



Apprenticeship Support for SMEs

In collaboration with the DfE

Have you considered recruiting an apprentice but have been put off by the complexity of the system, the cost of training or just where to start?

The new Apprenticeship Support for SMEs service can help!



Our team can support you to:

- Explain the funding rules and your obligations as an employer of an apprentice
- Navigate the government's Apprenticeship Service website
- Access funding that removes the cost of your apprentice's training
- Introduce you to appropriate apprenticeship training
- Support you to recruit a new apprentice or upskill an existing member of staff through an apprenticeship

Apprenticeships can benefit your business by:

- Addressing skills gaps by developing a workforce with skills specific to your business
- Enabling existing employees to pass on their knowledge with your next generation of employees
- Growing talent and developing a motivated, skilled and qualified workforce.
- Improving productivity and quality of your product or service

The package is a free service for eligible SMEs. To be eligible your business must:

- Have **less than 250 members of staff**
- Operate within the **Adult Social Care** sector looking to recruit any type of apprentice
- Have been trading for at least 12 months
- Not have employed an apprentice in the last 24 months
- Be located within the following local authority areas:
 - **Bolton**
 - **Manchester**
 - **Oldham**
 - **Rochdale**
 - **Salford**
 - **Tameside**
 - **Wigan**



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To take advantage of this free service, or if you want to find out more,
[Please click here to complete a short Expression of Interest \(EOI\) form.](#)

On receipt of the EOI a member of the Apprenticeship Support for SMEs team will contact you to discuss your specific apprenticeship support needs.