



Are you experiencing any **challenges with your supply chains** due to COVID-19?

If the answer is yes, NPL, the UK's national measurement institute, has a range of ways in which they could potentially help but it's vitally important that they understand your needs.

Your insight today would be a huge help to identify ways in which they can help the UK economy overcome this challenge, using measurement services and analysis.

They would really appreciate if you would take 5 minutes to complete a short survey about the current situation and your opinion on the future.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5CX82CV>

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The Government recently made some announcements regarding apprentices and getting young people into work. There is more information about the apprenticeship support, but we are still waiting for clarification around the other schemes.

There is an **incentive payment now available for businesses who hire an apprentice** between 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021. They must be a new employee to the business and have a contract of employment start date between 1 August 2020 and 31 January 2021 (inclusive).

There will be two levels of payment based on age. For apprentices aged 16-24 the payment will be £2,000, and for apprentices aged 25 or over the payment will be £1,500. The payment will be made directly to employers in two equal instalments, where the apprentice is still in learning at day 90 and day 365. There is no limit on the number of apprentices, providing they meet the criteria. There is additional funding if you take on a young apprentice aged 16-18.

For more information please speak to your current training provider. If you don't have one, please get in touch with me and I will try and help.

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Do you have young people of school age working for you? Are you **thinking of employing a school age young person?**

As an Employer, you have to be aware of your statutory duties if you wish to employ a young person to work for you in any part time role, at the weekend or school holidays. The definition of a 'young person' in this context is a child between 13 years old to when they can officially leave school.

You can employ a young person but you *have to apply for an employment permit* and there are certain conditions you have to comply with otherwise your liability insurance will no longer be effective. As the employer, you have to apply for the employment permit before the young person starts work. There is no cost to apply and more information can be found here:

<http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/children-and-childcare/more-services/Pages/work-permits-for-children.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact the Education Welfare Service at Rochdale Borough Council on 01706 925115.

Regards

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