



## COVID-19 Apprenticeships

As part of the cross-government efforts to respond to the impact of COVID-19, the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) is implementing new measures, for the duration of the pandemic, to make it easier for apprenticeships to continue and complete in a different way if they need to, or to break and resume an apprenticeship later when that becomes possible. Version 6 of the guidance has been published and can be read [here](#).

New flexibilities to make it easier for end-point assessments to take place during the COVID-19 outbreak have been introduced, too. The new temporary flexibilities, are set out in this [list](#) published by IfATE.

The flexibilities, which may include remote assessment in areas previously assessed through face-to-face contact, have been introduced to ensure apprentices can progress normally where possible, while maintaining high-quality standards.

The UK Government has produced guidance on [hiring an apprentice who has been made redundant](#). When employers hire redundant apprentices, they could be eligible for [incentive payments for hiring a new apprentice](#). They'll get up to £2,000 to support their organisation's costs when they hire a new apprentice from now until 31 January 2021 – no matter what size their organisation is.