

# [Recognising our apprentices during National Apprenticeship Week 2021](#)

Last year we blogged about [why apprenticeships matter at DVLA](#) and the importance of supporting our apprentices with their personal development. As one of the largest employers in South Wales, with more than 6,000 people, apprentices can combine working with studying to gain skills in a specific role.



Nicole Powell

If you've ever wondered about a career in DVLA, now is the time to consider an apprenticeship. It's a fantastic opportunity to gain more qualifications or get new skills whilst in employment.

Apprenticeships give you the opportunity to gain nationally recognised qualifications in occupational areas and can help you achieve the job or position you would like in the future.

We currently have 92 apprentices across the agency studying towards a range of qualifications from foundation apprenticeships (level 2), apprenticeships (level 3) and higher apprenticeships (level 4, 5 and 6) in a wide range of professions from finance to administration, IT to communication, to nurses and doctors. All contributing to the long-term future of the agency.

**Learn what it's really like to become an apprentice**

## at DVLA

Hear some first-hand accounts from some of our current apprentices within our Information Technology Services (ITS).

Hallie Rees, recently completed a [level 3 apprentice in IT, software, web and telecoms](#). She applied for an apprenticeship after hearing about the fantastic career opportunities in DVLA:

An apprenticeship is the perfect starting point for someone who, like me, is ready to take that next step and get a full-time job.

The part I have enjoyed most about the apprenticeship, within ITS, was that I was able to move around different areas of DVLA. This allowed me to experience lots of different elements of the organisation to see what I'm good at and discover what I enjoy doing the most.

From my college work and the support from my colleagues and apprenticeship ambassadors, I have managed to secure a permanent full-time job in my current role as [an EUC engineer](#).

Without this apprenticeship, I wouldn't have known where to start. It's allowed me to develop the hands-on skills that are used in the business which has set me up for my future.

We're proud that our apprentices come from all walks of life and at different points in their career. The flexibility of apprenticeships means that it's never too late to change direction and pursue your dream career.

Cristian Vladut began his apprenticeship in L3 Diploma in ICT Professional Competence, after completing a master's degree in construction management.

I was looking for an opportunity to get hands-on experience solving problems involving computers, specifically in the software area. One might think it is unconventional to become an apprentice after finishing a master's degree. However, I put my trust in DVLA and Gower College Swansea and knew that I would be studying modules that would help me achieve my dream career – a software engineer.

The apprenticeship helped me to secure a permanent job, a safe environment and a place where I can grow and socialise with open minded people.

To find out more about apprenticeships visit: [www.apprenticehips.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticehips.gov.uk)

## Roles at DVLA

DVLA will support you in reaching your full potential, offering rewarding and challenging jobs, training plans and ongoing development opportunities.

If you're inspired by Hallie's experience, [we're recruiting for a Technical Infrastructure Engineer](#) to join our team. You'll be a key member of the team who has engineering skills and in-depth product knowledge. The closing date is Sunday 14 February.

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