

[News story: National Apprenticeship Awards 2017 national finalists announced](#)

Employers and individuals have beaten off tough competition to be named a national finalist and on 18 January 2018, one from each category will win a National Apprenticeship Award, with highly commended finalists also being recognised on the night.

Now in their 14th year, the [National Apprenticeship Awards](#) demonstrate how employers can grow their own talent by offering apprenticeships and how apprentices are making a significant contribution to their workplace.

Successful National Apprenticeship Awards 2017 national finalists have been announced in the following categories:

Intermediate Apprentice of the Year

- Shannon Green, Althams Travel Services Ltd
- Matthew Gustard, Nottingham City Homes Limited
- Ross Jasper, DCH

Advanced Apprentice of the Year

- Heeran Basi, Severn Trent Water Ltd
- Hannah Magowan, Dale Power Solutions
- Megan Whitbread, Troup Bywaters & Anders

The Nuclear Decommissioning Site Licence Companies Award for the Higher or Degree Apprentice of the Year

- Christopher Achiampong, IBM
- Charlotte Hughes, GlaxoSmithKline
- Thomas Sherlock, IBM

Santander Award for Apprenticeship Champion of the Year

- Sarah Barley, South Hunsley School
- Julie Honour-Jones, Sir John Lawes School
- Lois McClure, The Co-op

Small Employer of the Year

- Beauty Oasis Spa
- Ginger Nut Media
- McCarrick Construction

Medium Employer of the Year

- Invotra Limited
- Maycast-Nokes Precision Engineering Ltd
- Superior Seals Ltd

The British Army Award for Large Employer of the Year

- Dale Power Solutions Ltd
- Home Group
- Volvo Group UK and Eire

The Open University Award for Macro Employer of the Year

- BBC
- Lloyds Banking Group
- Royal Air Force

BAE Systems Award for Newcomer SME of the Year

- Blue Logic
- Bury St Edmunds Canine Creche
- Lander Automotive Ltd

Rolls-Royce Award for Newcomer Large Employer of the Year

- Magnet
- NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT)
- YBS Group (Yorkshire Building Society)

Also to be announced at the national ceremony will be the Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers list 2017, sponsored by Centrica. It features the most exceptional apprenticeship employers from all of the National Apprenticeship Awards employer categories and shows the breadth of employers offering fantastic apprenticeship opportunities.

Sue Husband, Director of the National Apprenticeship Service said:

Announcing award finalists means we are another step closer to the national final and finding out who has a truly bright future ahead of them. Successful finalists all have fantastic stories to tell and their apprenticeship journey – be it as apprentices, employers or those individuals who go above and beyond to champion apprenticeships – is something I personally look forward to finding out more about and to hear how apprenticeships have benefitted them.

I congratulate everyone who has been named a national finalist today and whatever the outcome on the night, each finalist deserves a huge pat on the back for committing to and delivering successful apprenticeships.

Best of luck to all finalists and thanks once again to our generous sponsors for supporting the 2017 awards.

To find out more about the apprenticeship awards visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).