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Dear Daniel

## **Access to Work**

We have received a request from you on 18/07/2014 asking us to look again at the funding decision that has been made following your recent application for assistance from the Access to Work programme.

Your original Access to Work application was considered by an adviser and according to the evidence available along with Access to Work Guidance you do not qualify for assistance.

I am unable to overturn the original decision to decline ATW funding for a workplace assessment as the original adviser (an ATW manager) advised you that this was not possible due to you not having a definite return to work date in place. You are also in receipt of ESA at this time therefore you are not eligible for ATW assistance at this time. This is supported by ATW Guidance paragraph 10. For customers to receive Access to Work (AtW) help the following eligibility conditions must be satisfied. Customers must:

- be disabled or have a health condition that impacts their ability to work.
- be 16 or over; there is no upper age limit for support as long as the employment is likely to continue;
- · be in need of help at a job interview with an employer; or
- · be about to start employment; or
- · be about to start a Work Trial, or
- · be about to start work experience under the Youth Contract, or
- be about to start the mentoring phase of New Enterprise Allowance, or
- · be in employment, whether as an employed or self-employed person; and
- not be in receipt of <u>Incapacity Benefits/ESA</u> and/or NI credits only (or will cease to claim whilst in work) unless the customer is about to start a Work Trial. This includes Severe Disablement Allowance and Income Support (where paid as a result of Incapacity for work). The only other exception to this is where the



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customer is on Permitted Work Higher Level, Permitted Work (PCA exempt) or Supported Permitted Work; and

• be resident in <u>Great Britain</u>, excluding Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, with a job based in Great Britain, help can, however, be used to cover customer's visits overseas for work purposes.

Under the circumstances, the original decision is upheld.

I hope that I have explained satisfactorily the reasons for the reconsideration decision that I have made in this case.

Yours sincerely

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**AtW Reconsideration Adviser** 

On behalf of Rilesh Jadeja Head of Access to Work