

## NEW Employer subsidy of £2,500

Is available if you employ a 16 or 17 year old before April 2010 - and they start training on the Apprenticeships scheme.

- Apprenticeships are work-based ( engineering & plumbing – flexible block release)
- £2,500 = 6 months wage (Apprentice minimum wage is £95/week)

OR

- Do you **already employ** young people who could benefit from Apprenticeship training? Grant is not available for existing staff, but they can achieve an Apprenticeship at no cost.

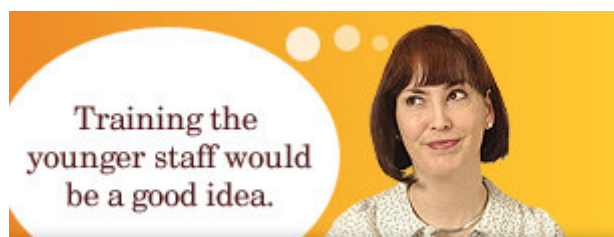
Apprenticeships through **Rochdale Training**:

- are available in **Administration, Customer Service, I.T. , Engineering, Plumbing** and others
- help retain staff – you invest in their development **at no cost**
- help staff get the skills you decide are key to your business growth and success

We'll interview, assess and refer candidates to you - so you get a person with the right attitude, skills and potential to develop into a valuable member of staff – linked to our flexible, tailored training they'll also progress faster and stay longer

If you have any queries about training staff (of any age!) please contact Jeremy or Joanne on 01706 631417 or [joanne@rochdaletraining.co.uk](mailto:joanne@rochdaletraining.co.uk) or [jeremy@rochdaletraining.co.uk](mailto:jeremy@rochdaletraining.co.uk)

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See attached page for further information

## Apprenticeship Grant for Employers of 16 and 17 year olds



A new grant is offering employers an easy way to take on young apprentices. Over the next ten weeks the National Apprenticeship Service will provide up to 5,000 Apprenticeship Grants for Employers of 16 and 17 year olds (AGE 16 and 17). The grant of £2,500 is to enable employers to offer 5,000 new Apprenticeship places and take on an unemployed 16 or 17 year old apprentice immediately. The £2,500 grant is in addition to the costs of training which are already met by the National Apprenticeship Service.

Last year, despite tough labour market conditions, over 70,000 16 and 17 year olds started an Apprenticeship. Despite this there are still many more young people who want to learn whilst they are in work and we are determined to make sure that the opportunities are there for them to do so.

We particularly want to support small and medium sized employers who are interested in employing an apprentice for this first time, or who want to employ an additional apprentice over their traditional level of recruitment. In exceptional circumstances, where they can demonstrate that they are overtraining to support small employers in their supply chain or the wider sector, larger employers could be supported.

Our aim is to support employers to offer new and additional places in support of young people. Therefore we are targeting those employers who would not otherwise have been in a position to recruit an apprentice at this point in time or who are able to offer more Apprenticeship places than they would otherwise have done.

AGE 16 and 17 is available now. It is a short-term, time-limited, measure and is available immediately for employers who are able to offer a job opportunity to a young person. The AGE 16 and 17 grant is only available until the end of March.