

Employer Recruitment
Incentive



No One Left Behind 2021/22 – East Ayrshire Council Recruitment Incentive is available for new Modern Apprenticeship and job starts up to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022. No One Left Behind Recruitment Incentive is for all ages; however, it is not for everyone. It is for those people who without additional support, might not make a successful transition into or be able to secure work, further education or training. There are a limited number of places available and applicants will be dealt with on a first come first served basis. All applicants for jobs starting within the Incentive period must be completed, approved and the individual started their employment by 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022.

## **Fund Offer**

The Living Wage as set by Scottish Living Wage Accreditation must be paid to the contracted employee for at least the final 3 months of the 52 weeks of employment and the employee must have completed 52 weeks employment in order to be eligible for the final £1,000 payment. Living Wage rates can be found at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-national-minimum-wage-in-2021">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-national-minimum-wage-in-2021</a>

After 4 weeks of employment – No payment less than 4 weeks	£500
After 13 weeks of employment – No pro-rata payment between 4 and 13 weeks	£2,000
After 52 weeks of employment – No pro-rata payment between 13 and 52 weeks	£2,000
TOTAL BASIC GRANT	£4,500
Living Wage Bonus Payment* (From April 2021 - £8.91 per hour)	£1000

## **Employee Eligibility**

No One Left Behind 2021/22 – EA Employer Recruitment Incentive will have a sharper focus on supporting people with the greatest barriers to employment. A person who falls within two or more of the following groups

## **Barriers**

- Armed Forces Veteran
- At risk of becoming NEET
- Homeless or affected by housing exclusion
- Living in a single adult household with dependent children
- Low skilled
- (SCQF Level 4 or lower)
- Migrants, people with a foreign background, minorities (including marginalised communities such as Gypsies / Travellers)
- Primary carer of older person
- Above 54 years of age
- Partner of Armed Forces Veteran
- Criminal Convictions
- Living in a jobless household
- Long-term physical illness / condition
- Material deprivation
- No or limited work experience
- Refugee
- Care experienced
- Asylum Seeker
- Disability
- Living in a jobless household with dependent children
- Long-term unemployed
- Mental health issues
- Primary carer of child/children (under 18) or adult
- Substance related condition
- Looked after young person

## **Employment Eligibility**

For a job to be eligible for funding it must meet the below criteria:

- It must be a new role in the organisation, not a vacancy
- A minimum of 52 weeks employment must be offered
- A minimum of 16 hours employment must be guaranteed each week
- Minimum wage rates must be adhered to, or higher salaries offered
- Funding received must not be greater than salaries paid.

Participants must receive a written contract of employment. The employment contract should be a permanent contract; a fixed term contract for 52 weeks or more; or a fixed term contract for the duration of the Modern Apprenticeship. Companies who employ a person on zero-hour contracts will not be eligible.

Without prejudice to the above, the definition of employment excludes:

- Unpaid voluntary work
- Registration with a recruitment agency or other 3<sup>rd</sup> party.
- Employment fully or part financed by additional public-sector funding, including intermediate labour marker (ILM) or European Social Funded (ESF) projects

