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PROGRESSION

DOCTORATE-LEVEL
Level 8 (i.e. Doctorate Degree, Doctoral Certificate and Diploma)

MASTER’S DEGREE-LEVEL APPRENTICESHIPS
Level 7 (i.e. Master's Degree, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and NVQ)

DEGREE-LEVEL APPRENTICESHIPS
Level 6 (i.e. Batchelor’s Degree, Graduate Diploma and NVQ)

HIGHER-LEVEL APPRENTICESHIPS
Level 5 (i.e. HNC, DipHE, NVQ and Diploma)

HIGHER-LEVEL APPRENTICESHIPS
Level 4 (i.e. HNC, NVQ, CertHE and Diploma)

ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIP
Level 3 (Equivalent to two A-levels)

INTERMEDIATE APPRENTICESHIP
Level 2 (Equivalent to five GCSEs 9 - 4 (Formerly A* - C)

Professional body approval of apprenticeships + Review of competence and commitments

Chartered Engineer CEng
Incorporated Engineer IEng
Engineering Technician EngTech

Qualification Levels cover England and Wales (and Northern Ireland). PPMA BEST does not extend to NI.

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MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS
Level 7 (i.e. HNC, Scottish Baccalaureate, and SVQ)

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TECHNICAL APPRENTICESHIPS
Level 8 (i.e. HND and Diploma of Higher Education, and SVQ)

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TECHNICAL APPRENTICESHIPS
Level 9 (i.e. Batchelor’s (Ordinary) Degree, Graduate Diploma/Certificate, and SVQ)

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PROFESSIONAL APPRENTICESHIPS
Level 10 (i.e. Batchelor’s Degree (with Hons), Graduate Diploma/Certificate, and SVQ)

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PROFESSIONAL APPRENTICESHIP
Level 11 (i.e. Master’s Degree, Postgraduate Diploma, and SVQ)

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PROFESSIONAL APPRENTICESHIP
Level 12 (i.e. Doctorate Degree and Professional Development Award)

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