

Factsheet 27

Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

National Apprenticeship Service

Overview

The Retail Motor Industry is a large and complex sector of the UK economy. It employs approximately 3% of the national workforce equating to around 500,000 people. Approximately 80% of the sector are male. 15% of the workforce are self employed and 85% work full-time.

This diverse industry includes all aspects of the sales, servicing and the maintenance and repair of motor vehicles. Not including the manufacturing of motor vehicles.

This Apprenticeship deals with the repair and maintenance of all types of vehicles, from small motorcycles to lorries. There are more than 32 million vehicles on the UK's roads, which means lots of opportunity for motor vehicle technicians to keep them roadworthy.

Vehicle repair is challenging, hands-on work – every vehicle will present a new problem to solve. You will need good communication skills in order to explain everything clearly to the customer.

Starting salary (once qualified):
£13,000 - £15,000.

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

You will need to be employed in a garage setting in order to achieve the qualification.

Some examples are;

- Vehicle Body Repair Centre
- Independent Garage
- Working alongside a mobile specialist
- Dealership
- Independent Trader

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 Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (chosen Route – see options)

Advanced – NVQ Level 3 Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (chosen Route – see options)

Technical Element

Apprenticeship –
Level 2 Award matched to route

Advanced –
Level 3 Award matched to route

Skills Element

Apprenticeship –
Communication Level 1
Application of Number Level 1

Advanced –
Communication Level 2
Application of Number Level 2
Information Technology Level 1

Other Additional Study

Employment Rights and Responsibilities

Apprenticeships Available

- Apprenticeship ✓
- Advanced Apprenticeship ✓
- Higher Apprenticeship X

Progression Routes

- Advanced Apprenticeship
- Further and Higher Education
- Self Employment
- Leadership and Management

Options within the Framework

Route A – NVQ Level 2 /3 – Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Light Vehicle)

Route B – NVQ Level 2/3 – Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Heavy Vehicle)

Route C – NVQ Level 2/3 – Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Auto-electrical)

Route D – NVQ Level 2/3 – Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Motorcycle)

Route E – NVQ Level 2/3 – Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Mobile Electronics and Security)

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.motor.org.uk

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