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Apprentices boost

ALL EMPLOYERS should welcome Business Secretary Vince Cable's measures to ensure more of our young people benefit from an apprenticeship. That way, employers will gain the skilled workers they need in order to grow.

As part of the Government's plan for growth, all employers, whether in the public or private sector, should recognise that, for many business owners, apprenticeships are of critical importance.

However, smaller companies often shy away from taking on apprentices. They worry about the high costs, bureaucracy and the potential risks to their business, particularly at a time when employing people is tough due to worries about the economy.

Small firms must be incentivised to take on apprentices, so I welcome government action to remove some of the obstacles that have made it hard for them to get engaged.

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