



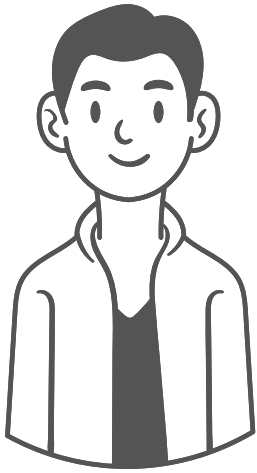
# ASSIST

Knowledge Development

IS Business Analyst Apprenticeship (Level 4)

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**Ryan**



**Business  
Analyst**



**VW  
Financial  
Services**

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## Background

My name is Ryan. I've spent the last 18 months completing my apprenticeship in Business Analysis with AssistKD at Volkswagen Financial Services (VWFS). I recently passed the apprenticeship exam with Distinction.

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## Why did you apply for the apprenticeship?

During my time at sixth form I knew that university wasn't the route that I wanted to take. I wanted to take a more practical approach and gain real business experience while learning. I came across the Business Analyst Apprenticeship scheme by complete accident while looking at the different apprenticeship opportunities. While looking into the BA role I found that it enables a job where no two days are the same which is something I was definitely looking for. Each day a different challenge or activity would take place.

## What challenges have you faced during the apprenticeship?

During the start of the apprenticeship there is a lot to take in, especially if you are a school leaver and haven't had any full time job experience. But both Assist and VWFS were very helpful in getting me up to speed and helping me adapt to working life. A challenge I faced was trying to keep my portfolio as up to date as possible while working on business projects. Working on projects quickly takes over and occasionally I would forget to update my portfolio, this meant I would have to look back further down the line and try to remember what skills I had used.

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## What have you found rewarding about the apprenticeship?

One of the most rewarding things about the apprenticeship is passing BCS qualifications throughout the programme. Over the 18 months you'll complete 5 BCS certifications, after each one there is always a big sense of accomplishment as you work your way through the apprenticeship it's definitely a big motivator. Another rewarding thing about the apprenticeship is that it allows you to build on your own personal skills such as presenting skills and general communication through tasks assigned by AssistKD.

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## Any other thoughts or comments?

Overall the programme has really helped with my self-confidence, before the scheme I was always nervous talking to new people however now I feel like a completely different person. The resources and support AssistKD offer is second to none. Their staff and mentors are always more than happy to help with any questions you have and the trainers on the courses are knowledgeable and friendly. By completing this programme it has allowed me to make a great start to my career and will definitely help me in the future!

I would recommend this apprenticeship to anyone that is looking to start a career as a Business Analyst.