



# National Occupational Framework: Technical Writer

Technical writers prepare written documents to communicate complex and technical information using language that is clear and easy to understand. They write, edit, and revise technical materials such as grant proposals, equipment manuals, appendices, or instructions. They may assist with developing drawings or schematics and with digital design or print layout work.

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<https://urbn.is/3YIDDtE>



## Apprenticeship: A Solution for Recruiting and Training Technical Writers

Apprenticeship programs combine learning on the job and in the classroom to train workers in the exact skills needed by employers. Technical writers work in many different industries and collaborate with technical experts to understand and communicate complex information to diverse audiences. Apprenticeships equip workers with foundational knowledge of technical writing and research techniques, as well as the communication, writing, and editing skills needed to succeed in this growing occupation.



**Apprenticeship Benefits:**

**90%**  
employment retention for apprentices

**86%**  
of employers with programs recommend apprenticeship

**\$1.44**  
return on investment for every dollar spent

### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN A [NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL FRAMEWORK](#)?

- background information to help you learn more about the occupation
- comprehensive list of the competencies apprentices need to do the job
- building blocks of information for employers developing a registered apprenticeship program

**Questions?** Visit the National Apprenticeship Resource Hub at [apprenticeships.urban.org](https://apprenticeships.urban.org) or contact the Urban Institute at [apprenticeship@urban.org](mailto:apprenticeship@urban.org).



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