



Department
for Work &
Pensions



SKILLS FOR DEVELOPING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

COURSE SUMMARY:

This course is designed to help you explore whether working for yourself could be the right choice for you. Whether you already have a business idea or are starting fresh, you will learn what it takes to run a business, discover your strengths, and build confidence in a supportive environment. By the end of the course, you will have developed a clear business idea and created a basic plan to guide your next steps.

WHY JOIN THIS COURSE?

This is a supportive, beginner-friendly course designed to help you explore your ideas, build confidence, and take your first steps towards enterprise or employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- No previous experience required
- Minimum Entry Level 3 in English and Maths required
- Basic IT skills required

WHAT WILL YOU DO ON THIS COURSE?

- ✓ **Learn what** self-employment involves and decide if it's right for you
- ✓ **Explore and** develop realistic business ideas
- ✓ **Identify your** strengths and areas to improve
- ✓ **Carry out** simple research into your ideas
- ✓ **Understand basic** business risks and how to manage them
- ✓ **Develop and** present a simple business idea with a basic plan for moving forward
- ✓ **Build confidence** in sharing your ideas with others

SKILLS YOU WILL DEVELOP:

- ✓ **Business** awareness
- ✓ **Communication and** presentation skills
- ✓ **Confidence and** decision making
- ✓ **Digital and** research skills
- ✓ **English and** maths in a real-life context



AWARD:

**Gateway Level 1 Award
in Exploring Enterprise**

PROGRESSION ONTO:

- Further enterprise or business courses
- Employment opportunities
- Self-employment or starting your own business

COURSE DETAILS:

Duration: 8 sessions (40 hours)

Delivery: 1 day per week

Format: Classroom learning with computer use for coursework and portfolio completion

Assessment: Portfolio of evidence and a final presentation



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