

Degree Apprenticeships

AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE
INTO HIGHER EDUCATION

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Introduction



About me

- Studied at Nonsuch High School from 2020 – 2022
- Economics, Chemistry and Maths at A-Level
- Started at Deloitte Consulting in September 2022 based in their London office
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01 What is it?

What are apprenticeships?

Levels of qualifications:

- **Intermediate Level (L2):** Equivalent to 5 GCSE passes, provides foundational skills and knowledge
- **Advanced Level (L3):** Equivalent to 2 A-Level passes, offers more advanced skills and knowledge
- **Higher Level (L4-7):** Equivalent to a foundation degree and above, provides higher education qualifications in various fields
 - Gain an Undergraduate or Master's degree while getting industry experience
 - Your degree is fully paid for by your employer and the government
 - They typically last 3 to 6 years, depending on if you're working towards a Bachelors or Masters degree
 - All apprentices earn a salary as you would if you were coming onto a grad scheme after uni!



Is it for you?



Ask yourselves the following questions:

Do you know what
you want to do
post university?

Does your industry offer
apprenticeships or is it an
industry that requires
getting degree at a
university?

Are you someone who
learns better by doing
and are you keen to enter
the world of work?

Industries that offer them

Industries that offer a degree apprenticeships:

- Business and Administration: e.g. Chartered Manager
- Childcare and Education
- Construction: e.g. Civil Engineer
- Creative and Design
- Digital Technologies - e.g. Digital and Tech. Solutions, Project Management
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Health and Science
- Law
- Finance and Accounting
- Public Sector

Companies that offer a degree apprenticeships:

- Big 4: Deloitte, PwC, EY, KPMG
- Nestlé
- Skanska Construction
- Vodafone
- IBM
- Google
- Amazon
- Jaguar Land Rover
- Aldi
- Santander, Lloyds, Bank of England, Goldman Sachs
- HMRC

And many more...

02 How to do it?

The Application Process

- Companies recruit on a rolling basis so don't wait until their proposed deadline to apply as it is very likely the position will get filled up
- Applications start opening up around October but each company has a different date for when they start recruiting
- There is no set process for applications so make sure to do your research for the companies you would like to apply to

The Deloitte Application Process



Apply Online

It takes about 15 minutes to submit your application.

You need to answer questions about you, your education and your experience.

(Can involve submitting your CV)



Immersive Online Assessment

You'll look at hypothetical work scenarios and rank your responses from your most likely to least likely actions.

You'll also be asked about your preferred working style and take part in some ability tests (numerical, verbal, critical and for some, abstract reasoning).

This part takes around 45 minutes



Job Simulation

You'll answer questions across formats that includes writing, video, multiple choice and ranking.

Each questions related to the type of work you might to, giving you an opportunity to get an idea to what your work would involve and whether you would enjoy it.

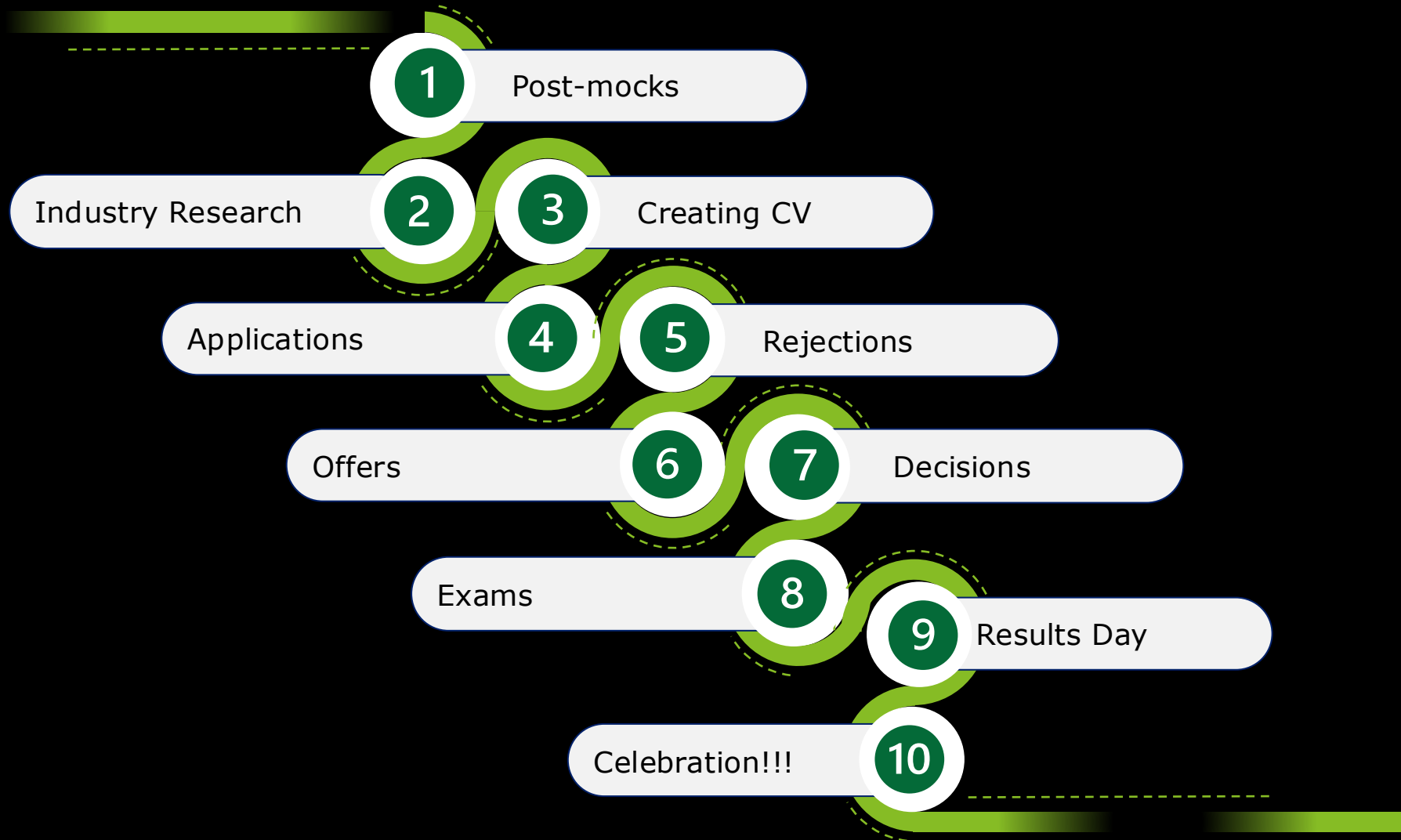


Final Stage Assessment

The final stage is a virtual assessment centre where you'll meet other candidates and get involved in individual and group exercises. You will also meet the hiring managers from the business area you've applied to.

03 Why I did it

My Journey



My experience so far

- I was quite nervous before starting so I didn't know what to expect -> had 3 weeks of onboarding with loads of fun events
- Everyone I worked with has been very supportive and willing to help, they understand that I didn't have much experience prior to joining
- There are many events to get to know people
- I have found friends for life – an experience I was worried I would miss out on by not going to university

Interested in Applying?

Top tips

For the application process:

- There are many resources online that provide support for the Maths and English tests
- Do research on the company that you're doing interviews for – do some interview practice!
- Talk to anybody you may know in a similar role/industry – if you don't know anyone, find someone on LinkedIn. More often than not, people are happy to help!

Helpful Websites

For the application process:

- [UK Gov's apprenticeships website](#)
- [ratemyapprenticeships.co.uk](https://www.ratemyapprenticeships.co.uk)
- Company websites
- Student Room
- [UCAS website](#)
- [Top 100 apprenticeship employers](#)
- [Indeed](#)
- [Glassdoor](#)

Thanks for listening

Do you have any questions?

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