



Department for Education



WORK SKILLS

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 you're starting with a blank page, you'll learn what it takes to run a successful business, discover your own strengths, and explore ideas in a supportive environment. By the end of the course, you'll feel more confident and have a simple, practical plan to guide your next steps toward self-employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- No previous experience required
- Minimum of Entry 3 level English will be needed to complete a portfolio of evidence



AWARD:

Gateway Award in
Exploring Enterprise L1

WHAT WILL YOU DO ON THIS COURSE?

- ✓ **Learn what** self-employment involves and decide if it's right for you.
- ✓ **Explore business** ideas, whether you already have one or need inspiration.
- ✓ **Reflect on** your own skills and strengths and learn how to develop any areas you'd like to improve.
- ✓ **Explore realistic** business ideas, look at the pros and cons of your ideas and gather feedback to help you choose one to take forward.
- ✓ **Identify common** risks and ways to manage them.

- ✓ **Learn how** to explain your business idea clearly to others.
- ✓ **Create a** simple business plan to help you move forward with confidence.



PROGRESSION FROM THIS COURSE:

- Sage Accounting
- Digital Skills for the Office



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FUTURE=S**

Enhancing people's lives

THE GATEWAY TO LEARNING IN YOUR COMMUNITY