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BBC A3000 Special Access

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The BBC A3000 Special Access computer system has been developed as a foundation system for people with disabilities and learning difficulties. It is intended to meet the requirements of most users with special needs in many areas including healthcare, social services, employment, home and schools.

The package centres around the BBC A3000 fitted with expansions ready to connect devices like the Concept Keyboard and with a utilities disc to improve access to users with visual impairments or physical disabilities.

A Special Needs Computing Handbook is provided with details of suppliers of hardware accessories, for example keyguards, switches, joysticks and numerous software applications such as speech synthesisers or personal productivity tools.

Registered disabled people and registered charities may benefit from a special offer from participating dealers, entitling them to a £100 discount – if they can provide proof of eligibility at the time of purchase. (Details overleaf.)

BBC A3000 Special Access system contents

- A 32 bit BBC A3000 micro with integral disc drive and mouse.
- Acorn serial upgrade and Morley User/Analogue expansion card already fitted enabling connection of alternative input devices such as Concept Keyboard, touchscreen, modems and switches.
- A disc of utilities to facilitate access to the computer for physically disabled users and people with visual impairments (details overleaf).
- Welcome guide, user manual, Special Needs overview booklet and a Special Needs Computing Handbook from Northwest SEMERC and the ACE centres.
- Customers purchasing a complete system with monitor and stand will be supplied with a PRES monitor stand. When in use this enables easy positioning of the computer for individual users working in a group.



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Utilities disc

The utilities disc contains the following software:

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| ASP | Switch interface software to RISC OS, allowing single switch users to access standard RISC OS applications. |
| SpecialKB | Versatile mouse emulator, functioning from the numeric keypad. |
| BigPtr | Enlarged pointer, which can be configured for individual's preference. |
| CloseUp | Magnifying window. |
| Flasher | Flashing cursor and cursor-homing device. |
| Chars | Utility which enables "typing" by using a pointer to select individual characters and digits from a screen display. |
| Big Screen | |
| ScreenV | Both are large screen modes which display text, icons and menus in larger sizes. |

How to order

The BBC A3000 Special Access is available from Acorn Dealers.

AKB16 BBC A3000 Special Access Computer (without monitor and stand)

AKB18 BBC A3000 Special Access Computer System (with 14" colour monitor and PRES monitor stand)

How to apply for £100 discount

1. Complete a copy of the official application form.
2. The completed form must then be signed by or on behalf of the customer and include details of the registered disabled number or charity registration number.
3. Take the completed form to the nearest Acorn dealer, who will check the details and ask to see your registration document.

Conditions of the offer

1. This offer is open to individuals who are registered disabled or to registered charities relevant to Special Needs only.
2. Proof of registration will be required by the dealer at the time of purchase.
3. The decision on the qualification of applicants for the scheme remains within the judgement of Acorn Computers Limited.
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