

**Getting help and support if you
are disabled and want to work**
**Information the government
want to find out**



An Easy Read Guide – January 2011

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Making sure everyone gets the same chances to work



What this book is about

We are the **Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)**. The **DWP** is part of the **government** – the **government** is in charge of running the country.

We want to give support to disabled people who want to work so they get the same chances as everyone else.

We know that things are hard for a lot of people. It is important we give disabled people who want to work as much support as we can.



We are already doing a lot to help disabled people but we want to do more. We are finding out as much as we can about disabled people and work. We will speak to people and groups who know about disabled people and the world of work.

This means programmes like **Access to Work**, **Remploy** and **Residential Training Colleges**. You can find out more about them on pages 4 and 5.



We have asked someone called **Liz Sayce** to be in charge of finding things out for us. Liz works for a charity called **Radar**. They are a group working to make things better for disabled people.



We will put the information Liz finds out on the **Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)** website. The **DWP** is part of the government.

We will send this information out in a book to different groups too. We want to do this by Summer 2011.

Getting help and support if you are disabled and want to work

What the government is doing



The **Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)** has lots of ways for disabled people to get support when they work.



They started **Work Choice** in October 2010. **Work Choice** is a new plan to do with work. **Work Choice** can give you support to get a job and keep it. It can help you if you are disabled and have had problems finding work.



You can also get support from **Access to Work**, **Remploy**, and **Residential Training Colleges**.

What we are doing next



We are setting up a new plan this year to make getting support even easier. The new plan is called the Work Programme. The Work Programme will help lots of different disabled people get the support they need to work.

Residential Training Colleges



Residential Training Colleges are places disabled people can stay while they train and learn new things. They can go on courses to do this. This will help them be able to work.

The longest course lasts for up to 1 year but some are a bit shorter. There are about 500 people on courses like this at the moment.



There are 9 places in the country where disabled people can go on a course. Most of them are in the East and South of England.

Access to Work



Access to Work was started by the government in June 1994. **Access to Work** is help you can get from the government to do your job. You can get this help if you are disabled or need support with your health condition.

Remploy



Remploy is one of Britain's main places that help disabled people to get support in their work.

Lots of people who work for **Remploy** are disabled. **Remploy** do as much as they can to help disabled people get jobs and go to work.



Finding out the information – what happens next

We need to find out as much as we can about disabled people and work. We will ask lots of different groups about this. The things we find out will help decide what happens in the future.



The information we find out has to go to the **Secretary of State for Work and Pensions** – he is in charge of all the work the government is doing to do with disabled people and work.

What we are going to do

We will start to find information out on

2 December 2010

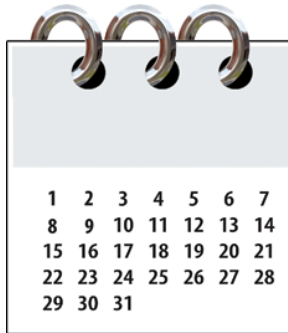


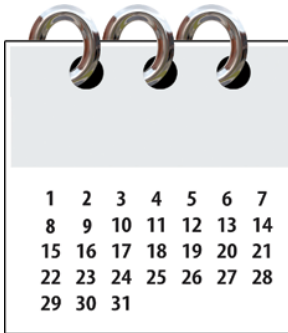
We will stop on

28 February 2011

You can find out more about this work by going to

<http://dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2010/disability-employment.shtml>





How to tell us the information

You can send information to us or ask questions by

Post: **Disability Programme Review Team
Floor 2
Caxton House
Tothill Street
London
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Telephone: **020 7449 7896**

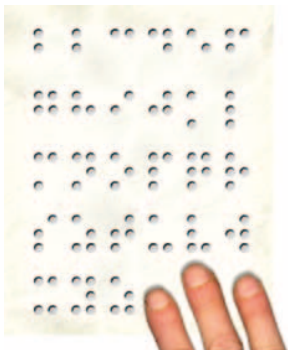
Email: **employmentsupport.review@dwp.gsi.gov.uk**

You must do this if you can by **28 February 2011** or what you tell us might not count. If you need more time, then let us know and we will try to help.



You need to tell us if you are sending information as

- you on your own
- part of a group or somewhere you work – for example you might ask the people in the group and let us know what everyone thinks



You can get this guide in other ways like Braille or on a CD. You need to get in touch with us at the address on this page.

If you know other people or groups that might want to tell us things about disabled people and working, please let them know about this guide.



Telling other people what you have told us

We might have to tell other people what you have told us. This is called **freedom of information** and there is a law about it. For example, we might need to tell other groups your name and what you told us. If you do not want us to do this, let us know but we may still have to do it. This is the law.



You can find out more about freedom of information by

Post: **Central Freedom of Information Team
The Adelphi
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