

Get your wings



Rewarding careers for exceptional people

What is an apprentice?

Being an Oil and Gas Technical Apprentice gives you the opportunity to gain a recognised qualification combined with practical work experience with some of the most innovative oil and gas companies.

As an apprentice you will:

- Study towards a related qualification
- Work alongside experienced staff
- Gain job-specific skills
- Earn while you learn

About the programme

The Oil and Gas Technical Apprentice Programme is managed by OPITO, the skills organisation for oil and gas, and the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB).

The programme is supported by a number of oil and gas operators and contractor companies, and following your time at college, you will commence a two year work placement with one of our sponsoring companies for on-the-job training.

OPITO manage the scheme on behalf of the operating companies – these are companies who own oil and gas installations and produce the oil and gas.

ECITB manage the scheme on behalf of the contracting companies – these are companies who provide a service to the operators. This includes staff, so although you may be employed by a contractor, you could still end up working at an operator's platform or gas plant.

You will be supported by OPITO or the ECITB during your training and will be appointed a mentor to guide and assist you throughout the programme.



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WHERE TECHNICIANS ARE MADE

A choice of career paths

The Oil and Gas Technical Apprentice Programme is a 3 year, 9 month scheme and is split into two stages. Apprentices spend time both at college and at one of our sponsoring companies, where you will receive expert on-the-job training.

As an Oil and Gas Technical Apprentice you can be sure of a varied career.

There are four paths to choose from:

Instrument and Control Maintenance

Instrument and Control maintenance apprentices will learn to regulate and maintain measurement systems for oil and gas flow, level, pressure and temperature. You will also be responsible for electronic and pneumatic process control systems and safety systems.

Mechanical Maintenance

Mechanical Maintenance apprentices will learn to look after valves, pumps and transmission systems. You will also be responsible for prime mover machinery such as high capacity diesel engines and gas turbines.

Electrical Maintenance

Electrical Maintenance apprentices look after high voltage power generation and distribution systems, as well as motors, control systems and electrical equipment specially designed for use in demanding offshore environments.

Process Operations

A Process Operations apprentice will learn how to start up, control, monitor and shut down oil and gas production processes, both manually and using computerised distribution control systems. You will be responsible for maintaining safe operations and achieving production targets.

Following the college phase, you will have the opportunity to put your knowledge into practice during your 2 years of on-the-job training with one of our sponsoring UK based oil and gas organisations. You will be mentored alongside experienced staff, gaining industry specific skills as well as an SVQ Level 3 in your chosen discipline.

You can enjoy even more diversity by developing your skills further to become a multi-skilled technician. Whatever your role, you'll be working as a valuable part of a bigger team to get the job done. There are lots of opportunities to progress and you'll enjoy the rewards that go with it.

Training at one of our approved colleges/centres

You will attend college for 21 months, where the following qualifications will be attained:

- SVQ Level 2 (Performing Engineering Operation)
- National Certificate (mixed discipline)
- Higher National Certificate (chosen discipline)
- OPITO Global Foundation Training Certificate: Introduction to Oil and Gas processing
- OPITO Global Level 1 Training Certificate: Basic Oil and Gas Processing
- OPITO Global Level 2 Training Certificate: Oil and Gas Processing

Salary

Being an Oil and Gas Technical Apprentice allows you to earn while you learn.

An apprentice salary increases and varies as you go through your training, Below is a rough guide:

Whilst in college you will be paid in line with government national minimum wages for apprenticeships, which is age regulated.

The salary when you move to on-the-job training will vary depending on the position you are assigned:

Therefore your salary will be:-

Year 1 - £14,275

Year 2 - £16,755

However if you are placed offshore you will receive an on benefit bearing allowance of £4,780

Please note these are approximate figures and not confirmed salaries.



Want to apply?

Are you eligible for the Oil and Gas Technical Apprentice Programme?

Training is open to any well motivated person from any background that can fulfil the following criteria:

Applicants must be a UK resident and aged 16 before May of that years intake, there is no upper age limit.

In order to apply, you must have obtained the following grades or equivalent, depending on whether you have studied in England, Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland.



England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Four GCSE (or equivalent) Grades A or B:

- Mathematics
- English Language
- Double Science or one from Physics, Chemistry or an appropriate Technological subject
- One other subject

We will also consider your application if you do not have Double Science, Physics, Chemistry or Technological Subject requirements but do have the following:

- Mathematics at GCSE Grade A or AS at Grade C or above
- English Language at GCSE B or above
- Two other GCSE subjects at Grade B or above

Scotland

Four National 5 Grades A - C or equivalent

- Mathematics
- English
- Physics, Chemistry or Engineering Science
- One other subject

We will also consider your application if you do not have Physics, Chemistry or Engineering Science but do have:

- Mathematics Higher at Grade C or above
- English at National 5 Grade C or above
- Two other subjects at National 5 Grade C or above

The application process opens in January/February each year, to register your interest visit www.ogtap.co.uk