

# Access to Apprenticeship Programme Information



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The **Access to Apprenticeship Programme** is for young people aged **16 to 24** who live in Dublin and face social or economic challenges.

This programme gives young people the chance to:

- **Explore different apprenticeships** in Construction, Engineering, Electrical, Motor, and Aviation industries
- **Learn employability skills**
- **Create an employment e-portfolio**
- **Complete two weeks of work experience**
- **Get Health & Safety training and a Safe Pass Certificate**

The goal of the programme is to help young people progress into an apprenticeship. The next course runs for **15 weeks starting September 2026**.

## Entry Requirements

To apply, young people must:

- Be **16–24 years old**
- Have at least **Grade D in 5 subjects in the Junior Certificate (or equivalent)**

[Minimum grade 40% - 54% (New Junior Cert) or grade D (Old Junior Cert)]

- Meet the **Access criteria**

## **Access Criteria**

1. Gross family income on or below €46,790
2. The young person/Parents/Guardians in receipt of:
  - (a) a means tested social welfare payment **OR**
  - (b) A medical card/GP visit card holder in
3. The young person:
  - (a) Attended a designated disadvantaged school (DEIS) **OR**
  - (b) Lives in an area of disadvantage. Verified using the Eircode for address **OR**
  - (c) Are or have been in the care of the state **OR**
  - (d) Parents/Guardians have not gone to college (higher education)

## **Programme Structure**

### **Weeks 1–10: Training and Preparation**

- Health & Safety (including Manual Handling, Working at Heights)
- Safe Pass training and certification
- Employability and IT skills
- Skills for work
- Mentoring and support services
- Apprenticeship skills workshops
- Personal development
- E-portfolio development
- Employer site visits

### **Weeks 11–15: Work Experience and Career Support**

- Work placement (3 consecutive weeks with same employer)
- Employment supports
- Career development
- Interview skills
- Finalise e-portfolio

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