

Engineering Apprenticeship Scheme

The Port of Felixstowe is Britain's biggest and busiest container port, and one of the largest in Europe.

The port handles more than 4million TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) and welcomes approximately 3,000 ships each year, including the largest container vessels afloat today – crucially, the port provides some of the deepest water close to the open sea of any European port. Around 30 shipping lines operate from Felixstowe, offering approximately 90 services to and from 400 ports around the world.

Together with its unrivalled rail and road links connecting the port to distribution hubs in the Midlands and elsewhere in the UK, Felixstowe plays a pivotal role in keeping the UK's trade moving, and delivers real benefits to customers, the community and the industry.

Our apprenticeship scheme is aimed at those who have a passion for learning, are ambitious and who are willing to work hard to succeed.

The four year apprenticeship in conjunction with West Suffolk College is designed to give you the strongest possible start to your new career with support and guidance every step of the way.



What Do I Need?

Apart from enthusiasm and willingness to learn, to apply you will need 4 GCSE's at grade C (4-9) or above including Math's, English and Science.

Although not necessary, previous experience in an engineering related subject may be beneficial.

Successful applicants must be comfortable working at height.



What Is The Scheme Like?

Sam Duffield — 3rd Year Apprentice

"I'm currently in the third and final year as an apprentice here at the Port of Felixstowe and I can quite confidently say I've enjoyed every single minute of it. I've managed to learn and develop a wide range of skills in Mechanical, electrical and electronic engineering to allow me to become a part of the strong team here. I've even developed interests and abilities that I never even knew I was capable of.

One of the best things about my time as an apprentice is being able to spend time with all the departments within engineering, this allowed me to gain an insight into how every department operates and the challenges they face on a day to day basis. It has also allowed me to meet so many different people who are all more than willing to help; they're all a good laugh too."

Lucy Hall — 1st Year Apprentice

"This year I began my first of three years being an apprentice at the port of Felixstowe. Before I began my apprenticeship here I completed a level 3 extended diploma in engineering at college. This apprenticeship was the perfect place for me to further my career in engineering whilst still gaining NVQ level qualifications. This also gave me the chance to experience engineering being more hands on with it which makes it a lot more enjoyable.

Every day I get to learn new skills which will help me with my future here at the port, and every day is a day I look forward too. The camaraderie of everybody I have met here has been amazing to see. It's also comforting to know I'm always around friendly faces that will guide me along the way and will be there whenever I have a question or need support. I can't wait to further my knowledge as I begin my second year and start rotating round each work shop and get to meet new people."



Tom Byrne — Former Engineering Apprentice

"Throughout the apprenticeship I worked within a variety of roles, which gave me a real appreciation of how the engineering department operates at the Port of Felixstowe. This really helped me develop new and existing skills in various disciplines such as mechanical, electrical and electronic.

After successfully completing my apprenticeship I am thrilled to be now working as an Equipment Technology Technician. I am very grateful for the excellent apprenticeship scheme and all of the extremely helpful and knowledgeable trainers and mentors that helped me build the foundations for hopefully a very long and successful career at the Port of Felixstowe."

How Do I Apply?

All of our opportunities are advertised on the careers page of our website. <https://www.portoffelixstowe.co.uk/port/people/join-our-team/>

What are you waiting for?

