



# The Youth Contract

Find out how you can claim up to £2,275 when you employ an 18 to 24 year-old



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# What is the Youth Contract Wage Incentive?

Tackling youth unemployment is a major priority for the Government.

The Youth Contract Wage Incentive is a new initiative which provides employers with a wage subsidy of up to £2,275 if they take on a long-term unemployed 18 to 24 year-old currently participating in the Work Programme.

As the largest provider of the Work Programme in the UK, Pathways has a large pool of enthusiastic 18 to 24 year-olds ready to start work.

For more information on the youth contract:

**[www.dwp.gov.uk/youth-contract](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/youth-contract)**



# How does the wage incentive work?



You can claim £2,275 when you take on an 18 to 24 year-old who is currently participating in the Work Programme. This amount is paid after 26 weeks of employment and is available for those working 30 hours or more.

If you take on an 18 to 24 year-old working 16 to 29 hours per week, you will receive £1,137.50 once they have been employed for 26 weeks.



## How to Claim

Pathway will issue you with a claim form when an 18 to 24 year-old from the Work Programme starts employment. After 26 weeks the claim will be verified using payslips and the subsidy will be paid into your bank account.

If you have 50 or fewer employees then you can claim a portion of the wages subsidy (£700) after eight weeks of employment

# Pathway cost-free recruitment services

## Pathway can help you with:

- Promoting your vacancies
- Short-listing quality candidates
- Preparing candidates
- Arranging interviews
- Supporting your new employees



## Find out More

To speak to someone at Pathway about the Youth Contract Wage Incentive call us on:

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**[www.pathway2work.co.uk](http://www.pathway2work.co.uk)**