

Apprenticeship News Letter 2 May 2009

Apprenticeship Recruitment 2009



Apprenticeship recruitment is now underway for 2009, we currently have over 7000 applications from keen young people looking to get involved in the retail automotive sector.

With so many applications we are really keen to generate some new vacancies with the dealer network. Whilst the majority are looking for Technician Apprenticeships, it is encouraging that many of the applicants have chosen to pick non-technical career paths such as Parts Operations and Service Advisor as their first choices. In order to post a vacancy with the programme please email David Cato on dcato@citroenapprenticeships.com.

David will log your vacancy and check through our applications to then set up interviews and assessments with you.

We are sure that you will appreciate without the support from the Dealer network the Citroën Apprenticeship Programme will not be able to supply the dealer staff of the future to ensure that we maintain a good skill level of employees across the network.

Free training and accommodation costs

For 2009 we are delighted to advise you of a new initiative that we hope will encourage further participation from the network. For every new service technician apprentice recruited onto the programme this year there will be no training fees or accommodation costs for a non technical apprentice enrolled during the same period.

New Qualifications on Offer

For 2009 the Citroën Apprenticeship Programme will be offering an Automotive Electrical Apprenticeship. This qualification is solely based around the automotive electrical aspects of the job and has many optional units available to ensure that you as the employer pick the right units for your work throughput. There are 2 levels of this qualification on offer and will be achieved over two years.



This qualification is also available for any adults through our adult development programme.

If you are interested in this or any other formal qualifications please drop a note to Christopher Newton on cnewton@citroenapprenticeships.com

Citroën Apprentice of the Year

The Citroën Apprentice of the year competition will take place this May. This will be the first year Citroën have run a formal skills competition for the apprenticeship programme. The competition is based on the Automotive Technician Accreditation scheme (ATA) with six finalist from last year's third year groups from across the country. The event will be finished off with an awards ceremony in Slough. First Year Apprentice of the Year has gone to Kaylee Roberston, Service Technician from Central Garage Shetland and Second Year Apprentice of the Year has gone to Daniel Veznaver, Parts Consultant from Citroën Manchester. Special Award for dedication and commitment has gone to Paul Calgie from Donnelly Citroën Enniskillen. Well done to you all.



BBC Young Mechanic Competition

This year the BBC are running a national competition to find the best young talented employees from across the country. Within this competition the BBC are looking for the Young Mechanic of the Year. The Citroën Apprenticeship Programme entered 20 candidates into this competition. We very pleased to announce that Umar Butt from Citroen Birmingham has made it through to the national final. This competition will be running on BBC3 over the coming weeks. Good luck to Umar, we know you can do it!

