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## NATIONAL NEWS

### [Amazing Apprenticeships Parents' Pack – March 2019](#)

The March parents pack includes information on preparing for the first day in a new job, helping your child find the right employer, financial support for apprentices and accessing higher and degree apprenticeships.

### [McDonalds Apprenticeships](#)

This month we had National Apprenticeship week. Due to this, there were lots of apprenticeship announcements, including McDonalds pledging to double the apprenticeship training opportunities it offers throughout 2019. To find out more about McDonald's apprenticeships go to <https://people.mcdonalds.co.uk/early-career-opportunities/apprenticeship-programme/>

### [BT Apprenticeships](#)

BT also announced the launch of over 1,600 apprenticeships and graduate jobs across a variety of business areas including engineering, cyber security, TV production and customer services. To learn more about careers with BT go to <https://www.btplc.com/Careercentre/earlycareers/index.htm>

### [Government responds to Nursing degree apprenticeship report](#)

Government have provided an official response to the Education Committee report '[Nursing degree apprenticeships: in poor health?](#)' which explores the low numbers of nursing apprentices since the introduction in 2016. The report also explores the wider issue of low numbers entering the profession, this may also be aligned to there no longer being a bursary attached to the nursing degree route.

### [Degree Level Apprenticeship for Chartered Town Planners Approved](#)

The first-degree level apprenticeship for town planners has been approved. The apprenticeship is a degree level 7 apprenticeship and combines practical experience with academic study.

### [Human skills will always be needed in a technological age](#)

Industrial Strategy blog, written by Dr Grace Lordan of London School of Economics explores some of the preconceptions and fears individuals may have around the ambitions of the industrial strategy in relation to automation. The article looks at what the strategy means in reality and acknowledges the importance of softer skills required by individuals in employment – qualities which technologies and robots cannot offer.

### [How much do you know about apprenticeships in 2019: what teachers said](#)

Which? University surveyed 90 teachers to explore their knowledge around apprenticeships. 79% of those surveyed agree or strongly agree that they feel equipped to provide good information and support to students about apprenticeships. Although this is positive, the findings also show that some schools feel more informed about university routes than apprenticeships as they have traditionally had more dealings with this. Also some teaching staff are not always as informed on apprenticeships as others.

### [The new National Minimum Wage](#)

A reminder that the new national minimum wage comes into effect this month. Any apprentice aged over 22 years of age and not in the first year of their apprenticeship is entitled to the national minimum wage.

	<b>25+</b>	<b>21-24</b>	<b>18-20</b>	<b>Under 18</b>	<b>Apprentice</b>
<b>Current</b>	<b>£7.83</b>	<b>£7.38</b>	<b>£5.90</b>	<b>£4.20</b>	<b>£3.70</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>£8.21</b>	<b>£7.70</b>	<b>£6.15</b>	<b>£4.35</b>	<b>£3.90</b>

## LONDON AND REGIONAL NEWS

### [Skills for Londoners Business Partnership](#)

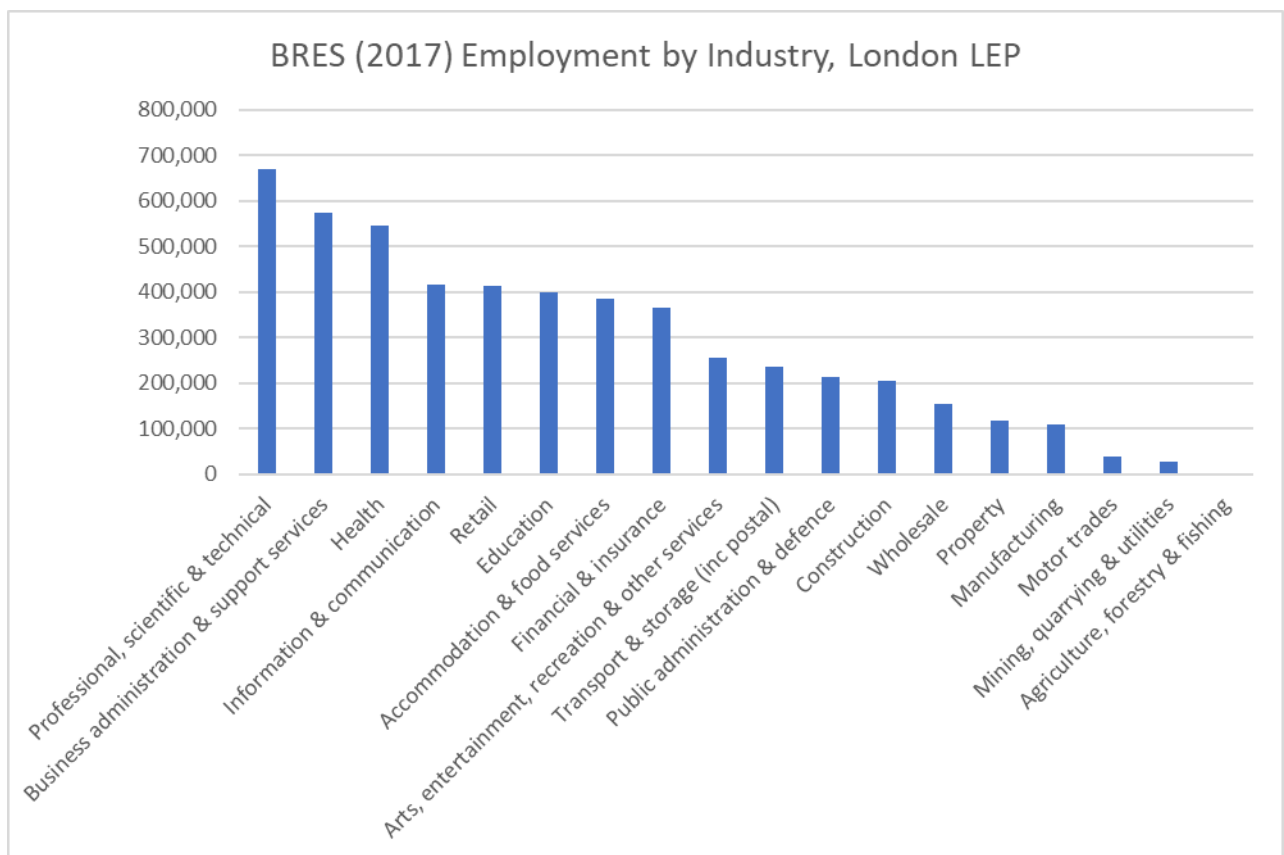
The Mayor has launched a new 'Skills for Londoners Business Programme'. The programme brings together individuals from a range of industries who will inform the future skills provision required in London to meet the needs of businesses.

## [LIFE Programme](#)

London Fire Brigade run a 4-5 day programme for young people aged 14-17 who have faced challenges. The programme is called 'LIFE' which stands for Local Intervention Fire Education and allows young people to develop transferable skills through firefighting activities. More information on the project can be accessed via the link above.

## [What industries are people employed in?](#)

The following graph shows employment by industry in the London LEP area. Figures are taken from BRES 2017.



## USEFUL WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

### [Apprenticeship Live Broadcasts](#)

Apprenticeship information is available through a series of live broadcasts. Recorded sessions are also available if you cannot make the live broadcasts.

### [BBC Bitesize - Careers Section](#)

BBC Bitesize has a careers section of the website which contains lots of interesting articles, including: 'Advice for your younger self', 'Skills for Work' and 'Where could your favourite subject take you?'.

### [Guide for new Careers Leaders in schools](#)

The Careers & Enterprise Company have produced a guide for new Careers Leaders in schools containing "essential information, helpful resources, practical tools and sign-posts further support".

### [Skills for Care](#)

Skills for Care have a wealth of information on their website including resources which you can download. The sections for careers advisers/ teachers can be accessed here; <https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Careers-in-care/Teachers-and-careers-advisors/Teachers-and-careers-advisors.aspx>

## FUTURE EVENTS

### [Nursing and Midwifery Jobs Fair \(venue tbc\)](#)

13<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

### [British Airways Teacher Takeover Days](#)

British Airways are hosting 'Teacher Take Off Days', inviting teachers for a day of work experience across the airline. Some of the upcoming dates are detailed below:

- 25<sup>th</sup> April – Flight Operations – Heathrow

### [London Job Show](#)

26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April – London Job Show, Westfield, Shepherds Bush, London

### [Open Doors Careers Event – Screenskills \(venue tbc in London\)](#)

London event will be in June – date to be confirmed. Open Doors are two-hour events open to young people and mid-career changers alike, and feature roundtable discussion with experts from across the screen industries offering their advice on getting in and moving up. All events finish with an open networking session where you can connect with professionals and peers.

### [RCN Job Show](#)

17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September – RCN Job Show, Business Design Centre, London, 9.00 am – 6.00 pm

[STEM Graduate Recruitment Fair](#)

October 11<sup>th</sup> – STEM graduate recruitment fair, The Barbican, 10.30 am – 5.00 pm

[London Student Jobs Fair](#)

22<sup>nd</sup> September – 29<sup>th</sup> September – Students Job Fair