

An Apprentice's Guide to Applying for the Post-Apprenticeship Recognition Scheme

What is PARS? PARS recognises the unique educational route that is an apprenticeship and rewards completed apprentices for the skills they have gained and their commitment to continuous development and professional standards. Depending on the level of apprenticeship completed, successful applicants are awarded one of four levels of recognition, with the right to use post-nominals, and a certificate displaying the full title of the award.

What are the post-nominals? The post-nominals are letters that an individual can use after their name to indicate their achievements. There are four levels of post-nominals associated with PARS awards. CSA (Certificate of Standard Apprenticeship); CAA (Certificate of Advanced Apprenticeship); CHA (Certificate of Higher Apprenticeship); or CGA (Certificate of Graduate Apprenticeship). Click for more information and to apply!

3 STEPS TO APPLY FOR PARS!



- Ensure you have completed a UK apprenticeship, even if you are no longer based in the UK. You must have completed your apprenticeship on or after 1 January 2019.
- Obtain the support of your employer or an industrylinked sponsor.
- Ensure you are in possession of your official Apprenticeship Certificate!



COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

- Accurately fill in the required information. Be prepared to provide additional details based on your personal reflections on your apprenticeship journey.
- · Submit the application form!



SIT BACK AND RELAX

Upon submission, await the evaluation process.

Keep an eye on your email inbox in case!

What next?



Elevate Your Professionalism with PARS

Upon successful recognition, utilise the post-nominal designations to showcase your professional growth. Your peers are already posting about PARS as well as updating their LinkedIn profiles and CVs to include their new post-nominals! If you are a <u>member of the Association of Apprentices</u> (AoA) you can even contribute to the apprenticeship community by joining the alumni group on AoA Connect.

For more information, queries and FAQs about PARS visit <u>AoA's website</u> or email: <u>pars@associationofapprentices.org.uk</u>