If you have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP), you can do a supported internship, get a job, or learn skills in apprenticeships. These programs help you get ready for work.

School or College (Further Education)

Most young people with EHCP's finish their education by age 19. However, some students between 19 and 25 may need more time to complete their training and learning. This need must be confirmed through your annual reviews.

Special schools

If you are 19 years old, you cannot stay in a special school unless you started a secondary education course before you turned 18. Instead, you will need to go to college to continue your education or training.

Higher Education (University)

When you go to university, you won't have an EHCP anymore. Instead, there are other ways to help you. You can get Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs), which are grants that don't need to be paid back. These grants help cover extra costs because of your disability, like special equipment, travel, and helpers like sign language interpreters. The government pays people to figure out what support you need and recommend it for you.

DSAs can help pay for:

- Special equipment, like computers
- Travel costs
- Non-medical helpers, like sign language interpreters

For more details, you can check the DSA finance guide.

Also, if you qualify for help under the Care Act, Adult Social Care can assist with daily living and personal care costs while you're in higher education.

Supported Internships

Supported internships are special programs for young people like you, aged 16 to 24, who need extra help with learning and have an EHCP. These internships give you the chance to learn new skills at a real job, with the help of a job coach. You will spend most of your time, about 70%, working at a job, and the rest of the time learning at a school or college. The goal is to help you get a paid job by teaching you the skills you need to succeed.

For more information, visit Supported Internships - Bury Council





Supported Employment

Supported employment is a way to help people with significant disabilities get jobs and keep them. Supported employment shows that people with disabilities can be great workers and helps businesses see your value. For more details, visit the British Association for Supported Employment (BASE) at <u>www.base-uk.org/home</u>

Bury Employment Support and Training (Bury EST)

Bury Employment Support and Training (Bury EST) is a service that helps you if you have difficulties or disabilities. They give you advice, support, and practical help to find a job and to do important activities like living on your own, traveling independently, and learning life skills.

For more information, visit <u>Bury Employment Support</u> and Training (Bury EST) - Bury Council



Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are real jobs where you get training while you work. This means you can earn money and also study for qualifications that are recognised across the country. Apprenticeships can last from one year to seven years and cover many different types of jobs. They range from level 2 (similar to GCSEs) to level 7 (similar to a higher degree). The training is provided by your employer and also by a training provider. To learn more, visit www.gov.uk/become-apprentice.



Access to Work grant

You can get extra help for work through an Access to Work grant. This grant can cover the support you need for a job or a supported internship. To learn more, visit the website: <u>www.gov.uk/access-to-work/overview</u>

You should know that you might not be able to get the grant if you are claiming Employment and Support Allowance or Universal Credit. How much money you get depends on your situation. You can use <u>www.entitledto.co.uk</u> to find out what you can get and how working might change your benefits.

Job Centre

If you are between 19 and 25 years old and need help finding a job, you can go to the Jobcentre. There, you will meet a person called a work coach. They will talk to you about what you need and any problems you have that make it hard to work. If you have a long-term disability or health problem, you will have a meeting to see how it affects your ability to work.

The Jobcentre can help you find a job or learn new skills. They can also tell you about employers who are friendly to people with disabilities. They might suggest special programs, like the Work and Health Programme, to give you more support.

For more information, visit www.gov.uk/looking-for-work-if-disabled

Bury Works

Bury Works can help you find a job if you have a disability or health condition. You can get help from the Jobcentre Plus or the council to join the program. You will have a caseworker who will help you in many ways, like making your CV, filling out job applications, practicing for job interviews, and building your confidence.

You can also get help from a health professional if you need it. This program changes over time, so what they offer may be different depending on who is running it. You can find out about the current programs at <u>Employment Programmes | Bury Works - Bury Council</u>

Adult Education

Bury Adult Learning Service has lots of courses to help you learn new skills for work, have fun, and feel more confident. You can take these courses at different places like Bury Adult Learning Centre, Ramsbottom Library and Learning Centre, Prestwich Library and Learning Centre, and other places around Bury.

You can find more information here: Adult Learning - Bury Council









Careers Advice

Schools and colleges should help you with advice about your future career. They should encourage you to aim high and think about different jobs you might like. They can offer things like trial sessions, work experience, and talks from people in different careers to help you decide what you want to do.

Connexions Bury helps young people aged 15 to 18 years old (up to 25 if you have an EHCP) with information and advice to get into education, work, or training. They especially help those who might not continue their education or find work after they turn 16.



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For more information please visit: Education and careers for 15 to 18 year olds - Bury Council

The National Careers Service can help you with choices about your career, education, and training, especially if you are 18 or older. They have a range of information that can be accessed at Job support if you have special educational needs or a disability | National Careers Service and a range of options to speak with their advisers.

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