

Essex County Council's Essex 200 Apprenticeship Support Fund helps small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) take on and support apprentices. Limited funding available - apply early to secure up to £2,000 per apprentice, paid in two equal instalments.

Contact the team by email at:

apprenticeship.hub@essex.gov.uk

or complete an [online application form](#)

Eligibility Criteria:



Location

The business and the apprentice must be located within an Essex postcode area.



Business size

Open to SMEs only



Apprentice start date

Recently hired: employment must start no more than 3 months before applying.

Apprenticeship enrolment must be completed within 3 months after applying.

Recruiting: apprentice must be both employed and enrolled within 3 months of the application date.



Training

Apprentices must be enrolled in an approved apprenticeship training programme between 01 July 2025 and 31 March 2026.

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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