QA Earns Ofsted ‘Good’ Rating in All Areas – Recognised For High-Quality Teaching in Apprenticeships and Skills

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QA, one of the UK’s largest providers of skills and apprenticeships, has been rated ‘Good’ in all aspects by Ofsted following an inspection in June 2025.

This rating places QA among the leading training and apprenticeship providers in the sector, reaffirming their position as a strategic partner for a wide range of employers.

Since their last inspection in 2020, QA has continued to evolve in response to the changing needs of learners and employers. Today, **QA supports over 6,400 apprentices across 23 standards**, with programmes ranging from Level 3 to Level 7, including degree-level apprenticeships. All training is delivered online, enabling flexible access to high-quality learning nationwide.

Praise for apprentice support and teaching standards

Ofsted’s report praised QA’s industry-relevant curriculum, noting that programmes are “designed to meet the needs of businesses for skilled technology professionals,” **including specialist pathways in AI and data**. Inspectors highlighted QA’s strong leadership and management, describing a “culture of continuous improvement” and “timely adaptations to improve the curriculum.”

The report also commended QA’s high-quality teaching, with tutors described as “experienced technical experts” who use “real-world examples” and interactive methods such as games, quizzes and videos. Learners also benefit from the support of Ela, QA’s AI-powered expert learning assistant, to enhance their learning journey.

QA’s commitment to learner success was also recognised, with Ofsted noting:

- Apprentices benefit from effective support, including mental health resources and regular coaching check-ins.
- Learners with SEND receive tailored support packages, including assistive technologies and flexible pacing.
- Apprentices are offered career development opportunities, including talks from industry experts and access to external networks.
- Coaches provide strong progress monitoring, helping apprentices understand how to achieve merit and distinction grades.

Response from QA’s Chief Learning Officer

Ofsted inspections hold QA to the highest standards and are a crucial quality marker for maintaining the valued trust of learners and customers. QA strives to align with these principles, continually pushing themselves to improve as an organisation and to raise industry standards

Welcoming the result, Jo Bishenden, Chief Learning Officer at QA, commented:

“This Ofsted rating is a powerful endorsement of the standards QA upholds across its apprenticeship provision. It reflects the dedication of their teams, the strength of employer partnerships, and the impact learners make in their organisations. QA is proud to be shaping the future of work through programmes that are built for transformation.”

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QA's programmes are underpinned by four core values – **Deeper Expertise, More Ways to Learn, Tailored for You, and A Partner You Can Trust**. Designed to help organisations build future-ready talent and accelerate careers.

View the QA Ofsted report here and learn more about QA Apprenticeships by visiting https://www.qa.com/apprenticeships/.

About QA

QA is one of the UK's largest providers of tech training, serving over 7,000 organisations and more than one million learners in the past three years. With 40 years of experience in instructor-led training and a growing digital portfolio, QA continues to lead the way in workforce upskilling and transformation.

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