

Guidance for Apprentices being made Redundant

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Below is a table showing the ESFA measures put in place to support Apprentices who are made redundant as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic. As yet there are no time scales on the length of this support.

Apprentice Circumstances	ESFA Funding support
Apprentice is within 6 months of the final day of training OR has complet- ed 75% of their practical period	 The ESFA will fund 100% of the remaining costs of the price negotiated between the provider and the previous employer, up to the funding band maximum. Within this 6 month period: If the apprentice finds a new employer where they can complete their apprenticeship, the new employer assumes outstanding liabilities and benefits from that point. If the apprentice takes a job with an employer which is not related to their apprenticeship, the ESFA will continue to fund the remaining costs.
Apprentice is more than 6 months from their final day of training	 The ESFA will fund the remaining costs of the price negotiated between the provider and the previous employer, for a maximum of 12 weeks. Within this 12 week period: If the apprentice finds a new employer where they can complete their apprenticeship, the new employer assumes outstanding liabilities and benefits from that point. If the apprentice takes a job with an employer which is not related to their apprenticeship, the ESFA will continue to fund the remaining costs for up to 12 weeks. If a new employer is not found within 12 weeks, the apprentice is withdrawn from the programme but can return to the same apprenticeship at a later date, without the need to satisfy the 12 month minimum duration rule.
Redundancy Support Services for Apprentices (RSSOA)	The government have launched the RSSoA to support Apprentices who have been made redundant as a result of the pandemic. The new service is called Find another Apprenticeship and can be reached on 0800 015 0400. This service designed to match Apprentices with employers seeking to support redundant Apprentices, enabling them to carry on with their current programme or a similar alternative.

Other useful sources of help for an Apprentice may include:

National Careers Service Citizens Advice Universal Credit National Debt Line Money Advice Service

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