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Pearson UK – Funding News

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Funding News provides a regular round-up of 16-19, 19+ and apprenticeship funding, and related news from government departments, funding agencies and other relevant organisations. Internal and external colleagues can sign up to receive Funding News directly to their inbox by subscribing [here](#). Funding News can also be found on the [Pearson UK](#) website along with Funding Focus documents which provide quick summaries of recent funding developments, or particular aspects of the funding system.

Funding News this week reminds you where you can find all the funding regulations, and funding rates and formula documents for 16-19, 19+ and apprenticeship funding for 2016/17.

We also bring you a reminder of the suite of documents published by the DfE on 12 August about how the system will work after the levy is introduced in April 2017 and the new funding systems for all apprenticeships is introduced in May 2017. These cover: proposals for apprenticeship funding, a new register for apprenticeship providers, and further information on the levy. We also link to further information from the DfE on how much the levy will bring in, and an online calculator for employers. We have produced brief summaries of some of these and provide links here. The DfE is inviting feedback on two of the key documents: the proposals for apprenticeship funding, and the proposals for a new Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers. Both surveys close on Monday 5 September; do respond to ensure your views are heard.

Lastly, we bring you news about the Workskills qualifications available in September 2016, the extension of BTEC Firsts to 31 December 2019, an update on BTEC Firsts and Nationals funding in 2016/17, all the latest policy and funding updates from Pearson, and news about free Pearson webinars on apprenticeship developments.

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16-19 funding

Reminder: EFA funding guidance 2016/17

A reminder that the [EFA's 2016/17 funding guidance for 16-19 year-olds](#) is available and includes updated funding regulations to reflect recently published [sub-contracting guidance](#). The EFA has also updated annex E with additional advice where schools or academies close sixth-form provision. The key documents are the:

- [Funding regulations for young people 2016/17](#)
- [Funding rates and formula for young people 2016/17](#)

Adult funding

Reminder: SFA funding rules 2016/17

A reminder that the SFA's 2016/17 funding guidance is available and is published in the following documents:

- [Skills Funding Agency: common funding rules](#)
- [Adult education budget funding rules](#)
- [Advanced learner loans funding rules](#)
- [Funding rules 2016 to 2017: summary of changes](#)
- [Funding rates and formula - 2016 to 2017](#)

Reminder: Funding Focus – Adult funding – Overview, and where to find out more

We have produced this [Funding Focus – Adult funding – Overview, and where to find out more](#) which provides an overview of adult funding in 2016/17 and shows you where to look for further information. It includes changes to adult funding in 2016/17, qualification eligibility, learner eligibility, using the funding hub, and the funding rules for 2016/17.

Apprenticeships

Reminder: SFA funding guidance 2016/17

A reminder that the SFA's 2016/17 funding guidance is available and is published in the following documents:

- [Skills Funding Agency: common funding rules](#)
- [Apprenticeships: common funding rules](#)
- [Apprenticeship framework funding rules](#)
- [Apprenticeship standards funding rules](#)
- [Apprenticeship funding rules for higher education institutions](#)
- [Funding rules 2016 to 2017: summary of changes](#)
- [Funding rates and formula - 2016 to 2017](#)

Reminder: Changes to apprenticeship funding and the introduction of the levy

DfE has published the long-awaited proposals for apprenticeship funding arrangements once the levy is introduced. A suite of documents are available and all the documents referred to in this section can be found [here](#).

1) Proposals for apprenticeship funding

[Proposals for apprenticeship funding from May 2017](#) (23 pages) includes proposed funding bands for individual apprenticeship frameworks, and proposed funding bands for individual apprenticeship standards. Two Funding Focus documents are available summarising the proposals:

- [Funding Focus – Apprenticeship funding after April 2017](#) summarises the funding proposals under three headings: apprenticeship funding for levy and non-levy payers, apprenticeship funding for levy payers, and apprenticeship funding for non-levy payers. Annex A looks at the proposed new funding bands for all current apprenticeships (frameworks and standards).
- [Funding Focus – Proposed allocation of frameworks and standards to new funding bands from May 2017](#) provides a full list of the new proposed funding bands so you can easily see the new funding band your framework or standard has been allocated to. We have included the current apprenticeship standards rates for comparison. The current frameworks rates have not been included.

DfE are inviting **views on the funding proposals in a [survey](#) which closes on Monday 5 September**. Do respond to ensure your views are taken into consideration.

2) A new register for apprenticeship providers, and a guide for employers

[Proposals for a new Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers](#) (17 pages) explains how organisations will apply if they want to deliver apprenticeship training from May 2017. The [Employer-provider guide](#) (31 pages) explains what employers need to do to become an apprenticeship training provider. We have produced a Funding Focus summarising the proposals, and the employer-provider guide which will shortly be available on [Pearson Funding News](#).

- Funding Focus – Proposals for a RoATPs, and Guidance for employers wanting to become apprenticeship providers

DfE are inviting **views on the proposals in a [survey](#) which also closes on Monday 5 September**. Do respond to ensure your views are taken into consideration.

3) How the apprenticeship levy will work

The DfE briefing on the [Apprenticeship levy: how it will work](#) has been updated and provides more information for levy paying employers. A Funding Focus will shortly be available, on [Pearson Funding News](#), which summarises information about: paying the apprenticeship levy, accessing funds from the apprenticeship levy, buying apprenticeship training, and employers who operate in England and in other parts of the UK.

- Funding Focus – Apprenticeship levy



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4) Further information about the new apprenticeship system

DfE also released the following information about the new apprenticeship system:

- [Information on the apprenticeship levy](#) (9 pages) with data broken down by size and sector and the total apprenticeship budget which shows how much money the government is spending on apprenticeships and the amount employers will pay as part of the apprenticeship levy.
- An [online levy calculator](#) which employers can use to estimate if they will pay the apprenticeship levy, how much an organisation will have available to spend on apprenticeships and how much the government will contribute towards the cost of training. Employers will need to know their organisation's annual UK payroll to use it.
- The [DfE press release](#) which outlines what has been published.

Pearson qualification funding

Workskills qualifications from September 2016

Unfortunately the new [workskills](#) qualifications will **not be available for new starts for any age learners in September 2016 until further notice**. We have had to take this decision as the glh for the qualifications need to be reviewed. To ensure provision is still available for learners we have extended the exiting suite of workskills qualifications until 31 December 2016 and these will be eligible for both EFA 16-19 and SFA 19+ funding. The funding hub should be updated on 15 September to reflect this. The codes for the existing workskills qualifications are listed below. We will keep you updated about the new qualifications in Funding News and you can sign up for workskills-specific updates [here](#).

600/2395/8	Pearson BTEC Entry Level Award in WorkSkills (Entry 3) (QCF)
601/0689/X	Pearson BTEC Entry Level 6-credit Award in WorkSkills (Entry 3) (QCF)
601/0691/8	Pearson BTEC Entry Level 9-credit Award in WorkSkills (Entry 3) (QCF)
600/2392/2	Pearson BTEC Entry Level Certificate in WorkSkills (Entry 3) (QCF)
600/2393/4	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)
601/0690/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1 6-credit Award in WorkSkills (QCF)
601/0688/8	Pearson BTEC Level 1 9-credit Award in WorkSkills (QCF)
600/2394/6	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in WorkSkills (QCF)
600/2396/X	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Extended Certificate in WorkSkills (QCF)
600/2382/X	Pearson BTEC Level 1 Diploma in WorkSkills (QCF)
600/2292/9	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Award in WorkSkills (QCF)
601/0687/6	Pearson BTEC Level 2 6-credit Award in WorkSkills (QCF)
601/0686/4	Pearson BTEC Level 2 9-credit Award in WorkSkills (QCF)
600/2296/6	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate in WorkSkills (QCF)
600/2380/6	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in WorkSkills (QCF)
600/2383/1	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Diploma in WorkSkills (QCF)

BTEC Firsts extended to 31 December 2019

We are [extending the last registration date for 88 BTEC Firsts](#) to 31 December 2019. This extension affects the BTEC Level 2 Firsts (2010), and the BTEC Level 1/2 Firsts (2012 and 2013).

- We expect EFA 16-19 funding to be extended on the funding hub in line with the extension.



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- SFA 19+ funding is confirmed on a yearly basis but in 2017/18 the SFA will only approve technical and applied qualifications in the 2018 and 2019 16 to 19 Performance Tables as part of the 19-23 entitlement. We expect all the BTEC Firsts will continue to be eligible for local flexibility funding in 2017/18.

BTEC Firsts and Nationals funding in 2016/17

The Funding Focus – BTEC Firsts and Nationals - Adult funding in 2016/17 has been updated to include the funding information for Nationals newly approved for loan funding and will shortly be available on [Pearson Funding News](#). The tables capture the funding eligibility for the BTEC First and Nationals in 2016/17, and the document also provides guidance about learners starting QCF qualifications in 2016/17, or moving from smaller to larger qualifications in 2016/17 or 2017/18, and explains 19-23 eligibility for entitlement funding. As soon as the extension to the last registration date for the BTEC Firsts feeds through to the funding hub (see BTEC Firsts extended to 31 December 2019 above) this sheet will be updated with the new LDNS for these qualifications.

Pearson policy and funding updates

The latest policy news from Steve Besley includes (see [Pearson Policy Watch](#) for these and more):

- [Policy Eye - Highlights of week ending Friday 19 August 2016](#)

The latest Funding Focus guides include (see [Pearson Funding News](#) for these and more):

- [Funding Focus – Adult funding – Overview, and where to find out more](#)
- [Funding Focus – Apprenticeship funding after April 2017](#)
- [Funding Focus – Proposed allocation of frameworks and standards to new funding bands](#)
- Funding Focus – Proposals for a new register and guidance for employers becoming providers, (available shortly)
- Funding Focus – Apprenticeship levy (available shortly)

Pearson webinars on apprenticeship developments

Pearson is running a series of webinars on changes to apprenticeship one of which will focus on changes to apprenticeship funding. The events are free to join and open to everyone. The first webinar was held last Tuesday and the second is now full, but you can sign up for future events and access recordings of all the events [here](#).



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