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NATIONAL NEWS

[More electricians needed according to TESP report](#)

The Electro Skills Partnership (TESP) has produced a [labour market report](#) on the electrotechnical industry which claims that an estimated 12,500-15,000 additional skilled electricians will be needed over the next five years to accommodate forecasted growth. Within this figure, the research suggests that even if an extra 5000 new apprentices qualified by 2023 (representing a 33% increase), this would still leave a shortfall of 7,500-10,000 electricians needing to be sourced from elsewhere. These workforce predictions are based on meeting demands solely due to sector expansion and do not cover the additional staff turnover occurring from leavers and retirement.

[Empowering women to enter the construction industry](#)

The CITB report that around 168,500 jobs will be created in the construction industry between now and 2023 and at their recent International Women's Day event, women were being encouraged to enter the profession with so many diverse roles available. This follows a [message](#) from Bake-off star Ruby Bhogal in Wales, empowering women to take up the profession. Ruby, who has a Master's Degree in Architecture said 'we need to break stereotypes and showcase the hidden talent amongst young women'.

[Best places to work in hospitality](#)

The Caterer have announced the 30 best places to work in hospitality. Many of these are located in London.

Higher and Degree Apprenticeships v Traditional University Degrees

A useful article from FE news on the differences between taking a university degree and a higher or degree apprenticeship.

These are the main differences between them:	
Higher and Degree Apprenticeships	Traditional Degree
You are usually at work Monday to Friday with a day allocated to attend theory training	The days you spend at University are variable and will depend on your subject area
You will work and study all year round	You can have long holidays
Requires extremely good time management and a high level of commitment	Requires good time management and commitment, but there is often more time available to pursue other interests
Gain important work-based skills from day one	You need to have a proactive approach to finding work and gaining work experience
Earn money from the first day of working	You can be awarded a maintenance loan from Student Finance England to cover your living costs
Individual application process	Apply through UCAS
Often performance related which can be recognised through increased pay	Performance related which is recognised through grades achieved
The tuition fees could be paid for by the Employer	Tuition fees can be paid for by Student Finance England

(Table taken from <https://www.fenews.co.uk/fevoices/29091-higher-and-degree-apprenticeships-versus-the-traditional-degree>)

Over a quarter of those who do an Access to Higher Education gain a First

FE news have reported that twenty-six percent of those who do an Access to Higher Education course leave university with a First-class degree.



Key statistics for 2017/18 show that:

- 37,045 students registered to study for an Access Diploma
- 23,295 Access students were offered places to start university in September 2018
- 25.6% of Access students graduating university in 2018 achieved a First, compared with the UK average of 26.4%
- 50% of Access to HE registrations were to health courses
- 34% of Access students (over 8,000) entered HE to study nursing.

- 57% of Access students entering HE in September 2017 were 25+
- 73% of Access students entering HE in September 2017 were women
- 77% of Access students stayed in their local area to study in Higher Education

[Job Hunters guide to Gamification](#)

Target Jobs have put together a guide for job seekers on what to expect with game-based assessment methods or 'gamification'. According to Target Jobs, this method seems to be becoming increasingly popular in recruitment with large companies such as Vodafone, RBS and Network Rail adopting it as part of their recruitment practices.

[What employers want in a CV](#)

Another useful article from Prospects Luminate, this time looking at research on 'What employers want in a graduate CV?' The article is based upon research carried out by Keele University. Findings include:

- the length of CV preferred by employers was 2 pages
- employers like to get a sense of an applicant from their CV, therefore hobbies and interests can be useful for doing this
- the average time employers spend looking at a CV is between 3 and 5 minutes.

[Gender Pay Gap Explorer](#)

This interactive tool from ONS allows you to find the gender pay gap for a particular occupation. The gender pay gap is the percentage difference between men's and women's median hourly earnings

[T Levels: The Next Level branding](#)

New branding has been launched for T Levels, ahead of the rollout in 2020.



[Ten skills that can make students instantly employable](#)

The Digital Marketing Institute have come up with ten skills which they believe will make students instantly employable. The skills are listed below but to find out more about why each of these skills made the list click on the link above:

Social Media	Mobile
Search Engine Marketing	Strategy and Planning
Analytics	Social Selling
Content Marketing	Pay-Per-Click Marketing (PPC)
Email	Video

[Traineeships help young people to access jobs and further study](#)

A new report has been launched by DfE 'Estimating the impact of Traineeships'. The report illustrates how traineeships are benefiting young people and employers. Findings show that 75% of trainees get a job, take up an apprenticeship or go on to further study within a year of completing their programme.

LONDON AND REGIONAL NEWS

[High Streets in Great Britain](#)

Release of ONS which looks at the characteristics of high streets in Great Britain. No surprise that London had the largest number of British high street businesses, 127,715, and these accounted for 23% of the capital's total businesses, a notably higher share than in other regions.

[West London project to create many jobs](#)

Two new sports and leisure centres are to be built in West London alongside new homes by EcoWorld, London. The redevelopment is said to be creating almost 700 jobs.

USEFUL WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

[The Complete University Guide – University League Tables 2020](#)

The Complete University Guide has published their league tables for 2020. The league tables rank UK universities both nationally and in 70 subjects.

[Gatsby for Careers Leaders Webinars](#)

If you haven't already accessed this series of webinars, produced by Trotman, then they are definitely worth a watch.

[Important dates and information for your UCAS application 2020](#)

Useful chart from Trotman which provides information on key points to be aware of when applying to UCAS.

FUTURE EVENTS

[National Careers Leader and Learning Conference 2019](#)

Thursday 11th to Friday 12th July

[RCN Job Show](#)

17th and 18th September – RCN Job Show, Business Design Centre, London, 9.00 am – 6.00 pm

[London Student Jobs Fair](#)

22nd September – 29th September – Students Job Fair

[STEM Graduate Recruitment Fair](#)

October 11th – STEM graduate recruitment fair, The Barbican, 10.30 am – 5.00 pm

[Skills London 2019](#)

15th – 16th November – Excel

[National Apprenticeship Week 2020](#)

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[National careers week 2020](#)

2-7th March 2020