South Yorkshire Apprenticeship Hub

2026 INCENTIVES FOR EMPLOYERS

£1,000 Young Apprentice Incentive

All businesses can receive £1,000 for recruiting an apprentice aged 16-18, or aged 19-24 with an Education, health and Care (EHC) plan, or who is a care leaver.

Available: Now **Business Size: All** **Administered by: Your chosen Training Provider**

£2,000 Foundation Apprenticeship Incentive

Businesses offering Foundation Apprenticeships to those aged 16-21 (or eligible 22-24 year olds) can receive up to £2,000, which support progression to a further Apprenticeship.

Available: Now **Business Size: All** **Administered by: Your chosen Training Provider**

£3,000 Youth Jobs Grant

All businesses can receive £3,000 for recruiting an individual aged 18-24 who has been receiving Universal Credit and looking for work for six months or more.

Available: Now **Business Size: All** **Administered by: DWP - Apply Here**

National Insurance Contributions

Businesses to not pay NICs for Apprentices aged under 25 if the salary is below £50,270.

Available: Now **Business Size: All** **Administered by: Business/Payroll**

Funding for under 25's

Non-levy paying businesses do not pay the Apprenticeship Standard contribution for those aged under 25. Levy-payers who have exceeded their funds will also receive this funding

Available: Now **Business Size: Non-levy paying** **Administered by: Business/Training Provider via your Apprenticeship Service account**

£2,000 Non-Levy Jobs Grant

£2,000 for non-levy paying small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in England when they take on new employees aged under 25.

Available: October 2026 **Business Size: Non-levy paying** **Administered by: TBC**

Incentives may be stackable, meaning you can claim more than one grant or incentive for the same individual