

# General Welder

Level

2

Duration

Typically 24 months

**Levy Cost** £13,000

**Non-Levy Cost**

Fully funded or 5% (£650)

## How can a General Welder apprentice benefit my business?

Apprenticeships are an excellent way to support your organisation by harnessing new and motivated talent whilst developing employees who have skills tailored to your business needs.

## Who is the General Welder apprenticeship for?

The General Welder apprenticeship is aimed at those who wish to gain the knowledge and experience required to become a General Welder whilst working in industry. General Welders are needed in a number of sectors, for example, the steelwork construction sector. A General Welder apprentice will work with metals to create high-strength welds in 2 welding positions, using at least 1 arc welding process.

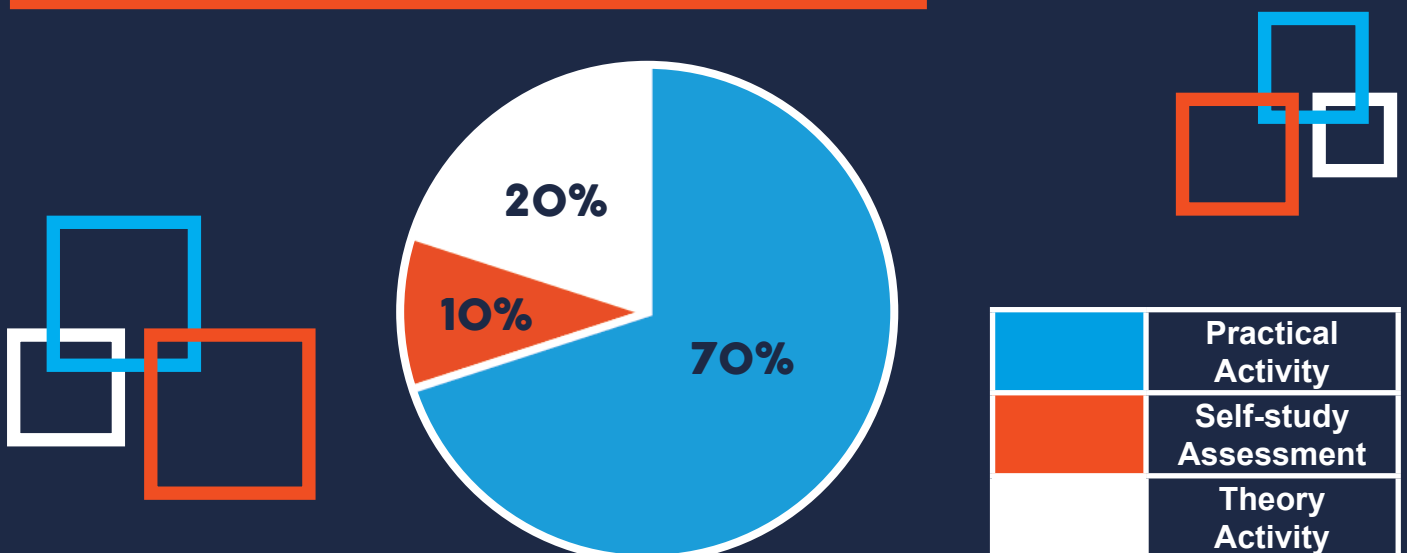
## What will it cost the business to take on an apprentice?

**Levy-paying employers** in England can use funds in their Apprenticeship Service Account to fund apprenticeship training costs.

**Non-levy paying employers:** The government will fund between 95% - 100%\* of the cost of training an apprentice.

\*This depends on how many people are employed within the company, the age of the apprentice and also if they have been in care or have a Local Authority Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

## How is the '20% off-the-job' training delivered?



## Functional Skills

If your apprentice does not hold a GCSE 4/5 or equivalent in English and maths, they will be required to complete functional skills. Delivery options will be agreed upon before the commencement of the apprenticeship.

## End Point Assessment

The EPA tests and validates the knowledge, skills and behaviours that an apprentice has gained during their training and demonstrates the competence of an apprentice in their role. This assessment for the General Welder apprenticeship consists of:

- Theoretical knowledge test
- Practical / oral examination
- Professional interview

## The Learner Journey

Month 1	Sign-up and induction	Induction · Skills Scan
Months 2 - 20	On programme	Delivered in our Welding Workshops: MIG, TIG, MMA · Theory classroom sessions
Months 21 - 23	Gateway to EPA	EPA Mocks
Month 24	EPA	Theoretical knowledge test · Practical / oral examination · Professional interview

## Classroom Delivery

One session per week (day release).

## Progression

On successful completion there are several progression routes for your staff based on your business and their specific job role including:

- Level 3 Metal Fabricator Apprenticeship
- Multi-Positional Welder, High Integrity Welder or Welding Instruction and Teaching, Welding Inspection and Managing and Supervising Welding Operations.