

EMPLOYMENT

The principal point of contact is the **Disability Employment Advisor (DEA)** at your local Jobcentre Plus office who can give you advice on the following government initiatives. Your nearest office can be found in your local telephone directory or from the website www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk

Access to Work (AtW) – aims to address practical problems with advice, information and grants through Jobcentre Plus Disability Employment Advisor (DEA) who would put you in touch with an Access to Work Advisor

New Deal for Disabled People (NDDP) – job brokers provide advice and practical help for people on disability and health related benefits to move into employment

Workstep – help for people who have more complex barriers to finding work

Job Introduction Scheme (JIS) – pays a weekly grant to the employer for the first six weeks to assess if a particular job or environment will suit you in respect of your disability. JIS must be applied for before you start work and can be accessed through the Disability Employment Advisor

Work Preparation – individually designed programme to help people with disabilities or health issues return to work after a long absence. Accessed through the Disability Employment Advisor

A useful website for information on Government initiatives is www.direct.gov.uk

Other useful contacts are:

Remploy – provide direct employment

Deliver NDDP

Provide Workstep

Remploy Interwork is the recruitment division, which develops employment opportunities for disabled people in mainstream companies. Disabled people are recruited to Remploy via a Disability Employment Advisor (DEA) based in the Jobcentre Plus Office

Contact Remploy on Tel. 0800 138 7656 or www.remploy.co.uk

Scottish Employment Opportunities www.opportunities.org.uk – a national charity that helps people with disabilities find work. They have two offices in Scotland:

Scottish Opportunities
Adelphi Centre
12 Commercial Road
GLASGOW G5 0PQ
Tel. 0141 429 8429

Scottish Opportunities
3rd Floor, Princes House
5 Shandwick Place
EDINBURGH EH2 4RG
Tel. 0131 229 0627

SKILL www.skill.org.uk - national bureau for students with disabilities which offers booklets on further education and the transition into employment