**The Rehabilitation Work Visual Impairment Apprenticeship**

**With training delivered by Birmingham City University FdSc Rehabilitation Work (Visual Impairment)**

This apprenticeship is a way of training the next generation of Rehabilitation Work (Visual Impairment) practitioners. This involves the apprentice being employed by their employer while they complete their off the job training.

**Apprentice’s eligibility:**

* Employed by their employer in England
* Aged 16 or over
* Can combine working with studying to gain skills and knowledge.
* Apprentices can be new or current employees.

Employers can:

* [Get government funding](https://www.gov.uk/take-on-an-apprentice/get-funding) to cover some of the cost of training and assessing an apprentice if you’re in England.
* Must pay the apprentice at least [the minimum wage](https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates).

The apprentice will need to:

* Work alongside experienced practitioners to obtain the skills
* Become occupationally competent in this role
* Complete the level 5 training requirements outlined by the [Rehabilitation Work Visual Impairment Apprenticeship Standard](https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/rehabilitation-worker-visual-impairment/).
* Prior to taking the end point assessment complete Level 2 English and Maths qualifications or have evidence of completion
* To offer potential apprentices every opportunity for success Birmingham City University recommend that they have already achieved a level 3 qualification. This is not a mandatory requirement of the apprenticeship.

**Birmingham City University is a registered training provider for the apprenticeship. Apprentices can apply to join the FdSc Rehabilitation Work (Visual Impairment) to meet the off the job training requirements. This course starts in September 2018.**

**For more information and how to apply please click** [**here**](http://bcu.ac.uk/courses/rehabilitation-work-visual-impairment-2018-19)

Click [here](https://www.gov.uk/take-on-an-apprentice)  for more information for employers from the Apprenticeship Service:

**FAQ’s**

How do I register and use the apprenticeship service as an employer?

* Please click [here](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/manage-apprenticeship-funds) for information.

What shall I do next?

* Click [here](https://www.gov.uk/take-on-an-apprentice/get-funding) to investigate your funding options and ensure that your potential job role will meet the requirements of the apprenticeship.
* Internally or externally recruit your apprentice and ensure they complete the application process to join the [**FdSc Rehabilitation Work (Visual Impairment)**](http://bcu.ac.uk/courses/rehabilitation-work-visual-impairment-2018-19)at Birmingham City University.

Can our agency up skill our Rehabilitation Work assistants?

* Yes, as long as there is substantial new learning. Also, they will need to be employed and have an employment contract that covers the duration of the apprenticeship.

What if my apprentice has already studied at degree level in a different area?

* This is okay as long as there is substantial new learning

How long will it take to complete the apprenticeship?

* It may take about 2 years for an apprentice to complete the requirements of the apprenticeship depending on their ability to meet the requirements outlined in the Rehabilitation Work standard.

**Get help**

**National Apprenticeship Service**

Fill in the [enquiry form](https://sfacontactforms.azurewebsites.net/employer-enquiry) or contact the National Apprenticeship Service for more information about the funding available.  
Telephone: 0800 015 0600

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