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Good afternoon

Kickstart Government Scheme

I am pleased to advise you that the Government's new Kickstart initiative is now live on Gov.uk

This £2 billion programme will fund the direct creation of additional jobs for young people at risk of long-term unemployment, to improve their chances of progressing to find long-term, sustainable work.

The funding available is for each job and the Government will pay the National Minimum Wage rate for 25 hours a week for each employee, plus the associated employer National Insurance contributions and employer minimum automatic enrolment contributions. The fund will also award £1500 to an employer for each Kickstart job placement, to support with training the individual as well as helping pay other set-up costs.

The placements on offer must be for additional job roles and not for roles that would have otherwise been advertised, or to replace an existing employee. The first job placements are expected to begin in November.

This link will take you through to the guidance and promotional materials:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/kickstart-scheme>

If you can offer 30 or above placement opportunities, then you can apply directly to be part of the scheme. Click here to see how to apply:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-you-can-apply-for-a-grant-through-the-kickstart-scheme>

If you can offer a smaller number of placements (i.e. less than 30) you will need to apply for the fund via a representative, who will be responsible for registering you on the scheme. If you are interested in offering a placement but need to find a representative, you can search for someone to apply on your behalf below:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/find-someone-to-apply-for-a-kickstart-scheme-grant-on-your-behalf#england>



If you would like to apply to become a representative, then further details are here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-you-can-apply-for-a-grant-as-a-representative-of-a-group-of-employers-through-the-kickstart-scheme>

If you are applying on behalf of a group of employers, you can get £300 of funding for each job placement to support with the associated administrative costs of bringing these employers together.

We hope that this exciting initiative is of interest and look forward to working with you, in the near future, to support you with your recruitment needs.

Kind regards

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