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GETTING STRAIGHT  
INTO WORK

# WHAT ARE MY POST-18 OPTIONS?

EARN A WAGE, TRY OUT A JOB AND  
START NETWORKING.

YOU COULD EVEN GET THE SKILLS TO:

## An Internship

is a period of work experience where  
you can try out a job and get to  
know an industry. This could be  
between  
1 week to 1 year

## Get a Kickstart

Get a 6 month paid Kickstart job  
with a local employer funded by  
the Government.

## Start a business

Becoming an entrepreneur  
can be exciting, but think carefully  
about your ideas and make a  
solid business plan.

## Get a job

Get straight into the working  
world to start earning.  
You'll need an up-to-date CV and  
cover letter.

Have a look on:

[https://nationalcareers.](https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/)

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COMBINE WORK AND STUDY

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IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AND GET WORK EXPERIENCE. SOME OPTIONS ALLOW YOU TO EARN WHILE YOU LEARN. SPEND TIME IN A REAL WORK PLACE WHILE WORKING TOWARDS A QUALIFICATION THAT EMPLOYERS NEED.

### Supported Internships

Are for young people with learning difficulties or learning disabilities, who need extra support to get a job.  
Minimum of 6 months.

### School Leavers Schemes

A chance to learn and train with a large company while earning a wage. Offered in sectors like accountancy, engineering, finance, IT, law, leisure and retail.  
3 to 7 years.

### Traineeships

A course that includes a work placement that will get you ready for an apprenticeship or a job. You'll get work experience and some help to apply for your next steps.  
6 weeks to 1 year.

### Apprenticeships

You'll get training that is relevant to your job and be paid a salary. Start at a level to suit you, with support if you have special needs or a disability.  
Minimum of 1 year.

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CONTINUING YOUR  
STUDIES

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YOU MAY NEED TO IMPROVE YOUR RESULTS BEFORE TAKING YOUR NEXT STEPS. YOU COULD DO A COURSE THAT GIVES YOU TIME TO EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS OR GET A WORK-RELATED QUALIFICATION.

IF YOU WANT TO MOVE ON TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF LEARNING, YOU COULD STUDY AT A UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (IoT) OR A NATIONAL COLLEGE. YOU COULD ALSO:

## Retake Exams

If you didn't get the results you wanted, you can resit some of your courses or sign up for some new qualifications.

## 1 year funded course for ages 18 to 19

If you can't access work or work-based training in September 2020, you can take a free course to gain work related or technical skills needed by employers.

## Higher technical skills courses

Learn the higher level skills that employers want in sectors like finance, engineering, management and scientific jobs on a classroom-taught course.

## University degree

An academic course that's usually studied at a higher education institution. Learn through lectures, seminars, group projects and independent study. There's funding available to support you and you can study full or part-time.

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