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Firefighter Apprenticeship  
Scheme



# Firefighter Apprenticeship – 24 month programme

## What will my role involve?

Firefighters tackle a wide range of emergency situations where problem solving and initiative is vital to resolve incidents quickly and calmly. These situations vary from tackling fires, searching, rescuing and protecting people and animals, by sustaining/preserving their life to protecting life and the environment from the effects of fire, natural and human disasters and hazardous materials (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives). Sellafield Ltd Firefighters also respond to incidents involving planes, trains, road traffic collisions and marine emergencies.

Firefighters engage with the community to provide information, advice and guidance to individuals and groups around health, safety and well-being. They may also conduct fire risk assessments and audits in businesses and/or homes, fitting detection and suppression equipment if necessary and actively contributing to reducing the risk of fire or injury. Firefighters work as part of a close-knit team of professionals that provides 24-hour response cover to resolve fire and rescue operational incidents. They use multi agency working principles with partners and other services to achieve a swift and successful conclusion.

## What do I need to consider?

As the role of Firefighter requires a high level of fitness there is a fitness assessment as part of the selection process. The selection process will assess if you can work in confined, possibly dark spaces while wearing a mask. Other parts of the selection process will test aptitude to practical problem solving.

This is a two year scheme. You will work normal office hours between 07:30-15:40, however at times may be required to work 12 hour shift pattern of 2 day shifts followed by 2 night shifts and 6 rest days. You will need to maintain a smart appearance, wear uniform, fire kit and other personal protective equipment, as well as, respiratory protective equipment such as self-contained breathing apparatus, necessary for work in hazardous areas and requiring the male operators to be clean shaven. In this role you will be quite often working outside in all weather conditions, at heights, in confined spaces and in nuclear facilities with alpha, beta, gamma and neutron radiation. This role provides an exciting opportunity to explore and experience various aspects of the sites and provides great plant based experience.

As an integral part of your apprenticeship your progress will be monitored and assessed against government standard requirements. You will

compile an evidence folder, demonstrating your areas of learning with accredited certificates of completion for elements of your training. Within the last six months of your apprenticeship you will undertake an assessment by an independently appointed organisation, where you will be expected to clearly demonstrate your capability to perform as a Firefighter.

## Where will my training be delivered?

Site placement: Sellafield Skills Centre.

Specialist skills training may be away from work and possibly during rest days.

## What qualifications will I obtain?

- Level 3 in Operational Firefighting – Trailblazer Apprenticeship Scheme
- First Aid at Work Certificate.
- Immediate Emergency Care Level 3 Certificate.

## What are the entry requirements?

- Minimum age 18 by September 2018.
- Level 3 Qualification / GCSE A\* – C (Step 4) in English language and Mathematics.
- Full clean driving licence.

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