

RELOCATING FOR AN APPRENTICESHIP

What to consider

Can I relocate as an apprentice?

Yes. You can move to a new place to undertake an apprenticeship in the same way you could for any other type of job. Relocating doesn't have to be an obstacle, even if it feels daunting at first. But it's important that you do your research and plan your move thoroughly.

Do apprenticeships come with accommodation?

It's fairly unusual for an employer to offer accommodation to apprentices, but not unheard of. There are some larger organisations who offer on-site accommodation to their apprentices in the first year, whilst other employers may provide assistance to link you up with other apprentices joining the company who may also be looking for shared accommodation. If you are undertaking a degree apprenticeship, some universities offer access to student accommodation.

What support might employers offer for accommodation?

Some employers will offer support with relocation, but most apprentices will need to take responsibility for it themselves. Some employers may offer financial assistance towards the cost of accommodation, others may offer different types of packages, such as covering your travel expenses to visit home once a month. If the support available isn't obvious, you may need to ask your employer at interview if they offer any assistance.

Will my employer or training provider help me with relocation costs?

Some employers may offer relocation expenses, but this isn't a given. You could do some research on what is offered on employer websites when you are looking for a role, for example by reading case studies from other apprentices they have employed.

It may come up in your interview, or when you receive your job offer, as they will want to know how you feel about relocation if you live far from the role. If not, don't be afraid to ask. You don't have to make it overtly about money, simply asking 'Do you offer any help towards the move?' should be enough.

TOP TIPS



- Research accommodation early and think about what kind would suit you.
- Plan your budget carefully.
- Explore different areas and consider what is important to you to have nearby.
- Look into the area you choose and get to know it - local online groups can be useful for this.
- Plan your commute.
- Research local clubs, sports teams or other social activities.
- Find out what support the employer offers for relocating staff.
- Do some research about other apprentices who have relocated.