



Funding support for your private hearing aids

Private hearing aid costs are usually not covered by insurance but the following information may be useful.

Can you claim for some funding through Private insurance?

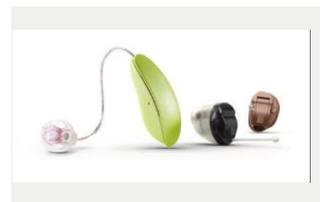
Although most insurance providers will not cover the purchase of a private hearing aid, some insurers do cover the audiology consultation fees and some policies have a budget covering prosthetics. It is possible that your insurers will cover part of the cost of a hearing aid under the prosthetics cover.

Can you claim for some funding via the “Access To Work Scheme?”

Does your hearing affect you at work? If your answer is ‘yes’, an Access to Work grant could help pay for communication and equipment support.

What is Access to Work?

Access to work is a government-funded grant (money you don't have to pay back) that could pay for practical support so people can: start working, stay in work, move into self-employment or start a business (though it's not for business start-up costs).





If you're deaf or have hearing loss, this means you could have your communication support, such as a hearing aid accessories, telephone amplifier, textphone or hearing loop, paid for by an Access to Work grant.

Who is eligible for an Access to Work grant?

You may be eligible for Access to Work if you're 16 and over and have a disability or other medical condition that affects your ability to work. The scheme is only available in England, Scotland or Wales - there's a different system in Northern Ireland.

One of the following must apply:

- ▶ you have a paid job
- ▶ you're self-employed
- ▶ you have a job interview
- ▶ you're about to start a job or work trial
- ▶ you're starting work experience

What could I get?

How much Access to Work grant you get depends on your circumstances. Your grant may be capped depending on when it was awarded or last reviewed. New grants awarded on, or after, 1 April 2017 are capped at £42,100. An Access to Work grant won't affect your other benefits.

How do I apply for an Access to Work grant?

If you live in England, Scotland or Wales, you can find out more about Access to Work, check your eligibility, the government services and information website;



www.gov.uk/access-to-work

Also please speak to your employer (where appropriate) who will have more information on this.

For more
information



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