

What is Access to Work (ATW)?

This is a grant the government gives to people who need support in the workplace.

A grant means that you don't pay the money back.

Who can apply for the ATW grant?

You can apply if you have a:-

- physical or hidden disability (this includes people who are deaf or hard of hearing)
- mental health condition which makes it hard for you to do your job or get to work.

How can ATW help me in my job?

ATW grant can help you get support in your job, you could use the grant to pay for

Communication Support Workers or equipment like a textphone, telephone amplifier or loop system.

It can help with any equipment you need to do your job.

How do I know if I can apply?

You must be:

- 16 years or over
- living in England, Scotland or Wales
- you must be already in a paid job or you are about to start a job or you are going back to a job.

You **cannot** apply if you are working as a volunteer. This is not allowed.



You **can** apply if you are:

- self-employed



- an apprentice
- on work experience or an Intern
- on a work trial.

What about if I already have benefits?

Yes you should be able to apply even if you are on benefits.

How does the ATW grant work?

When you have been accepted for this grant you must do the following:

- You or your employer must pay for the things you need, like equipment or for a Communication Support Worker.

- You must keep all the receipts and bills to send to ATW and ATW will pay you or your employer back.
- ATW will tell you about any other costs your employer may have to pay.

How do I apply?

You can apply here:-

<https://www.gov.uk/access-to-work/apply>

Or phoned Access to Work on:

Telephone: 0800 121 7479

Textphone: 0800 121 7579

If you need help filling in your application or have any questions please contact us and we can help advise you. Our contact details are at the end of this FACTsheet and on our website.

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