

Payment incentives for Employers taking New Apprentices

The National Apprenticeship Service would like to inform you about the **Apprenticeship Grant for Employers** - an incentive payment to employers taking on new apprentices aged 16 to 24yrs.

If you employ less than 1,000 staff and have not had apprentices in the last year, your organisation may be eligible for the Grant which is to the value of **£1500** for each new apprentice you take on, up to a maximum of 10 apprentices.

Apprenticeships are an extremely cost effective way of training and developing new recruits, particularly school leavers.

There are more than 200 different types of Apprenticeships available, and they are designed for young people who learn on and off the job, supported by a training provider. The training costs are fully subsidised by the government if you take on a 16 to 18 year old apprentice.

The grant of £1500 per apprentice is only available until December 2013, so if you are looking to take on an extra pair of hands and would like to consider an apprentice and claim this grant, please contact us as soon as possible.

To arrange a no obligation chat about the Apprenticeship programme and claiming the grant, please call **Amanda Sayers 07958 021215** or email **amanda.sayers@apprenticeships.gov.uk**.