

COMMITMENT TO PLANNED LEARNING POLICY AND GUIDANCE

1. Purpose

This policy is designed to ensure that learners who enrol on a programme of study or apprenticeship with cHRysos HR Solutions Ltd (cHRysos HR) understand the importance of commitment to their learning and follow their scheme of work and/or individual learning plan. In addition, cHRysos HR knows that it is important that all learners understand the consequences of non-attendance at planned workshops and full and timely participation in other learning interventions.

There is a clear link between the timely completion of formative learning activities, regular attendance, and receiving learning in a logical sequence, to the successful completion of the programme and building of the required knowledge, skills and behaviours.

cHRysos HR recognises that extenuating circumstances arise, which may lead to a missed component of the programme, and that for such circumstances non-attendance or non-completion of a scheduled learning activity may be unavoidable. This policy provides guidance for curriculum leads, skills coaches and support staff to follow. Furthermore, it illustrates to learners/apprentices and employers how we will fairly and consistently support individuals, considering such circumstances.

It is important that all learners/apprentices are treated in a fair and equitable manner should they miss any scheduled learning activity or fail to complete planned learning activities on time.

cHRysos HR is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all learners/apprentices and expects all staff, Board members, and visitors to fulfil this commitment.

We aim to create and maintain a safe environment where all learners/apprentices feel safe, secure and valued and know they will be listened to and taken seriously.

Supporting learners whilst promoting positive learner behaviours and attitudes is at the heart of this policy and the cHRysos HR values, therefore an important consideration in terms of the implementation of this policy.

2. Learner commitment

When registering onto any programme of study/apprenticeship all learners sign a learning agreement or commitment statement. This outlines their commitment to their own learning and the planned learning interventions required to successfully complete the programme and fulfil the programme requirements.

Every learner/apprentice is also provided with a scheme of work and/or individual learning plan prior to commencement of learning. This document sets out the timings for all learning interventions, including workshop dates, online-live events, online on demand activities via a virtual learning environment (VLE), and timescales

for the submission of summative assessments. Learners should note that all learning events and activities are compulsory to enable the programme to be completed successfully. For apprentices, the sequencing of learning interventions is also a vital component of the programme and fulfilment of the 20% off the job hours is a requirement to receive government funding.

3. Pre-Booked Annual Leave

If, at the point at which you are provided with the scheme of work/individual learning plan, you have pre-booked annual leave which clashes with any of the planned learning interventions, please notify the cHRysos HR support team immediately, (contacts are listed under point 8 below), and no later than 14 days following the commencement date for your programme.

4. Acceptable reasons for absence and/or non-completion of learning interventions

The following list is neither exclusive, nor exhaustive and each event will be considered on an individual basis.

- Sickness absence;
- Emergency medical appointments;
- Bereavement;
- Family emergencies;
- Religious Festivals;
- Appointments for maternity reasons;
- Annual leave declared as set out in para. 3 above.

5. Unacceptable reasons for absence and/or non-completion of learning interventions

The following list is neither exclusive, nor exhaustive and each event will be considered on an individual basis.

- Annual leave/holidays booked or declared more than 14 days after the release of the Scheme of Work;
- Pressure of work and/or excessive workloads;
- Work related issues unless an emergency;
- Short notice meetings;
- Equipment and internet issues during online live learning. Please note our online live sessions are also available via mobile devices and a landline.

6. Rescheduled learning

You will be asked to confirm the reasons given for all non-attendance at workshops (virtually or face-to-face) and/or non-completion of learning activities. Confirmation may be required from your employer if you are an apprentice, or your programme is funded by your employer.

In the first instance we will try to reschedule the unit of study missed and wherever possible this will take place with another cohort. Where cHRysos HR is unable to offer this option to you, a 1:1 session (in the case of a missed workshop), or additional tuition (to replace other learning interventions/activities) will be arranged. If there is an unacceptable reason for this change (as outlined in 5 above) there will be an additional fee for this. The fee payable is available upon request.

7. Extended Absence

If you find that during your programme, you require an extended absence from your studies, please contact the cHRySOS HR support team as soon as possible to request that this is put into place. We will of course discuss your needs with both yourself (and your employer, if appropriate) to put a break in learning in place or a pause on your studies. We will then make sure that we keep in touch and provide support if needed to enable you to return to your studies as soon as possible.

8. Contact

If you cannot attend any of the sessions in your scheme of work/individual learning plan, please contact the relevant member of the cHRySOS team as soon as possible:

Programme	Contact Name	Email Address	Telephone No.
Apprenticeships	Sarah Annable	sarah@chrysos.org.uk	07592 025370
Qualifications		info@chrysos.org.uk	07545 662403

9. Appeals

If you are not satisfied with a decision reached under this policy, you must advise the Managing Director in writing within 7 days of the decision. The Managing Director will investigate the reason for non-attendance/non-completion of planned learning interventions and communicate the outcome of this investigation in writing. This decision is final.

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