

Apprenticeship Matching Service (AMS) Summary

The ConstructionSkills AMS has been set up in response to the current economic climate. Its prime objective is to match displaced apprentices with employers enabling them to complete their apprenticeship.

In all cases, the trainee remains with their existing training provider and the AMS is a completely impartial service to the Industry.

The AMS is working with apprentices that are already on an apprenticeship but who have unfortunately have lost their jobs due to current conditions in the industry. Some of these apprentices have already been training and working in construction for over a year and are a great asset, as they already have many proven skills and are 'work ready'.

Where a contractor is on site for a shorter time period than 2-3 years then taking on a displaced apprentice who already has some skills is a real possibility. The displaced apprentices need supporting with work evidence opportunities through employment to enable them to complete their qualification.

As an industry it is vital that we ensure that the skills base is maintained and expanded in preparation for the upturn. As the industry keeps training it will be well placed for future contracts and work.

Scope of AMS

The AMS works with apprentices that are engaged on an approved apprenticeship framework. The priority is that the apprentice is able to continue training in their chosen occupation. In some cases employment opportunities may exist in alternative occupations where framework qualifications exist. The AMS will seek to match apprentices who may be able to change over to the alternative occupation.

AMS Structure and Activities

- **TIER 1 National AMS Call Centre, Tel: 0844 875 0086**
The call centre takes AMS enquiries from employers / apprentices / providers / representatives of the apprentice. Once the nature of the enquiry is established the enquiry will be passed to the AMS Hub.
- **TIER 2 AMS Hub**
The coordinators at this level will verify the enquiry and acquire further information on each case from various sources to assist in being able to make a match with a suitable employer.
- **TIER 3 Regional Coordinator**
The coordinator will liaise with regional employers, apprentices and their representatives, internal and external colleagues, partners and stakeholders to secure work placements for displaced apprentices