

Trailblazer Apprenticeship Standard

ST0431

Rehabilitation Work (Visual Impairment)

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/rehabilitation-worker-visual-impairment/>

Why are we promoting the apprenticeship?

What's the point of standards, professional registration and continued professional development if don't have enough professionals?

There are not enough of us and we're getting old(er)

Your employer is already paying the levy, so use it

REHABILITATION WORKER (VISUAL IMPAIRMENT)

Overview of the role

Delivers and evaluates professional person-centred rehabilitation training to visually impaired people


Details of standard

Occupation - Working within the statutory, voluntary and private social care sector the Rehabilitation Worker assesses individual need and formulates, delivers and evaluates professional person-centred rehabilitation training to visually impaired people to develop and enhance the skills and confidence they need to maximise their independence. The worker is an advocate for visually impaired people, the sight loss sector and their employing organisation to support, design and influence the development of services and promote accessibility, equality, social integration and the societal contribution of people with a visual impairment.

Entry Requirements - Whilst entry requirements will be a matter for employers, an apprentice should be expected to undertake the Disclosure and Barring Service process and have already achieved a pass grade in GCSE Maths & English or equivalent.

Level & Duration - Level 5. Duration typically, 24 months

Qualifications - Apprentices without level 2 English and Maths will need to achieve this level prior to taking

Status: Approved for delivery 

Level: 5

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Route: Health and science

Typical duration: 24 months

Maximum funding: £12000 (Funding Band 10)

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Employers involved in creating the standard:

Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Blind Veterans, Norfolk County Council Sensory Support Unit, Stoke-on-Trent City Council Telecare and Lifeline Service, Sight for Surrey, Action for Blind People, Gateshead and South Tyneside Sight Service, Middlesex Association for the Blind, Sandwell MBC Sensory Team

What's it got to do with you?

- Who are you going to rely on to promote it? (apart from us and BCU)
- If this doesn't take off, there's no plan B
- Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland – can it happen for you?

The Rehabilitation Work Visual Impairment Apprenticeship

**With training delivered by BCU
FdSc Rehabilitation Work (Visual Impairment)**

Step by step process

New funding stream for training

Apprentice is employed within the VI sector and works with experienced practitioners.

Complete the BCU FdSc Rehab course to meet the off the job training requirements of the [Rehabilitation Work Visual Impairment Apprenticeship Standard](#).

Apprentice's eligibility

- Employed in England
- Aged 16 or over
- Time to study within the working week.
- Can be new or current employees.

The apprenticeship must involve substantial new learning.

1. Estimate apprenticeship funding

Use this [tool](#) to get an indication of how much apprenticeship funding you'll receive

2. Set up an account to manage apprenticeship funding

Click [here](#) to set up and register an employer account.

3. Sign your employer agreement

- Before you can start adding apprentices you'll need to sign a legal agreement with the Skills Funding Agency (SFA).
- This authorises your apprenticeship funding to be paid.

You can view a copy of this document [here](#)

4. Set up apprenticeships

- Internally or externally recruit your apprentice
- The apprentice applies to join the [FdSc Rehabilitation Work \(Visual Impairment\)](#)
- Recommend level 3 qualification.
- **Prior to taking the end point assessment complete Level 2 English and Maths**
- Attend selection day.
- On successful selection the apprentice will be offered a place.

5. Completing the apprenticeship

- Legal contract between BCU and the apprentice's employer.
- Commitment statement between BCU, employer and apprentice.
- Individual Learning Plan: tracks progress
- Apprentice completes FdSc course.
- Successfully pass the EPA.
- Typically takes 2 years

Get help

National Apprenticeship Service

Get started at www.gov.uk/guidance/manage-apprenticeship-fund

Fill in the [enquiry form](#) or contact the National Apprenticeship Service for more information.

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