# Plumbing & Gas Fitting Apprenticeship Level 3

With a Plumbing Apprenticeship, you will learn about the installation and maintenance of plumbing, domestic heating and gas systems and components. Many Apprentices go on to gain employment within the plumbing and heating industry, often with their apprenticeship employer.

# **Quick Information**

Qualification:

Date: On Application

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Level: 3

Area: Construction & Building

Services

Course Code:

GWAPC1

### **About the Course**

During a Level 3 Apprenticeship in Plumbing you will learn about maintaining a safe working environment when undertaking complex plumbing work activities. At Level 3 there is also the option to study a gas qualification (ACS), including working with boilers or an environmental route (Rainwater Harvesting). You will continue to develop the skills learnt at Level 2 and work on more complex plumbing systems, un-vented hot water systems and current water regulations. You could be working in either a domestic or commercial setting to develop your skills as a plumber/gas fitter.

You will need to be employed for a minimum of 30 hours per week with a suitable employer. This will include one day per week attendance at college. You are encouraged to look for your own placement. The college will help you to find a suitable placement but the emphasis is on you to find an apprenticeship vacancy.

The day you are in college you will practice and develop the skills acquired in the workplace. You will be taking part in both workshop and theory sessions learning how to complete new tasks. You will have chance to work on your portfolio and write up what you have learnt in the workplace. You will need to provide boots and overalls for the workshop sessions.

# **Key Units**

Key Areas of Study

- Complex Cold and Hot Water Systems
- Sanitation
- Central Heating
- Commissioning and De-Commissioning of Plumbing Systems

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# **Entry Requirements**

Level 2 NVQ Plumbing qualification

#### **Assessment**

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#### Where does this Lead

# **Future Opportunities**

Following this apprenticeship you will become a fully qualified plumber. Completing the gas route provides the opportunity to register with Gas Safe. As a plumber, you can find yourself working in many different places - from construction sites to residential homes.

#### Tell Me More

Will this course suite me?

An ideal student for this course is one who is motivated and enthusiastic. You must be prepared for hard work as it can be physically demanding working in a variety of environments in all sorts of weather. You must be good with your hands and be prepared to get dirty. You must be able to work both individually as well as in a team. Understanding technology and engineering principles will also be essential. Be aware you may have to travel to get to your work placement.

#### **Benefits of an Apprenticeship**

As an apprentice, you will benefit from expanding your knowledge of plumbing and developing your skills by working with industry professionals, who will teach you through real life, hands-on experiences and situations. You'll also earn an Apprentice wage as you study.

#### **Facilities**

The one day per week when you are in college you can expect to be learning in top-class, custom built facilities at our Olive Grove and City campuses.

Qualification Title

NVQ Level 3 Diploma in Plumbing (different routes are available e.g. Gas, Rainwater Harvesting).

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This qualification also includes:

- Un-vented hot water certification
- Water regulations certification
- ACS gas certification (if gas route is chosen option)

### **Extra Costs**

For this course you will be required to own PPE/ work-wear, which you will need for your work placement and your practical study in college.