

**SFA funding allocations for 2015/16**

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**Welcome to this Lsect webinar**  
1,299 registrations for this webinar

**Agenda**

- 15:00 Registration
- 15:05 SFA allocations process for 2015/16
- 15:35 Andrew Gladstone-Heighton, Policy Leader, NCFE (and sponsor)
- 15:45 Q&A with Kirsty Evans, Director of Funding Policy at the SFA
- 16:00 End

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Financial year £

SFA letter to providers setting out priorities and adult skills budget (ASB) allocation cuts for 2015/16 academic year (August- to July)



Academic year £



College/training provider student system

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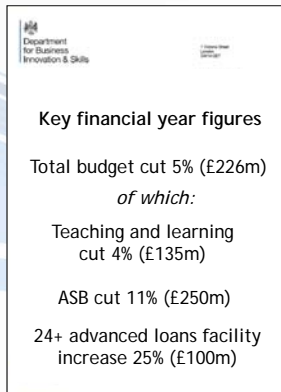
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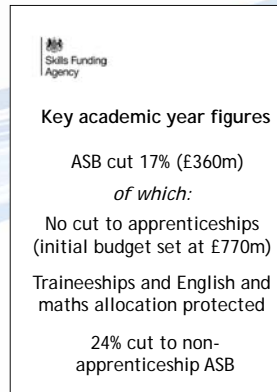
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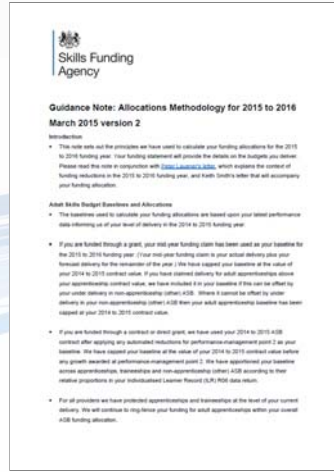
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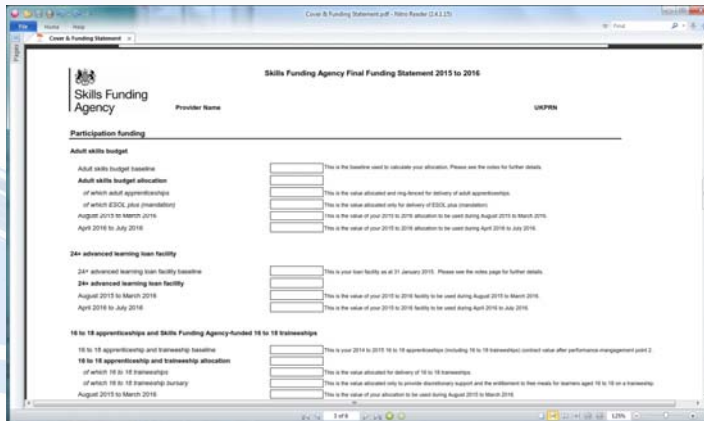
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## So how was the ASB calculated?

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## Adult Skills Budget (ASB) allocation calculation

### Step 1 Calculate the 'baseline'

Typically this is either the mid-year ASB forecast or the 2014/15 current allocation (whichever is lowest)

*E.g. baseline ASB = £10m*

### Step 2 Calculate value of apprenticeships in 'baseline'

Typically this is either as per 14/15 allocation, or if actually delivery higher can be more (if offsetting under delivery of non-appren)

*E.g. Apprenticeship of £10m baseline ASB = £2m (which can only be used to deliver 19+ apprenticeships)*

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## Adult Skills Budget (ASB) allocation calculation

### Step 3 Calculate value of traineeships, maths & English (not ESOL) in 'baseline'

Work out % of ASB used for traineeships, maths and English within 2014/16 R06 data, and apply that % to the non-apprenticeship 'baseline'

*E.g. 10% in R06 so  $0.1 \times £8m = £800,000$*

### Step 4 Calculate value of non-protected ASB in 'baseline' after 32% cut (32.58% to be exact)

Deduct the traineeship, maths & English from the non-apprenticeship 'baseline' and reduce by 32%

*E.g.  $£10m - £2.8m = £7.2m \times 0.68 = £4,896,000$*

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## Adult Skills Budget (ASB) allocation calculation

Step 5 Calculate value of non-apprenticeships in the ASB 'baseline'

Add the Traineeships, English, maths and ESOL mandation funding to the non-protected funding

$$£4,896,000 + £0.8m + £0m \text{ ESOL mandation} = £5,696,000$$

Step 6 Calculated if the 24% cut cap would be applied

Calculated if the non-apprenticeships cut is 24% or more of non-apprenticeship baseline, and if so cap at 24%

$$£5,696,000 / £8m = 71.2\% \text{ (a cut of } 28.8\%)$$

So the non-apprenticeship ASB would be capped at  
 $£8m \times 0.76 = £6,080,000$

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## Adult Skills Budget (ASB) allocation calculation

Step 7 Calculate final ASB allocation for 2015/16

Apprenticeships = £2,000,000

Non-apprenticeships = £6,080,000 (includes 24% cap)

Total = £8,080,000

Compared to £10m in 2014/15 (so 19.2% less overall, with non-appren capped at 24% less)

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## Q&A

### Upcoming workshops

DSAT funding audit workshop  
22<sup>nd</sup> April in Birmingham

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### Adult Skills Budget

We've a number of qualifications approved for funding by the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) in the 2014-15 session **as well as a growing number approved for 2015-16:**

NCFE now **has over 250 funded qualifications available for 14-15** (with an **additional 350 funded units** for standalone registration)

Check the [Learning Aims Search](#) or the relevant *Simplified Funding Rates Catalogue* ([2014-15](#) or [2015-16](#))

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### Adult Skills Budget 2015-16

Following the publication of the **2015-16 Funding Catalogue** by the SFA, we've got an update on NCFE's qualifications that we submitted for inclusion in the 2015-16 funding offer:

We're **working with the SFA and remain confident that [the valued and popular qualifications listed here](#) will be funded next session**

These **qualifications are already funded in 2014-2015 and will continue to be funded this session**

We're also **anticipating an updated unit information on the *Simplified Funding Rates Catalogue* for 2015/16 in April**

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