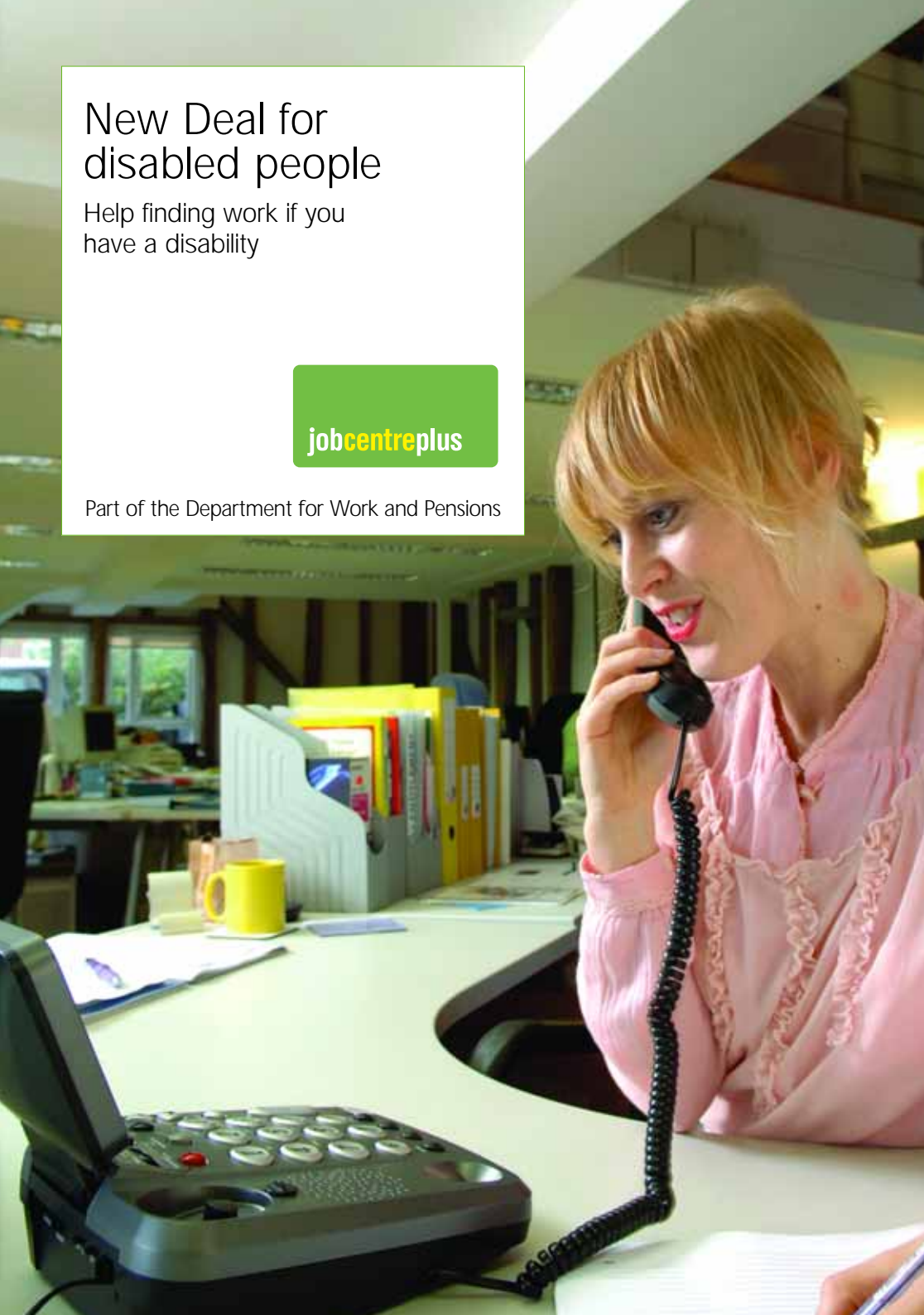


New Deal for disabled people

Help finding work if you have a disability

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You should read this leaflet if you are out of work and you have a disability. It will tell you about the help and support you can get from New Deal.

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What is New Deal?

New Deal aims to help you get a job if are out of work. It will give you the chance to train, learn and do work experience so that you:

- get more confident
- get new skills
- can be worth more to people looking for staff, and
- can find and stay in work.

What is New Deal for disabled people?

New Deal for disabled people gives you the help and support you need to get back to work. You can get all sorts of help, from working out what job you want to do and how to make sure you get the most money you can.

Can I take part in New Deal for disabled people?

To take part in New Deal for disabled people you must be getting a benefit to do with your health and you must want to find a job.

Please ask an adviser if you want to know if your benefit qualifies.

How do I join New Deal for disabled people?

You need to choose a job broker (see page 6) that suits your needs. In most areas there are a few to choose from. You can talk to each one about what help they can offer you before you choose.

If you need details of job brokers in your area, ask an adviser or visit www.jobbrokersearch.gov.uk

What is a job broker?

Job brokers are a mix of private, voluntary and public organisations that work with Jobcentre Plus across Great Britain. You can choose a job broker which suits you.

How will my job broker help me find a job?

The job broker will talk to you about:

- the work you have done before
- which skills you have already
- what qualifications you have, and
- what you are like as a person.

They will then look at how all that fits into the kind of job you would like to do. The job brokers have links with employers in your area, so they can match your skills to what employers need. They will also help you with things such as training, learning new skills and job interviews.

What will happen when I get a job?

Job brokers will be able to:

- give you support after you start work
- give you advice on how working will affect your benefits
- tell you about benefits you can get while you are working, and
- keep in touch with you to make sure you are happy in your job and that any problems are sorted out.

Making work pay

One of the aims of New Deal is to make sure you are better off in work than on benefit. Your personal adviser will help you work out what pay you need from a job so you don't lose out.

How will work affect my benefit?

If you find work through New Deal, there are some benefits you may still get. Your personal adviser will be able to tell you what benefits you can get.

To find out more

To find out more about New Deal, contact Jobcentre Plus by visiting www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk or you can find our addresses and numbers in your local phone book.

Advice for people with disabilities

A confidential telephone service is available for people with disabilities and their carers. Phone the Benefit Enquiry Line on **0800 88 22 00**, or textphone **0800 24 33 55**.

The person taking your call will not have your personal information but will be able to give you general advice. You must not take this advice as a decision on any matter you are calling about.

Call charges

Calls to **0800** numbers are free from BT land lines but you may have to pay if you use another phone company, a mobile phone, or if you are calling from abroad.

Calls from mobile phones can cost up to 40p per minute, so check the cost of calls with your service provider.

Textphones

Where textphone numbers are provided, these are for people who find it hard to speak or hear clearly.

If you do not have a textphone, some libraries or citizens advice bureaus may have one.

Textphones do not receive text messages from mobile phones.

Important information about this leaflet

This leaflet is only a guide and does not cover every circumstance. We have done our best to make sure that the information in this leaflet is correct as of November 2007.

It is possible that some of the information is oversimplified, or may become inaccurate over time, for example because of changes to the law.

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