

the national fork lift truck engineer apprenticeship programme



Are
you aged
16-19?
If so there are
opportunities
nationwide

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**3-YEAR ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIP • WORK LOCALLY - TRAIN AWAY • EARN WHILE YOU LEARN
GREAT PROSPECTS • INDUSTRY STANDARD QUALIFICATION • WORK PLACEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE UK**

why fork lift trucks?



Why be a fork lift truck engineer?

Wherever goods are being delivered – to factories, warehouses or docks – there's a fork lift truck to manage the heavy lifting. In fact there are over half a million fork lift trucks in daily use in the UK. Each must be regularly serviced – just like a car – to ensure that it works correctly and safely.

Unlike a car, most fork lift truck servicing is done 'on-site', which means engineers typically spend much of their day 'on the road' taking a mobile workshop to the customer.

The engineer will also be responsible for making brand new fork lifts ready for the customer.

Once trained as a fork lift truck engineer, you will be an expert in electrical and hydraulic systems, diesel and gas powered engines and much more. Like today's automotive industry, it's no longer 'spanners and oily rags' either. Fork lift truck engineers regularly use laptop or palmtop computers to diagnose problems or fine-tune fork lift truck performance.

Fork lift truck service staff are highly skilled, well paid and respected engineers – with lots of scope for different jobs in the future.

Why a fork lift truck engineer apprenticeship?

This apprenticeship is an 'earn-while-you-learn' scheme. You'll earn around £430 a month – from day one – and receive special allowances when you attend college.

Importantly, there's no student loan or other financial commitment to repay on completion of your training. In fact, you are *paid* to gain a valuable qualification.

With excellent work prospects throughout the UK, a three-year apprenticeship offers a flying start to your career...

Earn while you learn

● **Excellent job prospects**

● **Wide-ranging, engineering-based course**

● **Automotive qualification**

● **Hydraulic and electrical skills**

● **Minimal entry requirements**

● **Train nationally - live and work locally**



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what's my future?



Start earning from day one

While you are an apprentice fork lift truck engineer you'll learn valuable skills – while meeting new people at your workplace and during your college time. You'll be earning £100 a week straight away – much more than the vast majority of full-time students (though you should probably give some to your mum...).

Chances are you'll find an employer very close by. Currently, there are hundreds of Fork Lift Truck Association member sites in the UK, from small businesses to international manufacturers, where your skills will command an attractive salary. Aged 22 and with the apprenticeship completed, you should expect to earn around £17,000, often with attractive benefits.

Further ahead, if you are really ambitious, it is worth noting that running a fork lift truck company – hiring and selling equipment – is a profitable venture. Many of the people who own or manage such companies started their careers as apprentice engineers...

Do I need to find a sponsoring employer first?

No, the FLTA will identify one of its members as close as possible to where you live.

What do I do first?

You will need to complete an application form – there should be one enclosed with this brochure. If not, you'll find one on our website www.forktruckapprentice.org.uk

Is there a deadline for applications?

Typically, applications should be received by the end of May. However, we can sometimes fit apprentices in at other times of the year. If you've missed the deadline, contact us anyway via our website

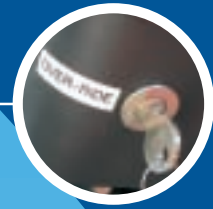
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work locally – study nationally



Who runs the programme?

The national apprenticeship programme is managed by the Fork Lift Truck Association (FLTA) in partnership with the City of Bristol College. The FLTA is the organisation that oversees fork lift truck industry standards in the UK through its network of member companies (local businesses and fork lift truck manufacturers). The FLTA works with the City of Bristol College – and its partner colleges elsewhere in the UK – to deliver the academic training. The programme is fully funded, so is free to you.

Where will I work and learn?

Day-to-day you'll be working for a reputable fork lift truck company (possibly an FLTA member) near your home. The skills you learn there contribute to your NVQ3 qualification. Additionally you'll be attending short (two-week) courses four times a year at either the City of Bristol College or another specialist college nearer your home. For details of participating colleges and application forms, visit our website: www.forktruckapprentice.org.uk

What happens when I study away?

When you study away from home, we'll make sure you're looked after in appropriate accommodation near the college. The accommodation has been vetted by the college to make sure it is of a good standard.

I'm over 19 – am I too old?

The way the scheme is funded means that it is for 16-19-year-old people (on 1st September on the year you enrol). However, it is sometimes possible to include slightly older students.

Would I be eligible?

If you are interested in automotive engineering, that's a great start...

To be successful you'll need to be keen and have 3 GCSEs at grade 'C' or above. If you haven't achieved that, we may be able to put you through our own testing procedure to assess your potential. If you need additional learning support during your apprenticeship, we'll make sure you have access to it.



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what our apprentices say...



CASE STUDY **one**

Tim Roberts

“ I wanted a job that would give me the opportunity to gain technical qualifications and to earn while I learn, and the job of apprentice lift truck mechanic provides interest and variety.

Some of the college work is quite challenging, but the qualifications I gain will set me up for a good career. When I reach my goal of becoming a mobile service engineer, the effort will have been worthwhile. ”



CASE STUDY

two

Jonathan Done

FLTA Apprentice of the Year 2006

“ This job gives you a different challenge every day. I've always been interested in engineering and I'm the sort of person who really likes to go in and get his hands dirty. But it's not just about the work. We also get along very well as a team and have a laugh

together. Everyone – from the tutors at college to the engineers in the workshop and the managers in the office – is always ready to give you help whenever you need it.

It's great to be working with experienced engineers who have so much knowledge. I think it's important that their expertise is passed on to a new generation and not lost. ”



a world of opportunity



Ever-changing working days

Most of us have seen a fork lift truck working in a goods yard or for a builders' merchant... but you've probably never given a thought to the massive variety of trucks that keep the goods moving...

As a fork lift truck engineer you could be working on everything from the hand trucks you see in supermarkets to the huge machines that lift and shift fully loaded containers. There are literally hundreds of different types of trucks out there... and every one needs regular maintenance and emergency repairs. As a mobile engineer your first job in a morning may see you in a busy factory, the next in a massive distribution centre and another at an international airport.

The great thing is... the job is as varied and rewarding as the customers you meet and the equipment they use.

Your prospects are excellent...

As an experienced and qualified engineer, you'll have excellent prospects, a varied and rewarding working life... plus the opportunity to branch out into areas that suit you best.

Many engineers start off in a bustling workshop but the chances are you'll soon find yourself out on the road. As a field service engineer you will work on your own, with your own van, meeting customers and using your initiative – and mobile technology – to solve their problems.

Looking ahead, your career path offers lots of choice. You may prefer to stay on the technical side and progress to a parts or service manager post. You may prefer to transfer to the sales side. If you are really ambitious, you might even set up your own business. Almost every independent fork lift truck dealership is owned by someone who, like you, began his or her working life as an apprentice engineer...



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