

Are you eligible for an employer incentive?

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| What's on offer | Up to £2,500 Programme for the Unemployed (PFU) Apprenticeship Support for employers | Up to £1,500 (VAT exempt) Apprenticeships Grants for Employers (referred to as "AGE 16-24") | Mentoring support for both employer and apprentice Can be accessed in conjunction with AGE 16-24 apprenticeship grant. | Up to 12 flexible weeks of funded work experience For 25-30 hours a week. Can be accessed in conjunction with other apprenticeship grants | Up to £2,275 Wage incentive Can be accessed in conjunction with work experience, but not AGE 16-24 apprenticeship grant |
| What it is | Apprenticeship Support for Employers Grant from EU Social Fund | Part of the Government's Youth Contract which is a national programme | Devon Apprenticeship Start Up – for North Devon & Torridge | Part of the Government's Get Britain Working programme | Wage incentive. Part of the Government's Work Programme |
| Employer size | Up to 250 employees | Up to 250 employees | Up to 9 employees | No restrictions | No restrictions at this time |
| Eligible employer | Must be new to apprentices or not employed apprentices within last 12 months - or can show that they would not take on another apprentice unless they got the grant. Must take up pre-employment training. | Must be new to apprentices or not employed apprentices within last 36 months | Employer must have fewer than 10 employees | To get the full 12 weeks employers need to be taking on the work experience placement with a view to it leading to an apprenticeship. | Available to Private Sector and Voluntary and Community Sector employers. |
| Apprentice age | 18 - 24 | 16 - 24 | 16 - 24 | 16 - 24 | 18 – 24 (some exceptions) |
| Apprentice eligibility criteria | Must be in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance. Must join Westward Pathfinder Skills Support Programme prior to start of paid apprenticeship. | New apprenticeship recruit | Not in education, employment, training | Must be in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance. Young people remain on benefit during the work experience. Funding is available for travel and childcare. | Not applicable for apprentices, but valid for jobseekers through the Work Programme. Further eligibility criteria may apply. |
| When | Apply up to June 2012 | Available until March 2013 | From February 2012 | Available now | Available from April 2012 |
| How many | 60 apprenticeships available | 40,000 grants Nationally. No geographical restrictions – first come first served basis | 40 mentoring places available | No limit | 160,000 Nationally |
| Further information available from | Westward Pathfinder Contact Lorna Lacey 07989 398 016 | Careers South West Local contact - 01271 378 585 National Apprenticeships Service – 0800 0150 600 Or your apprentice training provider | Careers South West Contact Sarah Lock or Hilary Adams 01271 378 585 | Jobcentre Plus Contact Joy Fennell 01271 395313 | Details are still being finalised. Go online at: http://dwp.gov.uk/youth-contract/ where you can find the latest information |

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For impartial advice call

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