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Skills Boost 25-26

Herefordshire and Worcestershire



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Skills Boost

- Designed to address the skills and recruitment challenges identified within both the Local Skills Report in 2022 and the Local Skills Improvement Plan of 2023 as part of the HM Government strategies around Skills within the UK Economy
- The programme is led and delivered by the Worcestershire Growth Hub working in partnership with skills and training organisations across the county
- All 6 districts of Worcestershire funding this programme and Herefordshire (first come first served until the money runs out)



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Eligibility

- ✓ Upskill your Herefordshire and Worcestershire* resident employees up to £12,000 and claim 50% of the costs back (up to £6,000). Maximum grant per employee is £1,500
- ✓ All businesses of any size eligible
- ✓ Grant to support training with accredited and non-accredited courses
- ✓ Approved Training Providers
- ✓ 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026
- × Courses legally required e.g. Health and Safety are not eligible



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Postcode Eligibility

- If the business is based in Bromsgrove, Redditch, Worcester City or Wyre Forest the employee must live in Worcestershire
- If the business is based in Malvern or Wychavon the employee can live anywhere in the country
- If the business is based outside of Worcestershire the employee must live in:
 - Bromsgrove
 - Redditch
 - Worcester City
 - Wyre Forest
- If the business is based in Herefordshire the employee must live in Herefordshire



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Process

Step 1 to register for Skills Boost 2025-26



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Thank you for listening

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