

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 for annual publication for The Priory Learning Trust is for the period 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

The first reporting period deadline is the 30 September 2019. Our response must be recorded on the Education and Skills Funding Agency, Digital Apprenticeship Service System and published via our website for public access.

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 2018	521
Number of employees who were working in England on 31 March 2019	703
Number of new employees who started working for you in England between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019	126
Number of apprentices who were working in England on 31 March 2018	7
Number of apprentices who were working in England on 31 March 2019	9
Number of new apprentices in England between 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 (includes both new hires and existing employees who started an apprenticeship)	8

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 2018 and 31 March 2019	6.35%
Percentage of total headcount that were apprentices on 31 March 2019	1.28%
Percentage of apprenticeship starts (both new hires and existing employees who started an apprenticeship) between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 as a proportion of total headcount on 31 March 2018	1.54%