

Alpha Parking launches Parking Apprenticeship

A parking apprenticeship initiative has been launched by training provider Alpha Parking.

The Parking Apprenticeship Framework is based on a new government approach that will see large organisations have to pay 5% into an Apprenticeship Levy from 1 April.

Organisations that will be contributing to the Apprenticeship Levy include private companies, such as contractors, and public bodies such as local authorities.

Organisations paying the levy are being incentivised to support apprenticeships by being allowed to reclaim costs for each

apprentice who is taken on within an approved framework.

Alpha and City & Guilds are working on setting up frameworks for 12 month Parking Apprentices for enforcement officers and notice processing staff in both the public and private sectors.

The 12-month apprenticeship will include both focused training on specialist skills and at work experience in parking areas, such as shadowing a civil enforcement officer and researching penalty charge notice evidence.

Penny Winder, director of Alpha Parking, said: "The Parking Apprenticeship Framework will

include off-site training qualifications and on-site learning. Initial interest from contractors and local authorities is very encouraging. We are keen to hear from any interested organisations, who have to make no commitment required at this stage."

Alpha Parking will be launching a new one-day Blue Badge training course in partnership with the Blue Badge enforcement team from Portsmouth City Council.

The workshop will cover areas such as: primary regulations; defining abuse; intervention and enforcement actions; evidence

capture and reporting mechanisms; and enforcement of non-UK disabled badges.

Alpha has also partnered with both Keep Britain Tidy and APCOA Parking to develop courses in environmental enforcement.

There will be: one-day focused courses on legislation and specific areas such as dog fouling and fly-tipping; two-day courses including issuing tickets and managing the relationship with the public; and a four-day course leading to a WAMITAB qualification.

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