

63041 Job Creation Scheme 2026

Please provide the total number of individuals assisted under the 2026 Job Creation Scheme, broken down by each eligibility category used by the Council, including:

Young people receiving additional support for learning

Care experienced

Disabled and/or D/deaf persons (including mental health conditions and long-term health conditions);

Early leavers from the Armed Forces, veterans and ex-forces personnel

Members of the Gypsy/Traveller community

Homeless persons (including temporary or unstable accommodation)

Persons living in households with children in poverty

Persons living in jobless households

Long-term unemployed persons

Low-skilled applicants (SCQF Level 4 or below)

Persons with no or limited work experience

Partners of current or former Armed Forces personnel

People from ethnic minority backgrounds

Persons affected by substance misuse

Persons aged over 50

Persons living within the 15% most employment-deprived SIMD areas

Persons requiring language, literacy or numeracy support, including English as an additional language

Persons who have failed an ESA Work Capability Assessment

Persons with convictions (including Community Payback Orders)

Primary carers

Refugees or persons granted leave to remain in the UK

Young people at risk of becoming not in employment, education or training (NEET)

And, where applicable, the Early Years placement categories:

Lone parents

Parents or children with a disability

Parents of three or more children

Parents from minority ethnic backgrounds

Parents with a child under one year of age

Parents under 25 years of age.

Please confirm:

The number of former Rockstar Games employees assisted under the 2026 Job Creation Scheme

Whether any former Rockstar Games employees received assistance, funding, referrals or other support from the Council in connection with Employment Tribunal proceedings involving King's Counsel (KC)

Whether those individuals also received employability or job creation support under the 2026 scheme.

Please provide copies of all recorded information setting out the assessment criteria, eligibility guidance, officer guidance, scoring matrices, decision-making frameworks, policies and procedures used when determining eligibility and priority for assistance under the 2026 Job Creation Scheme.

Please include any documents explaining how applicants are prioritised where demand exceeds available placements.

Please provide any recorded guidance, policy or assessment documentation explaining how the Council assesses applicants who experience barriers to employment beyond those expressly listed within the eligibility criteria.

In particular, I request any recorded information explaining whether, and if so how, the Council considers circumstances including:

Prolonged unemployment significantly exceeding the ordinary meaning of 'long-term unemployed'

Repeated unsuccessful job applications over an extended period

Allegations or evidence of employment blacklisting

Unlawful processing of personal data affecting employability

Prolonged exclusion from employment resulting in significant financial, career and health impacts.

Please provide any recorded policies, guidance, procedures, correspondence, briefing notes or advice held by the Council concerning employment blacklisting as a barrier to employment within its employability services.

This includes any recorded information concerning referrals made by the Council to external organisations where blacklisting has been raised by applicants.

I was referred by the Council to the Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC) regarding my concerns about blacklisting.

Please provide any recorded information held by the Council concerning:

The reasons for making such referrals

Any agreements, protocols or guidance governing those referrals

Any recorded follow-up undertaken by the Council after such referrals

Any recorded policies explaining why blacklisting is considered to fall outside the Council's responsibilities.

Please provide any recorded information demonstrating how the Council ensures consistency when assessing applicants who satisfy one or more published eligibility criteria against applicants presenting exceptional or cumulative barriers to employment not expressly listed within those criteria.

To comply with your request, we would have to look for the requested information within all individual applications to the Job Creation Scheme in 2026/27, which is approximately 300. It is estimated that for each application, it would take 10 minutes to extract and record the requested data. Therefore, it would take around 50 hours to provide this, and at a flat rate of £15 would cost £750, exceeding the statutory limit. Furthermore, it is estimated that it would take around 3 hours to respond to the rest of your request, adding £45 and producing a total cost of £795.