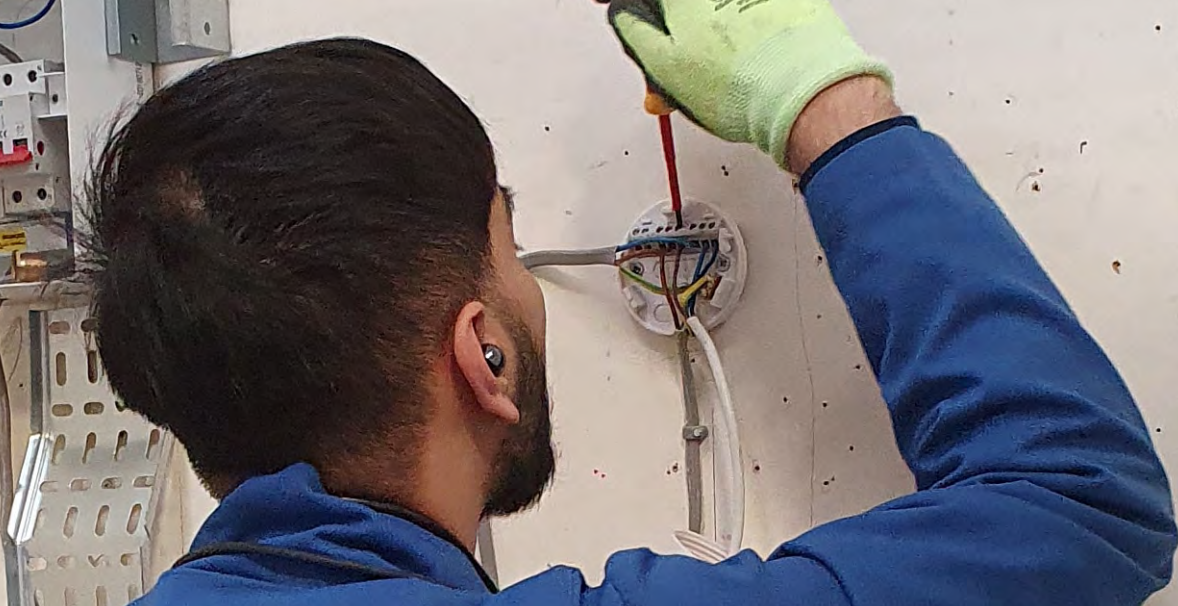




Zohir Khan

Age: 19

Programme: Gen2 Access to Apprenticeship Programme
sponsored by the City & Guilds Foundation



Why did you choose to apply for the access programme?

After finishing my GCSEs I stayed on at school to do my A-levels. I did product design, law and psychology. For me personally I wasn't keen on the idea of going to University and studying for another 3-4 years. I always learn better when I am being taught practically so I liked the idea of the Gen2 engineering programmes.

I heard about the Gen2 access to apprenticeship programmes through school, so I attended the open evening to find out more. The thing which appealed to me most about the access programmes was you got to try lots of different disciplines so I could see which would be the best fit for me as a career. I applied for the programme, which was sponsored by the City & Guilds Foundation, and I was really happy to be accepted.

What work activity have you done?

When I first arrived I completed my induction which provided information about workshop safety, PPE, safeguarding, IT systems etc.

Our first practical work was the electrical units in the access programme. I learned how to install wiring in the electrical bays, install lights, carrying out fault finding and make containments (ie trunking). I did theory work including risk assessments, resistance, Ohms law, wiring regulations etc.

I have also carried out mechanical work and learned basic skills in bench fitting.



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How has your access programme progressed?

The aim of the access programme is to try and help students move onto a full apprenticeship or into a job. Our access group were informed by Gen2 that there were a number of full engineering apprenticeship placements available with the NHS. Gen2 helped me to apply and arranged for me to attend the interview. The apprenticeship was for an engineering apprenticeship with an electrical bias which was perfect for me. I was able to talk in detail about why I wanted the apprenticeship, why I would make a good candidate and the experience I had already gained. I was really pleased to hear that I had passed the interview and was offered a full apprenticeship with the NHS.

I officially started my apprenticeship in February on a four year programme. At the end of the apprenticeship I will become a trained and experienced electrician and will hopefully have a great career ahead of me working with the NHS.

How has the City & Guilds Group Foundation Bursary helped you?

It would not have been possible to do this course without the sponsorship funding from the City & Guilds Foundation. This course has been perfect for me as I was struggling to decide what to do as a career. After trying several aspects of engineering I knew that electrical engineering was for me.

This programme has helped me gain industry skills and knowledge and without the funding for this programme I would not have been able to progress into my apprenticeship and hopefully a long lasting career.

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