

# 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](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk) (hyperlink)

Bridgwater Jobcentreplus  
Hanover House  
Northgate  
Bridgwater  
TA6 3HJ

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

Frome Jobcentreplus  
7-10 Kingsway Precinct  
Frome  
BA11 1QW

Minehead Jobcentreplus  
17 The Avenue  
Minehead  
TA24 5XZ

Taunton Jobcentreplus  
Bredon 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

### **Action for Blind People Employment service**

Action for Blind People, based in Bristol, has an Employment Service, offering advice and assistance on employment, rehabilitation, training, schools and colleges.

### **Action for Blind People**

10 Still House Lane  
Bedminster  
Bristol  
BS3 4EB

Phone: 0117 953 7750

Email: [bristol@actionforblindpeople.org.uk](mailto:bristol@actionforblindpeople.org.uk) (email hyperlink)

Website: [www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk](http://www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk) (hyperlink)

### **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

### **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](http://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](http://www.somerset.gov.uk) (hyperlink), or
- Speak to your social care worker.
- Phone Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224, or
- Contact the Adults and Health Customer Experience Officer:  
Floor B2 East  
County Hall  
Taunton  
TA1 4DY  
Email: [customerexperience@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:customerexperience@somerset.gov.uk) (hyperlink)

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