

The government have set a target for public sector bodies, 2.3% of their current workforce (based on headcount) are to be apprentices. This target runs from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2021.

The government have requested public sector bodies to publish their number of apprenticeships annually and report this data to the Department for Education. The first year of annual publication for The Priory Learning Trust was for the period 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

There are 6 questions to be answered and published, they are as follows:

Question	Answer
Number of employees who were working in England on 31 March 2019	703
Number of employees who were working in England on 31 March 2020	718
Number of new employees who started working for you in England between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020	115
Number of apprentices who were working in England on 31 March 2019	9
Number of apprentices who were working in England on 31 March 2020	11
Number of new apprentices in England between 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 (includes both new hires and existing employees who started an apprenticeship)	14

Reporting percentages

Percentage of apprenticeship starts (both new hires and existing employees who started an apprenticeship) as a proportion of employment starts between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020	12.17%
Percentage of total headcount that were apprentices on 31 March 2020	1.53%
Percentage of apprenticeship starts (both new hires and existing employees who started an apprenticeship) between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020 as a proportion of total headcount on 31 March 2019	1.99%