

SAFEGUARD an APPRENTICE

Safeguard an Apprentice is part of the Scottish Government's skills support package and is designed to help viable SME's (up to 250 employees) in Manufacturing, Engineering and Construction sectors to cope with the downturn in the Scottish Economy.

Safeguard an Apprentice will offer support of £75 per week for a maximum of 6 months until 31 March 2011 for eligible companies.

Which sectors are eligible?

Manufacturing, Engineering, Construction – any MA Framework will be supported.

Which apprentices are eligible?

The apprentices must be registered as a Modern Apprentice and have not been in receipt of any support under the ScotAction programme such as Adopt an Apprentice or Invest in an Apprentice.

Age group

All Modern Apprentices are eligible for support regardless of age.

Are all employers eligible?

Through an application form, a company will have to demonstrate adverse trading circumstances which would lead to apprentices being under threat of redundancy or short time working due to the economic downturn.

How to apply for funding

Eligible Companies should apply by completing the on line application from the SDS website and return to catherine.thomas@sds.co.uk.

Business Assessment Panel

The Business Assessment panel will measure the application against agreed criteria and will refer recommendation either to support or reject application to SDS for final sign off.