



In July 2020, Chancellor Rishi Sunak's announced that the government is implementing additional measures to support jobs following the impact of COVID-19. A total of £1.6 billion will be invested in scaling up employment support schemes, training and apprenticeships to help people looking for a job. This was due to end 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 but was extended until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and again to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Davies Learning Solutions is a specialist apprenticeship provider, advising employers on how they can utilise levy funds to support their training needs by using apprenticeship programmes.

Read on for our quick step by step guide.

- 1. If you do not already have a Digital Apprenticeship Service account (DAS) you will need to set one up here: <a href="https://accounts.manage-apprenticeships.service.gov.uk/">https://accounts.manage-apprenticeships.service.gov.uk/</a>
- 2. You can apply for the incentive payment after you have added the new apprentice/s to your DAS account. There will be an additional box on the homepage of your account where you can apply for this incentive payment.
- 3. The payment will then be made to the linked bank account. Payments are split into 2 equal instalments, after the apprentice completes 90 and 365 days of their apprenticeship.

The learner must be:

- \*New to your organisation
- \*Their contract of employment and apprenticeship start date must be between 1st August 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- \*You can also get the payment when you hire an apprentice who has been made redundant, as long as they are new to your organisation.

From 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, for apprentices aged 16 to 24, you'll receive £2,000 and for 25 and over, you'll receive £1,500

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 for apprentices of all ages you will receive £3000

This COVID incentive payment is additional to the £1,000 you'll always get for taking on an apprentice who is:

Aged 16 to 18 years old or Under 25 and has an education, health and care plan or has been in the care of their local authority.

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