

Supported Internships/Traineeship

From 1 September 2013 Access to Work support was extended for **young** people who start a work placement with an employer as part of the Department for Education supported internship programme or a BIS traineeship.

Supported Internship/Traineeship applicants:-

1. Supported Internships are for young people with complex learning difficulties aged 16 to 24.
2. This is an unpaid placement.
3. In full time education
4. No other types of unpaid internships will qualify for Access to Work support)
5. Applications can be made up to six months in advance.
6. Support is for 39 weeks and can fall into different academic years.
7. The college/school should be in receipt of funding from EFA.
8. Can be in receipt of benefits. e.g. Incapacity Benefit, ESA, IS, DLA or PIP etc. (Not on JSA for Supported Internship)

TRAINEESHIPS

This support will be available for young people aged 16-24 and support is for 26 weeks and can fall into different academic years.

The core target group for traineeships will be young people who:

1. are not currently in a job and have little work experience, but who are focused on work or the prospect of it
2. are 16-19 and qualified below Level 3 or 19-24 and have not yet achieved a full Level 2; and
3. Providers and employers believe have a reasonable chance of being ready for employment or an apprenticeship within six months of engaging in a traineeship.