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Dear Lord Young

I am writing to you following the Oral Statement Repeat on the Skills for Jobs white paper on Tuesday 26 January to clarify the age and financial support for employers to take on an apprentice.

As you will be aware, a key focus of the Skills for Jobs white paper is to continue to improve and grow apprenticeships as part of the Lifetime Skills Guarantee, so more employers and individuals can benefit from them.

To clarify we are offering employers £2,000 for any new apprentice they hire who is under the age of 25, and £1,500 for those aged 25 and over, between 1 August 2020 and 31 March 2021.

These payments are additional to the £1000 payments employers can claim when they employ an apprentice who is either: aged 16 to 18; aged 19 to 24 and has previously been in care; or aged 19 to 24 and has an education, health and care plan (EHCP).

I hope this information is useful. I will place a copy of this letter in the House Libraries.

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