

# CHOOSE TECH

# Paths to a career in tech

## Study

### PATHS TO FURTHER EDUCATION

If you are interested in learning more to work in ICT, here are the routes to the workforce:

NO LEAVING CERT

PASS LEAVING CERT\*

LEVEL 7/8 LEAVING CERT\*

#### MICRO-BADGES

Recognition of prior learning will be considered for course entry

#### PRE-TECH > 9 months

ICT Associate Pre-Tech Apprenticeship  
Graduate with a NFQ Level 5 Higher Certificate

L5

Apply for Tech Apprenticeship

Job search or further study

#### TECH APPRENTICESHIP > 2 years

MONTHS

1-6

Apprentices attend full-time off-the-job training and development

MONTHS

7-18

On-the-job and off-the-job training and development  
3 days work / 2 days off-the-job training and development

MONTHS

19-24

On-the-job and off-the-job training and development  
4 days work / 1 day off-the-job training and development

- > ICT Associate Apprenticeship
- > Earn while you learn
- > Off the jobs skills training
- > On the job application skills



Network Engineer  
NFQ Level 6



Software Developer  
NFQ Level 6



Cybersecurity  
NFQ Level 6



All Female  
NFQ Level 6

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY  
> 3/4 years minimum

Graduate with a Bachelors Degree

Degree

FURTHER STUDY  
Part-time Degree

\* Or equivalent qualifications

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## Employment

Continued employment with apprenticeship employer

Job search in Irelands global tech hub

### IRISH GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY HUB

Google

SAP

LinkedIn

Microsoft

salesforce

accenture

Deloitte.

Bine Coimisiún na hÉireann  
Central Bank of Ireland

HE Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

Riailtas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland

ESB Energy for generations

XILINX

SIEMENS

IBM

#### IRELAND IS HOME TO:



The top 5

Global software companies



9 of the top 10

US tech companies



Top 3

Global enterprise software companies



4 of the top 5

IT service companies

#### PERKS OF THE JOB:

- > Higher than average wage opportunities.
- > Global work and travel opportunities.
- > Healthcare and pension plans.
- > Paid holiday leave.
- > Gym and wellbeing provisions.
- > Continuing professional education opportunities.

#### NUMBERS OF VACANCIES:

The current market size of the global technology sector is over \$4 trillion.

According to the latest FIT ICT Skills Audit, over 12,000 vacancies exist in the tech sector.



For more information on the Choose Tech programme visit [www.FIT.ie/resources/choosetech](http://www.FIT.ie/resources/choosetech) or email [choosetech@fit.ie](mailto:choosetech@fit.ie)

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