## **Resources for Navigating Access to Work**

### **Access to Work Government Website**

About: Government website with information on Access to Work including:

* What Access to Work is
* Eligibility
* Apply for an Access to Work grant
* After you apply for the grant
* Claiming money from your grant
* Renewing your grant

This website is your first step in applying for Access to Work support.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/access-to-work>

### **Able Futures - Access to Work Mental Health Support**

About: Able Futures provides support to the people working and living with mental health difficulties, employers and providers of apprenticeships. Able Futures is a nationwide specialist partnership set up to provide the Access to Work Mental Health Support Service on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions.

Link: <https://able-futures.co.uk/>

### **Remploy - Access to Work Mental Health Support**

About: This confidential service delivered by Remploy is funded by the Department for Work and Pensions and is available at no charge to any employees with depression, anxiety, stress or other mental health issues affecting their work. They provide:

* Tailored work-focused mental health support for nine months
* Suitable coping strategies
* A support plan to keep them in, or return to work
* Ideas for workplace adjustments to help them fulfil their role
* Practical advice to support those with a mental health condition.

Link: <https://www.remploy.co.uk/employers/mental-health-and-wellbeing/workplace-mental-health-support-service-employers/>

### **Blind & Visually Impaired - Access to Work Support Group**

About: This group has been set up for anyone who is blind or visually impaired and uses or may use Access to Work. It will provide an opportunity to share experiences and help one another to tackle any issues we may have.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/499804151753459/>

### **ATW Solutions Agency**

About: ATW Solutions is a specialist partnership of employment support consultants with an extensive experience in the employment support sector across the UK. As disabled people ourselves, no one is better placed to recognise and appreciate your unique employment journey.

Link: <https://www.atwsolutions.co.uk/>

### **RNIB Equality, rights and employment**

About: A place to learn about your legal rights and how to challenge discrimination. Here you can also find tips on how to stay in your current job or find new opportunities.

Link: <https://www.rnib.org.uk/advice/equality-rights-employment>

### **RNIB Access to Work Scheme**

About: Information about the government Access To Work Scheme, including a downloadable fact sheet.

Link: <https://www.rnib.org.uk/information-everyday-living-work-and-employment-practical-support/access-work-scheme>

### **Blind Ambition and RNIB Looking for Work Webinars**

About: RNIB and Blind Ambition invite you to a Series Two of free weekly webinars to support job seekers with sight loss. We'd like to help as many jobseekers with sight loss as we can to get to the next stage of their career. This could be finding a new role, entering employment, starting an apprenticeship or starting up a new business. Over the next few months, we will be covering a range of topics from help with CV writing, different ways to market yourself, interview tips and much more.

Links:

Blind Ambition: <https://www.blindambition.co.uk/post/looking-for-work-webinars>

RNIB: <https://www.rnib.org.uk/sight-loss-advice/equality-rights-and-employment/employment-news/now-rnib-and-blind-ambition-have-started-our-new-series-looking-work-webinars>

### **Equality Advisory Support Service (EASS)**

About: The EASS provides information about discrimination and your rights. It has replaced the helpline service previously provided by the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/equality-advisory-support-service>