



TCR Group – Apprentice GSE Painter/Prepper



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Location: Manchester

Division: Workshop

Reporting To: Workshop Supervisors / Operations Manager

The Opportunity:

We are seeking a dedicated Apprentice GSE Painter/Prepper to join our workshop team. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain hands-on experience in vehicle preparation and painting for Ground Support Equipment (GSE), while working towards a recognised qualification. You'll be trained by experienced professionals and play a key role in ensuring high-quality paint finishes, all while maintaining health, safety, and environmental standards.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist with cleaning, sanding, and preparing surfaces for painting
- Support masking, fitting, and stripping of vehicle components
- Learn to mix and prepare paints in line with manufacturer guidelines
- Participate in painting tasks under the supervision of qualified staff
- Help plan painting schedules and support workshop coordination
- Follow COSHH and safety requirements for storage and use of substances
- Maintain tools and report any faults to the Workshop Supervisor
- Complete job cards and workshop documentation via SAP and iPad/tablets
- Keep workspaces clean and organised
- Shadow experienced technicians and progressively take on more responsibility

What We Are Looking For:

- A strong interest in vehicle/bodywork painting or a related trade
- Minimum GCSE Grade 4 or C in Maths, English & ICT
- Good attention to detail and willingness to follow guidance
- Enthusiastic, safety-conscious, and ready to learn
- Drivers Licence would be advantageous
- Please note: This is a supervised apprenticeship role—independent working is not permitted until fully trained

Knowledge and Skills to Develop:

- Safe preparation and painting of vehicles and equipment
- Knowledge of single and two-pack paint systems
- Time management and planning skills
- Communication and teamwork
- Problem-solving and adaptability
- Understanding of health, safety, and environmental procedures

Training and Progression:

- Work towards a recognised apprenticeship standard (e.g. Vehicle Damage Paint Technician – Level 3)
- Participate in classroom, workshop, and e-learning training
- Gain awareness of ISO9001, ISO14001, and safety legislation
- Progressively take on more technical responsibilities as skills develop

♥ Why Join Us?

- Gain a nationally recognised qualification while working

- Learn from experienced professionals in a supportive environment
- Join a well-established, safety-focused company with long-term development opportunities

♥ What We Offer

- 3x salary Life Assurance.
- Private Medical coverage.
- Employee Assistance Programme (EAP).

About Us:

TCR delivers leading-edge recovery, transport, and operational services across the UK. With a strong focus on safety, compliance, and client satisfaction, we are committed to excellence in everything we do.

Apply Now:

Looking to launch a career in painting and preparation? Apply now and begin your professional journey as an Apprentice GSE Painter/Prepper.

Closing date: 15th August 2025