

Sign Making

Apprenticeship Level 2

An apprenticeship can be a smart, cost-effective way of taking on a new recruit to work in your sign making or display products business, or to train up an existing member of staff.

This apprenticeship will prepare your trainee to make traffic signs, signs for business premises, indoor and outdoor exhibition displays, shop fronts, and designs for vehicle bodies. Depending on the employer, trainees will become skilled in machining, joining, engraving, etching, hand decorating, spray-painting and screen-printing.

At the end of their apprenticeship, your trainee will be able to work as a competent sign maker in your team and should be in a position to develop more advanced skills.

Key Areas of Study

As part of their apprenticeship, your trainee will study for a Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Sign Making.

Your trainee will cover essential knowledge, skills and competencies in this diploma which includes both mandatory and optional units. The menu of optional units is detailed below, from which you and your trainee can select the areas of most importance to your organisation.

Quick Information:

Modern Apprenticeships designed with employers

Sector:

Sign industry

Who is it for?

New recruits or existing staff

Start date:

Flexible to suit employers

Level:

Level 2

Duration:

12 months

How does it work?

Delivered in your workplace with one day a week at College and tutor visits every 6 to 8 weeks

Content:

Key competence and knowledge to suit your organisation

Assessment:

Practical assessment and coursework

Qualification:

NVQ Level 2 Diploma in Sign Making



Diploma units

Mandatory units

- Maintain the Work Environment to meet Health, Safety and Environmental Requirements in a Signmaking Environment
- Develop and Maintain Effective Working Relationships in a Signmaking Environment
- Provide Information about Sign Products in a Signmaking Environment
- Maintain the Quality of Sign Production in a Signmaking Environment

Optional units

- Prepare for Sign Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Prevent Damage during Transportation and Storage of Sign Products in a Signmaking Environment
- Finish and Complete Signage Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Wide Format Digital Print Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Shaping Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Joining Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Engraving Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Etching Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Hand Finishing Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Spray Paint Operations in a Signmaking Environment

- Carry out Screen Print Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Forming Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Self-Adhesive Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Manipulate the Sign Layout and Produce Graphical Image for Road Traffic Signs
- Carry out Engraving Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Etching Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Hand Finishing Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Spray Paint Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Screen Print Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Forming Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry out Self-Adhesive Operations in a Signmaking Environment
- Manipulate the Sign Layout and Produce Graphical Image for Road Traffic Signs
- Create a Sign Layout and Produce a Graphical Image for Commercial Signs
- Determine and Carry Out Maintenance of Sign Products in a Signmaking Environment
- Carry Out the Installation Operation for Commercial Signage Operations
- Carry Out Basic Installation Operations for Road Traffic Signage Operations

Training, Tutoring and Assessment

The whole programme takes 12 months to complete. Your trainee will mainly learn on the job, but the apprenticeship also includes 20% off-the-job training. Throughout the year, your trainee will spend four days a week working with you on site as a trainee sign maker and the other one day a week in College.

Whilst at College, your apprentice will receive training to cover the technical diploma units of the qualification.

We will support you and your trainee through regular one-to-one visits by a trained assessor every six to eight weeks. These visits will cover one-to-one support and individual learning, as well as observations to assess your trainee's competencies in the workplace and a review of their portfolio of evidence.

Apprentice Entry Requirements

Apprentices will be required to have 4 x GCSEs with minimum Grades D / 3 (or equivalents), including English Language and Maths no lower than an E / 2, prior to being accepted onto this apprenticeship. We will provide any English and Maths tuition required. Experience in the industry would be beneficial but is not essential.

Future/Other Opportunities

Advanced Apprenticeship Level 3 in Sign Making

More information

To find out more about the opportunities and financing of apprenticeships and to discuss your particular requirements, please email employer@sheffcol.ac.uk or call **0114 260 2600** to speak to one of our friendly employer advisors.

Why choose The Sheffield College?

As one of the region's largest providers of apprenticeships, The Sheffield College is more than just your local provider; we deliver the dedicated support you need to source, train and get the best out of your apprentice.

We appreciate how difficult and time consuming it can be to recruit staff. That's why, when you recruit an apprentice with us, our dedicated apprenticeship recruitment service, Job Connect, will advertise the vacancy, engage your candidates and even pre-screen them to make the process as easy as possible for you.

We help you get the best deal by finding the right funding and we handle the paperwork to make the process of arranging an apprenticeship training programme as smooth as possible. Our employer partnership team, apprenticeship tutors and assessment staff are experts, and we invest time and money in training and upskilling them regularly so their knowledge is up-to-date and industry standard.

At The Sheffield College we go above and beyond; we know that every business is different and we help to develop apprentices who will meet the needs of your business.

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