



FOUNDATION

APPRENTICESHIP





What is a Foundation Apprenticeship

A Foundation Apprenticeship combines classroom learning with workplace experience to give you:

Industry knowledge and experience while you're still at school.

National 4/5 or Higher equivalent qualification.

A Foundation Apprenticeship prepares you for the world of work and gives you more choices when you leave school

Straight into a career

You will get real-life work experience with top employers

Gain the skills employers want



Fast track onto a Modern Apprenticeship

Learn on the job

Get valuable industry experience

You will complete units from a Modern Apprenticeship which will give you a head start

Fast track on to a Modern Apprenticeship by completing parts of the qualification during your Foundation Apprenticeship studies

College or University

Gain an industry accredited qualification alongside your school studies to enhance your college or UCAS application

Progress to college to study a HNC or to university to study a degree in a related subject.



Graduate Apprenticeship

Take your studies to a higher level. You will already have experience learning through work

Earn while you learn



What we Offer

Cohmairle nan Eilean Siar offer 9 Foundation Apprenticeship Courses

9

Courses

2

SCQF 4/5

7

SCQF 6

Unlimited

Opportunities



Apprenticeships



FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP TO COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY

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How to read this table:

Same subject area applications

(e.g. FA Accounting to HNC Accounting)

- ✓ Direct entry with FA, no additional qualifications required
- ✓¹ Entry with FA plus unspecified qualifications (e.g. FA plus additional Higher and/or Nat 5s)
- ✓² Entry with FA plus specified qualifications (e.g. FA plus Higher English and/or Nat 5 Maths)

Different subject area applications

(e.g. FA Accounting to HNC Healthcare)

FA recognised as a Higher

- No HNC/D provision for this FA (e.g. FA will be recognised as a Higher)



College	Accountancy	Business Skills	Civil Engineering	Creative & Digital Media	Engineering	Financial Services	Food & Drink Technologies	Hardware & System Support	Software Development	Scientific Technologies	Social Services Children & Young People	Social Services Healthcare
Ayrshire College	●	✓	✓	●	✓	●	●	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓	●	●
Borders College	●	✓	●	✓ ²	✓ ²	●	●	✓	✓	●	✓	✓ ²
City of Glasgow College	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	●	✓ ²	✓ ²
Dumfries & Galloway College	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	●	●	✓	✓	●	✓	✓
Dundee & Angus College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Edinburgh College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	●	✓ ¹	●	●	●	✓ ¹
Fife College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	●	✓ ¹	✓ ¹	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²
Forth Valley College	✓	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓	●	●	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ¹	✓	✓ ²
Glasgow Clyde College	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	●	●	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²
Glasgow Kelvin College	●	●	✓	✓	✓	●	●	✓	✓	●	✓ ²	✓ ²
New College Lanarkshire	✓	✓	●	✓ ²	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²
North East Scotland College	✓	✓ ¹	●	✓ ¹	✓ ²	●	●	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²
South Lanarkshire College	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	●	●	●	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²
University of Highlands and Islands	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓ ²	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
West College Scotland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	●	✓	✓	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²
West Lothian College	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓	✓ ²	✓	●	●	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²	✓ ²

FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP TO WORK OPPORTUNITY

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Detailed below is the alignment between the Foundation and related Modern Apprenticeship frameworks. This shows how much of the MA is covered on completion of the FA in the same subject. Completing the FA increases your employability across the 80+ MA frameworks, not only those listed below!

How to read this table: ● MA activity completed/part completed with FA ● Additional MA Requirement ● Not Required



FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIP TO DEGREE OPPORTUNITY

How to read this table:

- ✓ The university offers a degree in this subject area
- ★ The university offers enhanced recognition if applying for a degree in the same subject area (e.g. FA Accountancy into Degree Accountancy)
- The university doesn't offer a degree in this subject area, FA recognised as a Higher towards other subjects (e.g. FA Accountancy into Degree Engineering)
- ✗ The university does not recognise FA frameworks in this subject area (FA in this subject area is not recognised as a Higher towards same/other subjects)

Please check with universities for specific details



University	Recognition	Accountancy	Business Skills	Civil Engineering	Creative & Digital Media	Engineering	Financial Services	Food & Drink Technologies	ICT Hardware	ICT Software	Scientific Technologies	Children & Young People	Healthcare
Abertay University	1 Higher A, ★ 2 Highers B	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★
Edinburgh Napier University	1 Higher A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glasgow Caledonian University	1 Higher A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glasgow School of Art	1 Higher A	●	●	✓	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Heriot Watt University	1 Higher A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	●	●	✓
Open University	Open Recognition	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Queen Margaret University Edinburgh	1 Higher A	✓	✓	●	✓	●	●	●	●	●	✓	✓	✓
Robert Gordon University	1 Higher B, ★ 2 Highers B	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	●	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland	1 Higher A	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Scotland's Rural College	1 Higher A	✓	✓	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	✓	●	●
University of Aberdeen ³	1 Higher B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	●	●	●	●
University of Dundee ¹	1 Higher A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of Edinburgh	1 Higher B	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of Glasgow ²	1 Higher A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	●	●	●	●
University of St Andrews ³	1 Higher A	✓	✓	●	✓	●	●	✓	✓	✓	●	●	●
University of Stirling	1 Higher B	✓	✓	●	✓	●	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of Strathclyde ⁴	1 Higher B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of Highlands and Islands ⁵	1 Higher A, ★ 2 Highers	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★	✓★
University of the West of Scotland	1 Higher A	✓	✓	✓	●	✓	●	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

¹ Excludes Medicine and Dentistry ² Excludes Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Medicine ³ Excludes Medicine ⁴ Excludes Law. If applying for Engineering, only FA in Civil or Engineering will be recognised ⁵ Enhanced recognition varies per framework, equivalent to 2 Highers for most frameworks

Apprenticeship Pipeline

Foundation

Modern

Graduate

Bespoke



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From the FAs

- *“If you have an idea about what career you would like to go into, doing the foundation apprenticeship helps you along the way.” - Felicity Macleod, FA Heath and Social Care*
- *“A Foundation Apprenticeship is a good way to get work experience if you don't have a job and it really helps with a Uni application.” – Fraser Cay and Bethany Maclean, Business Skills FA*