Technical Apprenticeship Consortium (TAC)

TAC brings together engineering and consultancy firms, enabling them to meet their business needs through the recruitment and training of apprentices. TAC members recruited 657 apprentices in the 2017/18 academic year alone. We:

- Develop apprenticeships linked to professional registration and career development routes
- Maintain high quality and consistent apprenticeship training provision through quality assured preferred providers
- Support our members to maximise apprenticeship and their associated funding opportunities
- Promote the wider apprenticeship agenda to support employers to attract and retain the best talent
- Collaborate both nationally and regionally to share best practice

Members have access to a full time Account Manager to support their apprenticeship needs, and an Education Specialist to facilitate and support the development of Apprenticeship Standards through dedicated Trailblazer groups.

In addition, we also run webinars, and share resources related to Apprenticeships and Technical Qualifications. Becoming a member of TAC demonstrates your company is supporting apprenticeships and tackling the sector’s future skills gaps, while also addressing more immediate recruitment requirements.

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As an Apprentice employer, working with TAC has been extremely beneficial. Not only has it enabled us all to develop and share best practice and ideas around apprenticeships, it has also been invaluable in helping me build my own knowledge and expertise about apprenticeships, especially within the sector.

Nick Harrison, Group Learning & Development Manager at Waterman Group Plc
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Member Benefits

Standards
- Help determine and develop market leading Apprenticeship standards for the sector
- Through Apprenticeship End Point Assessment, work with professional institutions to ensure future apprentices will be eligible for professional membership and registration
- Shape qualifications that underpin high quality apprenticeship training provision that support your business needs and working model
- Support the review and renewal of TAC developed apprenticeship standards and qualifications complete with their links to professional standards

Education and Training Providers
- Ensure consistency and continuity between all training providers and employers wherever they are based
- Access high quality assured training provision, through a TAC approved provider list
- Assist in finding new educational providers to deliver apprenticeship training
- Liaise with professional institutions to ensure Apprentice readiness for End Point Assessment and professional registration

Support
- Provide a forum for the sharing of best practice between members on Apprenticeship matters
- Provide support to members who have offices across the UK and regionally, supporting internal recruitment and apprentice management
- Share knowledge and best-practice between training providers and employers

“TAC is a vital partner in helping WSP to meet its apprenticeship needs. TAC resolved an issue with a University delivering the Degree apprenticeship above the levy funding cap, by reducing the fees for TAC members. We are delighted to be working in partnership with them to develop STEM apprenticeship standards, while securing the talent we need to continue to meet our skills needs.”

Emily Mahoney, Learning & Development Specialist at WSP

If your company is interested in membership, please contact the TAC Account Manager, Kimberly Murphy at kmurphy@acenet.co.uk