



Pearson UK: Funding News

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Funding News provides a regular round-up of 16-18, 19+ and apprenticeship funding, and related news from government departments, funding agencies and other relevant organisations.

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News this week includes an addendum to the Skills Funding Agency's funding rules which reflects the changes to the funding rules for English and maths in apprenticeships, the latest 24+ advanced learning loan application information, confirmation from the Education Funding Agency that they will not write to providers about post-16 funding until after the spending review, clarification of how the grade D requirement applies to the English condition of funding, and a report from the Higher Education Policy Institute on the decline of part-time numbers in HE.

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BIS research into young people and their movement between education and work

BIS released [research](#) this week looking at the ways in which young people's movements between education and work have changed over the last 30 years. The labour market and education activity of five particular cohorts were compared, which correspond roughly to groups covered in different national cohort studies: 1959, 1970, 1980, 1990 and 1995. Overall, young people start employment with higher levels of qualifications today than people born in earlier cohorts. Cohorts born after 1970 generally experienced high youth unemployment rates (even in "good" economic circumstances). A general trend of education expansion due to increased incomes in the expanding economy in the 1990s and 2000s is affected by labour market conditions as persistent youth unemployment reduces "opportunity costs" of education in terms of foregone earnings.

Foundation degree awarding powers: guidance

New [guidance](#) has been added to the BIS website which provides information for further education institutions seeking foundation degree awarding powers in England. It updates and supersedes the criteria and guidance set out in 'Guidance and criteria for applicant further education institutions in England and Wales (October 2010)'.

Skills Funding Agency

Funding rules 2015 to 2016: addendum 2

The SFA has published this [addendum](#) to the Funding Rules 2015 to 2016 Version 2 which reflects the changes to the funding rules for English and maths in the Specification for Apprenticeship Standards in England (SASE) apprenticeship frameworks introduced in 2014 to 2015. The modifications to the SASE removed the 'five-year rule'. This applies to the validity of Functional Skills/GCSEs/Key Skills qualifications in English, maths and ICT (where applicable) on entry to the apprenticeship programme and the change will be applied to the funding rules from 1 August 2015.

Business cycle

This useful [document](#) from the SFA contains information about when the SFA plan to publish important information relevant to the further education sector in the 2015 to 2016 financial year. It sets out the key milestones from April 2015 to March 2016 to help colleges, other training organisations, direct grant employers' and Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) plan ahead.

24+ advanced learning loans: application information

The latest loan application information includes the [final application information from August 2014 to July 2015](#), and the [application information for October 2015](#). The number of applications received for 24+ advanced learning loans decreased from 70,820 in the 2013/14 academic year to 67,280 in 2014/15. However, the number of applications approved increased from 56,220 in 2013/14 to 56,870 in 2014/15. 34,660 applications were approved for courses starting in the 2015/16 academic year, to September 2015. 8,920 of these were applications received in September 2015. The most popular qualification loan applications are made for continues to be Level 3 Diplomas.

Traineeships: eligible provider list

The SFA, together with the EFA have published the [latest version of the 2015 to 2016 eligible providers list for traineeship delivery](#).

A guide to apprenticeships for young people

An updated [guide to apprenticeships](#) which provides information for young people on the opportunities, progression and benefits of doing an apprenticeship with case studies from real apprentices has been published by the SFA.

Apprenticeship standards in development, and ready for delivery

The SFA's regular update of [apprenticeship standards in development](#) is available and lists all the occupations approved by the SFA to develop an apprenticeship standard. The webpage includes a list of the employers involved in the trailblazers developing the standards. The latest list of all the [apprenticeship standards approved by the SFA](#) that are ready for employers and training organisations to use is also available.

Education Funding Agency

Post-16 funding for the 2016 to 2017 academic year

The EFA has confirmed that they are waiting for the results of the spending review in November before writing to providers to explain how they will fund post-16 provision for the forthcoming academic year. This is slightly later than usual – information is usually sent out in autumn. A useful webpage is available from the EFA containing all the [latest post-16 funding information](#).

Maths and English condition of funding: how the grade D requirement applies with respect to GCSE English qualifications held

The EFA has published information on the maths and English condition of funding webpage on [how the grade D requirement applies with respect to GCSE English qualifications held](#). Full time students who have a grade D GCSE or equivalent qualification in English literature and an E grade or lower in English language are not subject to the Grade D requirement and therefore may enrol on a stepping stone qualification to meet the condition of funding. A table is available at the link above which clearly sets out the requirements for full time students with respect to GCSE English qualifications held.

Higher Education Policy Institute

It's the finance, stupid! The decline of part-time higher education and what to do about it

Hepi released this [report](#) this week on part-time study which shows that numbers are falling and that this is having a negative impact on the economy. The authors believe that this collapse of part-time study is arguably the single biggest problem facing higher education at the moment and that there has been a shortage of sensible policy proposals to tackle it. The report makes nine recommendations which include a call for employers to enable and encourage part-time study as a way of improving workforce productivity and address skill shortages, abolishing the ELQ rule, and setting up Education and Skills Investment Accounts (ESAs) for all school leavers so that they can log their continuous learning activities, record learning outcomes and invest in their education and skills.

Pearson**Reminder: qualifications pending 19+ funding approval**

A quick reminder of the 127 Pearson qualifications that have been submitted to the DfE for recognition in the 16 to 19 performance tables as level 3 Tech Level qualifications, level 3 Applied General qualifications, and level 2 Technical Certificate qualifications, which will be automatically approved for 19+ funding if we are successful in our DfE submissions.

We will know the outcome of the DfE submissions in late November/early December and then, where successful, these qualifications will be automatically approved for 19+ funding and added to the 2015/16 catalogue and then to the funding hub. The complete list is below.

Qualification no.	Qualification title
Qualifications submitted as level 3 Applied General qualifications for DfE 16-19 performance tables	
601/7434/1	BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Science
601/7193/5	BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Health and Social Care
601/7574/6	BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Information Technology
601/7231/9	BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Performing Arts
601/7155/8	BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Business
601/7413/4	BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
601/7435/3	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Applied Science
601/7157/1	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business
601/7528/X	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
601/7194/7	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health and Social Care
601/7089/X	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Music
601/7232/0	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Performing Arts
601/7421/3	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science
601/7436/5	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science
601/7228/9	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Art and Design
601/7569/2	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development
601/7341/5	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Computing
601/7467/5	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production
601/7584/9	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Engineering
601/7197/2	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care
601/7575/8	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Information Technology
601/7090/6	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music
601/7233/2	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts
601/7218/6	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport
601/7437/7	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science
601/7229/0	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Art and Design
601/7342/7	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Computing
601/7469/9	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production
601/7198/4	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care
601/7091/8	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Music

Qualification no.	Qualification title
601/7422/5	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science
601/7234/4	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Performing Arts
601/7160/1	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business
601/7438/9	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Applied Science
601/7230/7	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Art and Design
601/7343/9	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Computing
601/7199/6	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Health and Social Care
601/7576/X	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Information Technology
601/7092/X	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Music
601/7235/6	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Performing Arts
601/7220/4	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Sport
601/7468/7	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production
601/7591/6	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Engineering
601/7414/6	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
601/7159/5	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business
601/7161/3	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Business
Qualifications submitted as level 3 Tech Level qualifications for DfE 16-19 performance tables	
601/7224/1	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in 3D Design and Crafts
601/7577/1	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering
601/7523/0	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Animal Management
601/7337/3	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Business Information Systems
601/7571/0	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)
601/7578/3	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Computer Engineering
601/7338/5	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Computer Science
601/7339/7	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Computer Systems and Network Support
601/7340/3	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Computing for Creative Industries
601/7473/0	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Digital Games Design and Development
601/7472/9	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Digital Publishing
601/7579/5	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
601/7580/1	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Engineering
601/7470/5	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Film and Television Production
601/7471/7	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Film and Television Visual Effects
601/7215/0	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Fitness Services
601/7226/5	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Graphics
601/7196/0	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Health Care
601/7216/2	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Leisure Operations
601/7582/5	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering
601/7583/7	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
601/7350/6	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Music Technology

Qualification no.	Qualification title
601/7227/7	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Photography
601/7158/3	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Retail
601/7195/9	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Social Care
601/7474/2	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sound Production
601/7217/4	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sports Performance and Excellence
601/7524/2	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Animal Management
601/7585/0	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering
601/7527/8	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Animal Management with Science
601/7586/2	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Computer Engineering
601/7587/4	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
601/7588/6	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Engineering
601/7589/8	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering
601/7590/4	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
601/7351/8	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Music Technology
601/7219/8	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity Development
601/7572/2	BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)
601/7525/4	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Animal Management
601/7570/9	BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Children's Play, Learning and Development
601/7225/3	BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Fashion Design and Production
601/0259/7	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment
601/0166/0	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Creative Digital Media Production
Qualifications submitted as level 2 Technical Certificate qualifications for DfE 16-19 performance tables	
601/0545/8	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Engineering
601/0230/5	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Hospitality
601/0169/6	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Information and Creative Technology
601/0234/2	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Diploma in Travel and Tourism
601/0258/5	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Construction and the Built Environment
601/0167/2	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production
600/6630/1	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Engineering
601/0231/7	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Hospitality
600/6072/4	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Information and Creative Technology
601/0233/0	BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism
501/1586/8	BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (QCF)
601/6945/X	BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Professional Patisserie and Confectionery (QCF)
500/6247/5	BTEC Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (QCF)
500/9547/X	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Agriculture (QCF)
500/8365/X	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Animal Care (QCF)
600/0214/1	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Blacksmithing and Metalworking (QCF)
601/3405/7	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Business Administration (QCF)

Qualification no.	Qualification title
600/3254/6	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Construction Occupations (QCF)
500/9930/9	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Countryside and Environment (QCF)
601/3424/0	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Customer Service (QCF)
500/8366/1	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Fish Husbandry (QCF)
501/0339/8	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Floristry (QCF)
500/9929/2	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Horse Care (QCF)
500/9934/6	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Horticulture (QCF)
501/0311/8	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Land-based Technology (QCF)
601/6948/5	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery (QCF)
601/6944/8	BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Professional Food and Beverage Service (QCF)
500/9932/2	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Agriculture (QCF)
500/8331/4	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Animal Care (QCF)
501/0122/5	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Horticulture (QCF)
601/6890/0	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Principles of Working in Business Administration (QCF)
601/6889/4	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Principles of Working in Customer Service (QCF)
601/6922/9	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Principles of Working in Hospitality and Catering (Food and Beverage Service) (QCF)
601/6958/8	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Principles of Working in Hospitality and Catering (Hospitality Services) (QCF)
601/6918/7	BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Principles of Working in Warehousing and Storage (QCF)
100/6244/0	BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development
500/9940/1	Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce (QCF)
501/1699/X	Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) for England (QCF)

Steve Besley's Policy Watches

The latest from Steve Besley includes [Pocket Watch – Developing the higher level skills route](#), [Pocket Watch – Ofsted raise questions about Apprenticeships](#), and [Policy Eye – week ending October 23 2015](#). These, and more, can be found on the [Pearson UK](#) website or [sign up](#) for policy watch email updates.

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