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*driven by quality*

*The national dealer  
apprentice programme*



# The Opportunity

**The UK moves more goods by road than any other European country. It's hardly surprising then that the road transport industry is one of the country's key industries, employing over half a million people and making a major contribution to the economy.**

**DAF Trucks Limited is a subsidiary of DAF Trucks N.V. based in Holland. Firmly established as one of the most prestigious truck brands in Europe, DAF is owned by PACCAR, one of the most influential and financially strong companies in the industry, The PACCAR group of companies is heavily concentrated on one core product - trucks. This provides a total focus on the truck business, and as a result, PACCAR is one of the world's biggest manufacturers of heavy commercial vehicles.**

**Around 50,000 new trucks are registered in Britain every year. DAF Trucks Limited outsells all other manufacturers and our impressive track record makes us a major force in the road transport industry.**

**It is widely accepted that DAF Trucks designs and builds the industry's most advanced and comprehensive range of trucks and this is supported by an aftersales back-up service that sets the standard for the whole industry.**

**The future of the transport industry is a challenging and exciting one. If you have what it takes to be part of the best back-up in the business then the DAF National Dealer Apprentice Programme is the programme for you.**

## The Career

In order to meet growing demands, truck operators look for quality, durability and reliability from their vehicles, but it is not enough simply to manufacture a truck to the highest standards. A truck is a major investment that must earn its keep and, once an operator has bought a vehicle, keeping it on the road becomes the main priority.

That is why the same high standards must also apply to the repair and maintenance support truck buyers need and - with the country's biggest and best equipped dealer network - DAF's Back-up service ensures that they are not disappointed.

DAF's technicians are part of a highly skilled workforce that is committed to quality. With the rapid increase in the complexity of today's trucks - and the technology needed to keep them up and running - first class training for those involved in the vital servicing and maintenance of these vehicles has become more important than ever.

The DAF Trucks National Dealer Apprentice Programme gives you the chance to join the select group of specialist technicians working on some of the most modern, sophisticated trucks on the road. And it's not just a job. It's the first step in a career that gives you the opportunity to advance, succeed and fulfil your ambitions in the motor industry.

## The Challenge

The DAF Trucks National Dealer Apprentice Programme is a Government approved 'traditional' Apprentice Scheme - a challenging 3 year programme that combines hands-on workshop training with block release for college training and study.

Not only will you be trained to the standards set by the Sector Skills Council for the Retail Motor Industry, the Apprenticeship also leads to an Advanced Apprenticeship (AA) in Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair - a nationally recognised qualification.



## The Experience

The DAF Trucks National Dealer Apprentice Programme is managed and co-ordinated for DAF Trucks by Skillnet, an independent training specialist.

You'll be employed with a DAF Trucks dealership where you will work alongside qualified technicians, learning from their experience and developing the ability to work both on your own and as part of a team.

Throughout your Apprenticeship you will be visited regularly by a qualified assessor whose task is to make sure that your training is effective, your progress is satisfactory and that you are actually enjoying the work.

You will also be eligible for the DAF Trucks Apprentice of the Year competition which awards prizes and trophies to high achievers.

As a DAF Trucks Apprentice you will be permanently employed by one of the 135 DAF dealers in our nationwide network with recognised terms and conditions of employment.

You will be entitled to paid holiday each year as well as the usual Bank Holidays. Overalls and safety shoes will also be provided.

## The Knowledge

Proper training needs to develop both practical skills and theoretical knowledge. The practical skills and hands-on experience you need will be gained in a fully equipped dealer



workshop, whilst the training and knowledge needed to support them will come through attending the DAF Trucks Centre of Learning at City of Bristol College.

Alongside other DAF Trucks Apprentices from around the country you will be specially trained on DAF vehicles in all aspects of truck servicing, repair and maintenance. With full time specialist instructors and dedicated workshop facilities this aspect of the Apprenticeship is regarded as the best in the industry. After 3 years, you will leave City of Bristol College with an Advanced Apprenticeship in Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair which will include:

- VCQ Level 3 in Heavy Vehicle Maintenance & Repair.
- Technical Certificate - IMI Diploma in Heavy Vehicle Maintenance & Repair.
- Functional Skills in communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.
- Basic Welding Course.



Attendance at City of Bristol College is usually in 2 week blocks and, whilst there, you will stay in approved accommodation with local families. All of your bus, train or air fares, accommodation and living expenses will be paid for by your employing DAF dealer who will also provide books and other necessary equipment.

Following your graduation from College you will have the opportunity to further advance your DAF product knowledge by attending the Service Training Centre at DAF Trucks UK Headquarters.



## The Crunch

To become a DAF Trucks apprentice you must have a genuine interest in things mechanical and meet an acceptable academic standard - the preference being a minimum of 3 GCSE's, Grade C or above. Most Apprentices start aged 16 or 17.

Where new vacancies exist, suitable applicants will be invited to take a standard entry test to assess their aptitude. This will enable the dealer to choose the candidate(s) best suited to a place on the DAF Trucks National Dealer Apprentice Programme.

So if you think you have what it takes to become a fully qualified DAF technician, we want to hear from you.

For further information on the DAF Trucks National Dealer Apprentice Programme contact your nearest DAF Dealer, call the DAF Apprentice helpline on 01923 216171 or apply online at [www.daf-apprenticeships.co.uk](http://www.daf-apprenticeships.co.uk)