

## IT: Hardware and System Support (SCQF Level 6) (FA)

SCQF Level 6 (24 Credit Points)

### Why Study a Foundation Apprenticeship?

Studying for a Foundation Apprenticeship gives you the chance to combine work based qualifications such as Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) or National Certificate (NC) with practical work experience in industry.

### Who Can Apply?

The Foundation Apprenticeship (FA) in IT: Hardware and System Support is for pupils staying on at school. You can choose an FA as one of your subjects in S5 or S6.

### Entry Requirements

These vary depending on whether you start the Foundation Apprenticeship in S5 or S6. It could range from some subjects at National 5 to 1 or 2 Highers. Check with your school for details.

### Course Content

National Progression Award in Professional Computer Fundamentals

- Security Fundamentals
- Network Fundamentals
- Server Administration Fundamentals

Diploma for IT and Telecommunications Professionals (Part of)

- Personal Effectiveness 2
- Health and Safety in IT and Telecom
- IT and Telecom System Operation 2
- Testing IT and Telecom Systems 2
- Working with IT and Telecoms Hardware and Equipment 1

### Qualifications Gained

- National Progression Award (NPA) in Professional Computer Fundamentals.
- Diploma for IT and Telecommunications Professionals (5 units only).

### Duration

1 - 2 years

### What can I go on to next?

- You could enter the second year of the Modern Apprenticeship in IT and Telecommunications at SCQF

Level 6.

- You might be able to gain entry onto the Technical Apprenticeship in IT and Telecommunications at SCQF Level 8.
- You could continue your studies at college or university, gaining a Higher National Diploma or degree.
- You could go straight into a job in the IT industry.

## How to Apply

To apply for a Foundation Apprenticeship you should complete an application form through your school. You may be required to attend an interview and complete a relevant aptitude test.

Have a look at the [apprenticeships.scot](http://apprenticeships.scot) website to see what your school offers and to enquire.

## Related Career Areas

- Computing and ICT