



SETA Engineering Apprenticeships

Guidance for Parents

Q. Why choose SETA (Stockport Engineering Training Association)?

Stockport Engineering Training Association (SETA), is one of the region's main engineering training centres. We have been helping young people start their engineering careers through the apprenticeship route since 1966. SETA supports young people through providing them with an effective and nationally recognised career route into engineering and is a provider of practical, theoretical and work based qualifications required in Engineering Apprenticeships.

In 2019 we helped 35 companies recruit and train engineering Apprentices who applied from local schools and sixth forms, in different engineering roles. Each year we help more new companies seeking to recruit Apprentices across Greater Manchester and the High Peak areas.

Q. What is involved in an Engineering Apprenticeships with SETA?

Many apprentices will spend the first 6-9 months in the training centre doing the theoretical and practical component parts of the Apprenticeship while others will attend on a day release basis. This is then followed up by work-based training in years 2,3 and 4 with the employer and day release at SETA. The Apprentices are allocated a dedicated Training Advisor who will support them throughout the 3-4 years of their Apprenticeship, while they are in their company.

Q. How can a young person apply to SETA?

Young people can apply to SETA by completing an application form.

A well written and structured application form and personal statement is very important, as they are seen by employers.

- The first stage of the recruitment process is an interview and engineering assessment at SETA.
- If an applicant is successful with us we will then pass on their details to potential employers seeking to recruit and train an Apprentice Engineer.
- The next step of the recruitment process and vital component of achieving an Apprenticeship is an employer interview. This would take place during the summer, usually June-August.

While an employer interview is not 100% guaranteed young people need to be prepared for this Important stage. Applying to SETA is not a guarantee of an Apprenticeship. However, we will discuss and guide all applicants at the SETA interview.

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Q. What grades does an applicant need?

For an **Advanced Apprenticeship** applicants needs good 4-7 numeric grades including Maths, Science and English and for an **Intermediate Apprenticeship** grades 4-6 (former A-C grades) in Maths and English, plus other subjects.

It is important that a young person has a strong interest in engineering and develops a clearer view of engineering through websites and careers guidance before applying to SETA they should write about this on their personal statement.

We are happy to provide advice to all applicants about apprenticeships with SETA and the local engineering industry.

Q. Are SETA Apprentices employed?

All Apprentices have full-time employment. However each year, SETA does take a small cohort of selected young people with a strong interest and aptitude in engineering to train and help them find an employer. Applying to SETA will not be an absolute guarantee of an Apprenticeship. We will discuss and offer guidance to applicants about interviews and opportunities.

Q. What types of Engineering Apprenticeships do SETA offer?

Employers from a range of engineering disciplines

work with SETA to train their Engineering

Apprenticeships which include:

Electrical/Mechanical Maintenance,

Precision Manufacturing,

Welding and Fabrication,

Design and Draft and Project Engineering.

SETA has established links with companies including Whitecroft Lighting, Brother UK, Nexperia, Hyde Group, Allied Bakeries and Federal Mogul as well as many other local companies.

Q. What qualifications will an Apprentice gain through SETA?

SETA now works to the new national standards for apprenticeships. We train young people in both the practical, craft skills and theoretical qualifications for an Engineering Apprenticeship at our training centre. Apprentices can progress to an HNC (Higher National Certificate) linked to their job role.

Q. When is SETA'S Open Day?

Each March SETA holds an Open Day for new applicants. This is a good opportunity to come and find out more about Apprenticeships, pick up an Application Form, see the Engineering Training Facilities, meet apprentices, staff and some employers.

We also encourage parents and young people to drop-in and visit SETA at any time during the year, please contact Simon Artley: sartley@setatraining.com to arrange your visit. Simon Artley and Julie Burns are also available to answer any questions you may have.

***Visit us on our Open Day/Evening
Wednesday 11th March 2020.***

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