

BRITISH VALUES

a simple way to remember them

There are four fundamental **British Values** that underpin the way we live in this country.

For most people, these are so deeply embedded in our thoughts and actions that we don't always recognise them or appreciate them. It's been argued that the word British is rather contentious, as these values apply to many free countries across the globe.

In other words, they are not exclusive to us in Great Britain. It is fair to say, however, that there are also many countries where such values do not exist, so it is not unreasonable to refer to them as British, and that is what the UK government prefers for the time being.

As an apprentice, you are expected to have a sound understanding of British Values.

NCAL will help you to develop your knowledge of British Values throughout your programme. Even so, it is not always easy to recall them on the spot when asked, so here's a simple mnemonic to help you - **DRIFT**

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Stands for

Notes

D

Democracy

R

Rule of law

IF

Individual freedom

This is more correctly known as Individual liberty

T

Tolerance

This is more fully defined as mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith

Take a few moments to memorise **DRIFT**. There is hardly a day that goes by when at least one of these British Values isn't at the centre of a news story of some kind. Take a look at today's news items, for example, and reflect for a few moments on how British Values impact on it. It's a good habit to get into, as it will reinforce your understanding of British Values and help you to appreciate them more.

Of course, British Values often come under challenge and, sometimes, they suffer serious threat. The UK government has a strategy to reduce the threat to the UK by terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. This is known as the Prevent strategy and was originally published in 2011.

Alongside the Prevent strategy, the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on certain organisations to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism." This is known as the **Prevent Duty**, and it applies to a range of bodies such as local authorities, schools, childcare providers, the health sector, prisons, probation services, the police, and further education providers such as NCAL Limited.

You don't need to know too much about this right now other than the strategy is in place to encourage individuals and communities to challenge violent extremist ideologies and behaviours, so that we can all enjoy our lives and respect each other. We'll be telling you a little more about this during your apprenticeship.

