



## Foundation Apprenticeships – Automotive Level 4 (2022/2023)

### Who is it for?

The Foundation Apprenticeship in automotive is a one year course open to those in S4-S6. The course can be taken as one of your senior subject choices where you will get the chance to learn and develop new skills that your future employers need, giving you a competitive edge while you are still at school.

Learners will need to be ready for working and studying at SCQF Level 4 but in a vocational training automotive workshop setting, the requirements of which are set out below.

Attainment will be measured by ongoing assessment and participating in the planning, delivery and completion of a work-based project.

### How does it work?

1. Learners will get time out of the classroom to complete both the required qualifications at the Loanhead Vocational Learning Centre (LVLC) and the work-based challenge project.
2. The course will combine practical hands-on learning with essential knowledge which you will put in to practice to achieve your qualifications and work-based challenge project.
3. It fits alongside your other subjects in your senior timetable.

### What are the benefits?

1. The course is assessed as you go along, so there's no final exam.
2. The time you spend at the vocational training centre will give you technical workplace knowledge and skills for the automotive industry plus confidence, communication and teamwork skills.

3. The Foundation Apprenticeship can act as a stepping stone into a Modern Apprenticeship, Graduate Apprenticeship or straight in to employment. The course also counts as one of your entry qualifications into colleges across Scotland.

## **What's the qualification?**

The Foundation Apprenticeship in Automotive is the same level of learning as an SQA National 4 qualification (SCQF level 4).

## **What will I learn?**

Your Skills for Work award will cover:

- The car
- The garage
- The technician
- Vehicle modification

You will use the skills and knowledge you develop in your Skills for Work Award to successfully complete the work-based challenge unit. You will:

- Work closely with an employer
- Deliver your project to a real-life client
- Develop an understanding of the automotive industry

Your Foundation Apprenticeship will also help you to develop meta-skills. These skills are highly valued by employers. Meta-skills include:

- Self-management
- Social intelligence
- Innovation

These skills are necessary and highly desirable for working in a range of other related jobs.

## **Where could it take me?**

The Foundation Apprenticeship gives you lots of options, it's up to you where you go next. This could be:

- A Modern Apprenticeship - on completing your Foundation Apprenticeship you will have already achieved core units which can help you progress to a Modern Apprenticeship in an Automotive specific area giving you a head start on others
- Further Education - continue your studies at college with a career specific course.
- Straight to a job - use your qualification and skills to find a job in the automotive industry.

## **Entry Requirement**

- Achieved or working towards National 4 or 5 qualifications
- The ability to work towards an SCQF Level 4 qualification
- An interest in developing greater awareness of the automotive industry or considering a career in the automotive sector.

## **Where will the qualification be delivered?**

The Automotive Foundation Apprenticeship will be delivered in Midlothian at the Loanhead Vocational Learning Centre (LVLC). Transport will be provided to and from the delivery venue.

## **Who will deliver the course?**

The course will be delivered by Midlothian Council's experienced Communities Lifelong Learning and Employability (CLLE) Department through their accredited SVQ Assessment Centre. CLLE are an SQA Accredited Centre.

## **How will the course be delivered?**

The one year course will be delivered across four automotive specific units focusing on your practical skills leading to qualification attainment. This will be mainly workshop based in order to develop the knowledge and skills needed for the world of work and in doing so, work towards the National Progression Award. There will be a written/paper based aspect to the course as well. The course will be delivered on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

## **How long is the course?**

The course is delivered over one Academic Year so you will be committing to studying through your school year in either S4, S5 or S6.

## **How many places are available?**

15 at Level 4

## **How can I apply?**

Talk to your Guidance teacher or SDS Careers Adviser in school

## **Further Information**

You can find out more about Foundation Apprenticeships at [www.apprenticeships.scot](http://www.apprenticeships.scot) or on @apprenticeship\_scot. You can hear from Foundation Apprentices and employers on YouTube by searching for 'apprenticeships.scot':

## **Please note:**

This information sheet is for guidance only and may be subject to change. Midlothian Council (Communities Lifelong Learning and Employability) will be responsible for the delivery of this Foundation Apprenticeship for 2022/2023.

