

Sight loss - Employment



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This information sheet is about where to get advice about employment if you have lost your sight.

There are several organisations who can give you information and support to help you keep the job you already have, or to help you find work.

Jobcentreplus – Health and Disability Employment Service

In each Jobcentreplus, there are Health and Disability Employment Advisors who can help disabled people who are seeking work. They can advise about the Access to Work Service, which provides funding and equipment to help people with sight loss and other disabilities remain in work. They also have information about rehabilitation and re-training courses run for people with visual impairment and can arrange funding.

Contact your local Jobcentreplus:

Phone: 0345 604 3719

Textphone: 0345 608 8551

Website: www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk (hyperlink)

Bridgwater Jobcentreplus
Hanover House
Northgate
Bridgwater
TA6 3HJ

Frome Jobcentreplus
7-10 Kingsway Precinct
Frome
BA11 1QW

Burnham-on-Sea Jobcentreplus
15 Regent St
Burnham-on-Sea
TA8 1AX

Minehead Jobcentreplus
17 The Avenue
Minehead
TA24 5XZ

Jobcentreplus continued:

Taunton Jobcentreplus
Brendon House
35-36 High Street
Taunton
TA1 3NY

Wells Jobcentreplus
46 Chamberlain Street
Wells
BA5 2PJ

Yeovil Jobcentreplus
Federated House
29-31 Hendford
Yeovil
BA20 1UU

RNIB (Royal National Institute of the Blind)

This national organisation has an Employment Advice Service.
Contact them using the RNIB Helpline.

Phone: 0303 123 9999

Pluss

This organisation provides training and supported employment services throughout the county, through its workshops, garden centre and placement schemes.

Phone: 01278 445446

Website: <https://www.pluss.org.uk/>

Shaw Trust

This is a national charity that helps people with disabilities prepare for work, find jobs and live independently.

Phone: 0300 303 3111

Website: www.shaw-trust.org.uk (hyperlink)

Your opportunity to feedback

We welcome your comments about the services you receive. If you would like to tell us what you think, please either:

- Contact us on our website, www.somerset.gov.uk (hyperlink), or
- Phone Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224, or
- Contact the Adults and Health Customer Experience Officer:
Floor B2 East
County Hall
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TA1 4DY
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