

## Want to apply?

Are you eligible to apply for the Oil and Gas Technical Apprenticeship Programme?

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

All applicants must be domicile in the UK for the duration of the course and have the right to work in the UK to be eligible for the programme.

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

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



### England, Wales and Northern Ireland

**Mandatory:**  
Four GCSE (or equivalent) Grades A or B:

- Mathematics
- English Language

**Desirable:**  
• Double Science or Physics, Chemistry or another appropriate Technological subject  
• One other subject

### Scotland

**Mandatory:**  
Four National 5 Grades A - C or equivalent:

- Mathematics
- English

**Desirable:**  
• Physics, Chemistry or Engineering Science  
• One other subject

The application process will open early February – keep an eye on the OGTAP website for more information.

[www.ogtap.co.uk](http://www.ogtap.co.uk)



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For full details and to find out more about the Oil and Gas Technical Apprenticeship Programme check out the website or contact: [info@ogtap.co.uk](mailto:info@ogtap.co.uk)

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# 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 and work closely with peers
- Gain job-specific skills
- Earn while you learn

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.

# 96%

of apprentices are employed by a sponsoring company following successful completion of the programme

### About OGTA

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.

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.

Through a random selection process, apprentices will either be employed by OPITO or by one of ECITB's contractors.

## 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.

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.

### Instrument and Control Maintenance OPITO and ECITB

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 OPITO and ECITB

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 OPITO and ECITB

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 OPITO only

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.



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

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

- Performing Engineering Operation, SVQ Level 2
- National Certificate (mixed discipline)
- Higher National Certificate (chosen discipline)
- OPITO Global Level 2 Training Certificate: Oil and Gas Processing
- Basic Offshore Safety Induction and Emergency Training (BOSIET) with CA-EBS
- Minimum Industry Safety Training Standard (MIST)
- ISSOW/Gas Testing
- ECITB Safety Passports (For ECITB Apprentices only)

Your work placement will be either at an offshore installation or an onshore facility.

## Living away from home

If you don't live within commuting distance from either the North East Scotland College, Edinburgh College or Forth Valley College, you will be provided with accommodation, meals and transport. Living away from home for the first time can be daunting, but it is also a lot of fun. Check out the website for more hints and tips for living away from home for the first time.



## Salary

Being an Oil and Gas Technical Apprentice gives you the chance to earn while you learn.

An apprentice salary increases and varies as you go through your training.

For the first two years whilst in college you will be paid in line with the government national minimum wage for apprentices, which is age regulated.

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

Year 1 Worksite- £19,838  
Year 2 Worksite- £22,338

If you are placed offshore, you will receive a benefit bearing allowance of £4,780.

*Please note these are approximate figures at time of printing based on current salaries for 2023 and subject to change.*