

Essex County Council is offering the **Essex 200 Apprenticeship Support Fund** to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) hire and support apprentices. Secure up to £2,000 in funding per apprentice, with funds provided in two equal payments.

Contact the team by email at apprenticeship.hub@essex.gov.uk or complete an online application form or [click this link](#)

Eligibility Criteria:



Location

Either your business or apprentice must be in an Essex postcode area



Business Size

Open to SMEs only



Apprentice Start Date

Apprentices must either a) be new employees who have not yet started in the workplace, or b) have joined your business within the last three months, from the date of your submitted application.



Training

Apprentices must be enrolled in an approved apprenticeship programme between 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025.

Funding is limited to two apprentices per business. Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. The decision of Essex County Council is final.

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