 Apprenticeships

Our Higher Apprenticeship schemes will give you experience of a wide variety of technology and the innovative ways we use it to provide intelligence to our customers. It's a unique opportunity to develop advanced skills, while helping us to build on our technical capability. You'll learn while you earn, gain a recognised qualification and build your experience and confidence in the workplace.

UK national security and economic performance can be undermined by cyber criminals, who target government networks and key organisations like power companies. The hunt is on for the next generation of code-breakers who can use their IT skills to help safeguard the UK’s national and economic security.

The Higher Apprenticeship scheme aims to attract a wide range of applicants – not just university graduates, as has been the case before. People with science, technology and engineering qualifications at college level are eligible to apply. It is also hoped that people with technical IT skills, gaming experience, and social networking know-how gained from home can also bring skills to the scheme.

On these Apprenticeships in British Intelligence you will study for:

* **a two-year foundation degree in Communications Systems, Security and Computing**
* **a Level 4 diploma in IT, Software, Web and Telecommunications Professional Competence.**

You’ll be working mainly at GCHQ in Cheltenham, one of the UK’s three Intelligence Agencies. Some trainees may go on to work for one of the other two Agencies: the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) or the Security Service (MI5). Whilst training, you’ll be on a wage of over £17,000.

If you have an analytical mind, and want to lead the fight against cyber-crime, visit the GCHQ website to find out more and apply for the scheme.

If you’re looking for other jobs where you could use your observational and investigative skills to fight crime, why not take a look at these job profiles?

* [Criminal intelligence analyst](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobprofiles/Pages/criminalintelligenceanalyst.aspx)
* [Fingerprint officer](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobprofiles/Pages/fingerprintofficer.aspx)
* [Forensic computer analyst](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobprofiles/Pages/forensiccomputeranalyst.aspx)
* [Scenes of crime officer](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobprofiles/Pages/scenesofcrimeofficer.aspx)