma in Supporting the Delivery of Physical Education and School Sport (RQF)	Focus Awards	Combined
L3 Diploma in Developing Health and Wellbeing	Agored Cymru	Combined
L4 Diploma in Leading Health and Wellbeing	Agored Cymru	Combined

Automotive, Transport and Logistics

Qualification	Awarding Body	Competence, Knowledge or Combined
Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Parts Principles	City & Guilds	Knowledge

Digital Technology

Qualification	Awarding Body	Competence, Knowledge or Combined
BTEC L3 Diploma in Professional Competence for IT and Telecoms Professionals (Wales)	Pearson	Competence
L2 Diploma in Digital Skills for Business	Agored Cymru	Combined
L3 Diploma in Digital Skills for Business	Agored Cymru	Combined

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Travel, Tourism and Leisure

Qualification	Awarding Body	Competence, Knowledge or Combined
L3 Award in Supporting Pre and Postnatal Clients with Exercise and Nutrition	ActiveIQ	Combined
L2 Certificate in Group Training	ActiveIQ	Combined
L2 NVQ Certificate in Activity Leadership	ActiveIQ	Combined
L2 Certificate In Leisure Operations	ActiveIQ	Combined
L2 NVQ Certificate in Active Leisure, Learning and Well-being Operational Services	ActiveIQ	Combined
L2 Certificate in Gym Instructing	ActiveIQ	Combined
Level 2 Award in Instructing Water-based Exercise	ActiveIQ	Combined

Construction / Building Services * NEW * (Update following consultation)

Building Services

New Level 2 apprenticeship frameworks are now available within the construction sector. The new pathways are available in Level 2 bricklaying and site carpentry and Level 3 floorcovering and refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pumps. Please note:

- Existing Level 3 apprenticeship frameworks in bricklaying and site carpentry will be withdrawn on 31 October 2026.
- New level 3 apprenticeships pathways in craft bricklaying and craft site carpentry will be introduced in August 2027, offering progression opportunities for those

learners who successfully complete one of the new Level 2 foundation apprenticeships in these occupations.

- New foundation apprenticeships in building improvement operations and in scaffolding are currently in development and will be available early 2027.

Construction Level 2 *interim* funding bands:

- LP66 code for Bricklaying level 2 is COB02 Band 9 duration 24 months
- LP66 code for Site Carpentry level 2 is CSC02 Band 9 duration 24 months

Apprenticeship Programme in Wales: Grant Application Information

The purpose of the Apprenticeship Programme is to secure high-quality apprenticeship provision that meets the current and future needs of learners, employers and the Welsh economy. The new programme, commencing 1st August 2027, has been designed to support providers that can demonstrate the organisational capability, leadership, financial resilience and delivery capacity necessary to operate as strategic partners within Wales' tertiary education system.

The grant-funded Apprenticeship Programme is structured around three delivery strands. Providers will need to apply separately for each of the three strands of the programme:

- **Strand 1** – Core Apprenticeship Programme – delivery of frameworks leading to regulated qualifications at levels 2-5.
- **Strand 2** – Degree Apprenticeship Programme – delivery of frameworks leading to degrees at level 6 awarded by universities.
- **Strand 3** – Supported Apprenticeship Programme (Supported Apprenticeships provide enhanced support for apprentices with complex employment and learning needs, enabling them to successfully complete their apprenticeship.)

Deadline and more information

The deadlines for applications are:

- Stage 1 – 02 October 2026
- Stage 2 – 31 December 2026

Full details can be found on the [Medr website](#). The programme requirements are set out together with the application process and assessment arrangements. Guidance documents are also provided. Additionally an FAQ will be set up on the Medr website which will be updated on an ongoing basis to address any further queries that new or prospective providers may have.

“Light Touch Review” of the Food and Drink Apprenticeship Framework

The review was commissioned by Medr in June 2026. FDQ were invited to carry out a brief review.

Review: <https://www.medr.cymru/en/apprenticeships/#lighttouch>

Please email apprenticeships@medr.cymru with any feedback related to this report by 16 October 2026.

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