Ireland is forging ahead on expansion of its apprenticeship system to meet 21st century skills needs and to support dynamic growth of our economy and society.

36 apprenticeship programmes are currently available, spanning the engineering, construction, motor, electrical, finance, hospitality, and ICT industry sectors.

In 2017 over 4,900 employers have used apprenticeship to help support and grow their businesses, with over 12,000 apprentices currently completing their training.
In 2017 alone, **OVER 4,700** apprentices will have registered and started their training, this includes **400 apprentices** on new programmes in the finance, hospitality and engineering sectors.

**INCREASING NUMBERS OF WOMEN ARE CHOOSING APPRENTICESHIP**

- **2015:** 26 female apprentices
- **2016:** 60 female apprentices
- **2017:** 145 female apprentices

During 2018 there will be a new drive by industry champions and the education and training system to showcase career opportunities for women via the apprenticeship route.
CURRENT APPRENTICESHIPS

- Brick and Stonelaying L6
- Carpentry and Joinery L6
- Painting and Decorating L6
- Plastering L6
- Plumbing L6
- Stonecutting and Stonemasonry L6
- Wood Manufacturing and Finishing L6
- Aircraft Mechanics L6
- Electrical L6
- Electrical Instrumentation L6
- Electronic Security Systems L6
- Instrumentation L6
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning L6
- Farriery L6
- Industrial Electrical Engineering L7
- Industrial Insulation L6
- Manufacturing Engineering L7
- Manufacturing Technology L6
- Mechanical Automation and Maintenance Fitting L6
- Metal Fabrication L6
- Pipefitting L6
- Polymer Processing Technology L7
- Sheet Metalworking L6
- Toolmaking L6
- Insurance Practice L8
- Accounting Technician L6
- International Financial Services Associate L6
- International Financial Services Specialist L8
- Agricultural Mechanics L6
- Construction Plant Fitting L6
- Heavy Vehicle Mechanics L6
- Motor Mechanics L6
- Vehicle Body Repairs L6
- Software Developer L6
- Network Engineer L6
- Commis Chef L6

There are a further 16 apprenticeships in active development (at Step 4 on critical path) and a further 26 will enter development in 2018.
Tourism & Hospitality
Sous Chef L8
Executive Chef L9
Baker L5
Butcher L6
Chef de Partie L7

Finance
International Financial Services
Advanced Specialist L9

Engineering
OEM Engineer L6
Engineering Services Management L7
Manufacturing ICT Engineer L7
Precision Turned Parts Manufacturing L6
Science Aircraft Asset Management L7
Wind Turbine Maintenance L6

ICT
Telecommunications Field Technician L6

Logistics & Services
HGV Driver L5

Auctioneering
Property Services L6

Retail
Retail Practice L5

A further 16 programmes are in active development and are due to be available in 2018.
DECEMBER 2017: A FURTHER 26 PROGRAMME ARE ANNOUNCED FOR DEVELOPMENT

**Construction**
- Scaffolding L6
- Senior Quantity Surveyor L9

**ICT**
- Cybersecurity L6
- Software System Designer L9
- CGI Technical Artist (Animation, Games, VFX) L9

**Engineering**
- Equipment Systems Engineer L9
- Geo-Driller L6
- Principal Engineer L10

**Tourism & Hospitality**
- Professional Bar Manager L6

**Biopharma**
- Quality Assurance Technician L7
- Quality Laboratory Technician L6

**Horticulture**
- Applied Horticulture L6
- Arboriculture L5

**Agriculture**
- Farm Management L7
- Farm Technician L6

**Equine**
- SportTurf Management L6
- Stud Farm Management L7

**Healthcare**
- Professional Healthcare Assistant L6

**Hairdressing**
- Professional Hairdressing L6

**Logistics & Services**
- Logistics Associate L6
- Supply Chain Associate L7
- Supply Chain Specialist L8
- Supply Chain Manager L9
- Lean Sigma Manager L9

**Recruitment**
- Recruitment Practitioner L6

**Sales**
- Associate Sales Professional L6
By 2020, Ireland will have 78+ apprenticeships on offer, spanning the full range of industry sectors and leading to awards from certificate to PhD level.

We are well on track to achieve the 2020 target of 9,000 apprentices registering annually for training, and with more than 7,000 employers around the country availing of this pipeline.