

# ENGINEERING



**JOB TYPES:** Vehicle Mechanic, Welder, Machinist, Electrical Installer, Civil Engineer, Rail Technician, Energy services such as oil, gas, solar, wind engineering.

## HOW DO I GET INTO ENGINEERING?

If you are interested in a career in engineering, you should:

- have good practical skills and able to work with different machinery
- have a strong commitment and ambition for a trade
- be able to work to a deadline and as part of a team
- attendance and reliability needs to be very good
- have excellent time keeping and attendance

## WHAT DO I NEED?

Employers need you have a good level of English and Maths, however, formal qualifications are not always required, as they will ask you to demonstrate these skills in an aptitude test

Be able to demonstrate your technical and hand skills

You may be asked to undergo random drugs testing in the workplace

If you would like help to find work experience or job opportunities in engineering, please speak to your mentor, or check our Jobs Board.

## **WHAT IF I HAVE A CONVICTION?**

This depends on your employer; some offences will not stop you getting a job in engineering, but you should check the job description carefully and be honest with your employer.

## **WHAT ARE THE WAGES AND SHIFT PATTERNS LIKE?**

You will be expected to work a shift pattern that could vary over a 24 hour period including weekends.

Most employers take on apprentices to train and work. Apprenticeship wages can vary depending on your age and employer. Once fully qualified (usually after 3 or 4 years) you could earn £18,000 per year.

Apprenticeships can be accessed through college courses, applying direct to the employer, or through an apprenticeship training provider.

