

Safeguard an Apprentice

Safeguard an Apprentice is part of the Scottish Government's skills support package and is designed to help Small to Medium Enterprises (up to 250 employees) in the Manufacturing, Engineering and Construction sectors through the current economic downturn.

Safeguard an Apprentice will offer support of £75 per week until 31 March 2010 for eligible companies.

Which sectors are eligible?

The sectors identified for support are Manufacturing, Engineering and Construction – any Modern Apprenticeship (MA) Framework will be supported within these sectors.

Which apprentices are eligible?

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

Is there an age limit?

All Modern Apprentices are eligible for support regardless of age.

Are all employers eligible?

All employers within the sectors mentioned above will be eligible.

You 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

You should apply by completing the online application form which is available from the Skills Development Scotland website and return to catherine.thomas@scotent.co.uk

Business Assessment Panel

The Business Assessment Panel will assess the application against agreed criteria, and will make a recommendation on whether the application has been approved.