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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 again includes reminders of where to find the latest funding guidance for 16-19, adult and apprenticeship funding for 2016/17, and the latest on the plans for the apprenticeship levy and the new funding system to be introduced in 2017. We also include news of EFA's update to the traineeships funding guidance for 2016/17 (with very few changes), a technical consultation from HMRC on the first set of draft regulations for the levy, Hefce's report on employer demand for intermediate technical education in higher education, and the usual policy and funding updates from Pearson.

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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](#) and 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](#)

### Delivering traineeships through EFA funding 2016/17

Earlier this month the EFA updated the [funding guidance for Traineeships for 2016/17](#) delivered through EFA funding. The changes are minor and include emphasis on the importance of progression in English and maths, and information on data recording for schools and academies.

## 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:

- [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](#)

## 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:

- [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 once the levy is introduced. A [suite of documents](#) are available and summarised below:

## 1) **Proposals for apprenticeship funding from May 2017**

[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:

- [Funding Focus – Apprenticeship funding after April 2017](#) summarises the funding proposals and Annex A looks at the proposed new funding bands for apprenticeships.
- [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 see the new funding band your framework or standard has been allocated to.

## 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:

- [Funding Focus – Proposals for a Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers, and Guidance for employers wanting to become apprenticeship providers](#)

## 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. This Funding Focus summarises information about paying the levy, accessing funds from the levy, buying training, and employers who operate in England and in other parts of the UK.

- [Funding Focus – Apprenticeship levy](#)

## 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.
- 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.
- The [DfE press release](#) which outlines what has been published.

## **HMRC technical consultation on the first set of draft regulations for the levy**

HMRC has released a [technical consultation](#) on the first set of draft regulations for the apprenticeship levy which spell out the calculation, payment and recovery of the levy. It asks for comments on the draft regulations made under the powers contained in the Finance Act 2016 to provide for the calculation, reporting and payment of the levy, and recovery of overpaid levy. The draft regulations also specify how the levy allowance will operate, on a monthly, cumulative basis.



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## HE funding

### Hefce report: Employer demand for intermediate technical education in higher education

On 13 September Hefce released a 101 page report (undertaken by consultants Pye Tait) which investigates employer demand for intermediate technical higher education. [Employer demand for intermediate technical education in higher education](#) looks to understand the nature of provision and to test whether there is latent demand. The study came about because of evidence (particularly from the OECD) showing that the UK has relatively low proportions of this type of provision, yet there is demand in the economy for intermediate-level skills. The report covers intermediate technical qualifications, government education policy (1997–2015), intermediate technical occupational roles, the supply of intermediate technical qualifications, employer involvement in intermediate technical education, and demand and latent demand. It finds that there is latent demand for intermediate technical qualifications, whose features, employers say, should include flexibility, completion partially in work, and up-to-date high level technical knowledge and skills. But these distinctive characteristics will need to be known and then well understood by employers and potential learners for this hidden demand to be released.

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### Funding for Pearson International GCSEs in 2016/17

13 Pearson International GCSEs are now approved by Ofqual and the funding agencies and can now therefore attract public funding for pre-16, 16-19, and 19+ learners (with two exceptions – see the table below). None of the qualifications count in performance tables. This information is also on the [Pearson Funding News](#) website in [Funding Focus – International GCSEs approved for funding](#).

Spec	Subject	QAN	Eligible for pre-16 year-olds	Eligible for 16-19 funding	Eligible for adult local flexibility funding
4BIO	Biology	60188169	Yes	Yes	Yes
4CHO	Chemistry	60188170	Yes	Yes	Yes
4CNO	Chinese	60188182	Yes	Yes	Yes
4EA0	English language A*	60188194	Yes	Yes	<b>No</b>
4ETO	English literature	60188200	Yes	Yes	Yes
4FR0	French	60188212	Yes	Yes	Yes
4GE0	Geography	60188224	Yes	Yes	Yes
4GN0	German	60188236	Yes	Yes	Yes
4HI0	History	60188248	Yes	Yes	Yes
4MA0	Mathematics A*	6018825X	Yes	Yes	<b>No</b>
4PH0	Physics	60188261	Yes	Yes	Yes
4SC0	Science (double award)	60188273	Yes	Yes	Yes
4SP0	Spanish	60188285	Yes	Yes	Yes

\* These qualifications are not eligible for adult funding in 2016/17. In addition:



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- They will **not** be funded by the EFA and the SFA as [legacy GCSEs](#) in English, English language and mathematics. The re-sit opportunity for legacy qualifications is for GCSEs and equivalent Level 1/2 certificates in English and maths counting towards the EBacc only.
- They **cannot** be taken by learners to meet the EFA's condition for funding for English and maths for 16 to 19 learners in 2016/17.

## Finding qualifications approved for the unemployed on the funding hub in 2016/17

In 2016/17 the section of the funding hub which used to show if qualifications were approved for funding for the unemployed is no longer in use. All the end dates in this section of the funding hub will be for the 2015/16 funding year (if the qualification was approved for the unemployed in 2015/16) and there is a new way to check if a qualification is eligible in 2016/17. [Funding Focus – Finding qualifications approved for the unemployed on the funding hub](#) explains how to find them.

## Policy and funding updates

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

- [Policy Eye – Highlights of week ending Friday 16 September 2016](#)

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

- [Funding Focus – Finding qualifications approved for the unemployed on the funding hub](#)
- [Funding Focus – Funding for Pearson International GCSEs in 2016/17](#)
- [Funding Focus – Comparing proposals for new apprenticeship funding from May 2017, with existing funding](#)
- [Funding Focus – Apprenticeship funding after April 2017](#)
- [Funding Focus – Proposed allocation of frameworks and standards to new funding bands from May 2017](#)
- [Funding Focus – Proposals for a Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers, and Guidance for employers wanting to become apprenticeship providers](#)
- [Funding Focus – Apprenticeship levy](#)
- [Funding Focus – Adult funding – Overview, and where to find out more](#)
- [Funding Focus – Advanced learner loans – Where to find out more](#)

## Pearson webinars on apprenticeship developments

**Insight webinar series for apprenticeships**

#4. A new approach to apprenticeship funding

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Pearson has been running a series of webinars on changes to apprenticeship. One is being held on the changes to apprenticeship funding on Tuesday 4 October 2016 from 4-5 p.m. The events are free to join and open to everyone. You can sign up for this, and will soon be able to access recordings of all the events [here](#).

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