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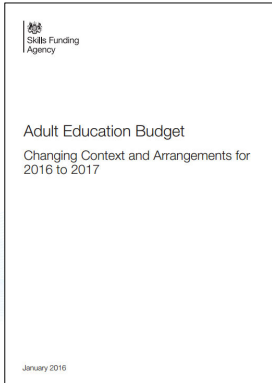
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Agenda

- 15:00 Registration
- 15:05 SFA funding rules 2016/17, presented by Nick Linford
- 15:40 Q&A with Nick Linford and Stephen Hewitt,
Strategic funding and examinations manager at Morley College
- 16:00 end

Feel free to circulate these slides.
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The Adult Education Budget



“The AEB combines all SFA participation and support funding (not incl ESF, Advanced Learner Loans & apprens).”

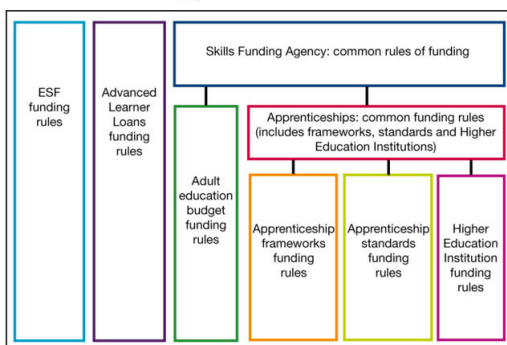
“The government is seeking to transfer control of the AEB to local government areas through devolution agreements. At the time of writing there are five devolution deals that include adult skills. We expect the number of deals to increase over the life of this parliament.”

“Embracing Community Learning objectives within the AEB means we need to fund broader types of learning activities”

“Outside of legal entitlements, where the government has specified that qualifications must be delivered to learners exercising those entitlements, local areas should decide the outcomes they want and, over time, commission colleges and other training organisations to deliver these.”

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2016 to 2017 funding year



<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/sfa-funding-rules>

Funding Rules 2016 to 2017

You can either use this link to build your own set of rules to account for the various programmes you deliver, or if you are only delivering a single programme, such as Adult Education Budget (AEB), you can use the combined rules for AEB that we have listed below.

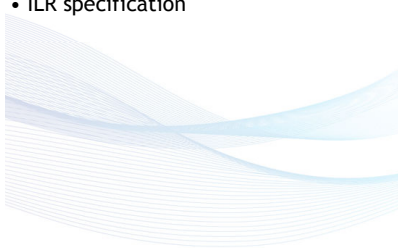
[Combined rules for Adult Education Budget](#) (PDF, 729KB, 51 pages)

[Combined rules for apprenticeship frameworks](#) (PDF, 509KB, 42 pages)

[Combined rules for apprenticeship standards](#) (PDF, 642KB, 74 pages)

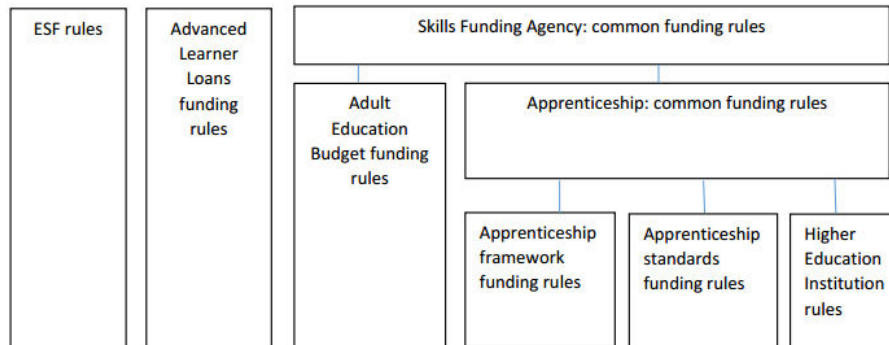
And shortly getting:

- initial list of qualifications which are part of the national entitlement
- eligibility rules for awarding organisations
- ILR specification



Three documents in **one** (so twice the documents to revise!)

Simpler rule books?



<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/sfa-funding-rules-2016-to-2017>

Except for 'Eligibility for funding': "If a learner does not meet these requirements you must ensure that the criteria set out in The Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007 and The Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support)(Amendment) Regulations 2011 are met."

Good luck with that!

So the SFA funding approaches seem to be

- Apprenticeships frameworks
- Apprenticeships standards
- Advanced 19+ learning loans
- European Social Fund

Legal entitlements (first full level 2 & 3, English and maths)
Anything else the LA/LEP wants (like traineeships for unemployed and community learning)

Devolving Adult Education Budget of £1.5bn
(including learner support)

Legal entitlements

“When a learner is exercising their first full Level 2 or Level 3 entitlement and/ or their English and maths entitlement (including as part of a traineeship) we intend to align the qualifications they follow with those available to learners aged 16 to 18. We wish to arrive at a single 16 to 23 vocational and general qualification offer and a single English and maths qualification offer but not a single funding approach. Therefore, from 1 August 2016 these entitlements will include the following:

- a streamlined national qualification offer for learners aged 16 to 23 with technical and professional qualifications at its core
- a single list of English and maths ‘stepping stone’ qualifications to support progression for all adults to GCSE or English and maths

In summary, for the 2016 to 2017 funding year the entitlement offer will be:

Qualifications required for the legal entitlements:	
Vocational and general qualifications	English and maths
16 to 23 core offer* – Tech Levels, Applied General, A-levels, AS-levels, Access to HE, Technical Certificates, GCSEs.	English and maths core offer – GCSE English and maths, functional skills in English and maths.
In addition, a limited number of other technical or professional qualifications from the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).	In addition, a limited number of other ‘stepping stone’ English and maths qualifications from the RQF.

SFA’s eligibility table

Provision	19- to 23-year-olds	24+ Unemployed	24+ Other
English and maths up to and including Level 2	Fully funded*	Fully funded*	Fully funded*
Level 2	Fully-funded* (first and full)	Fully funded	Co-funded
Provision to progress to Level 2	Fully funded	Fully funded	Co-funded
Level 3	Fully funded* (first and full)	Loan-funded	Loan-funded
Traineeship**	Fully funded (including 24-year-olds)	N/A	N/A
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) learning up to and including Level 2	Co-funded	Fully funded	Co-funded
	Fully funded – unemployed		
Learning aims up to and including Level 2, where the learner has already achieved at Level 2 or above	Co-funded	Fully funded	Co-funded
	Fully funded – unemployed		

* Must be delivered as one of the qualifications required for the legal entitlement.

** Excludes flexible element where funding depends on age and level.

Is it just me or have they left off 19-23 loan-funded?

AEB funding rates

“Currently there are two funding matrices in place for qualifications (including rates) and for non-regulated provision (including banded hours). We are merging these into a Single Activity Matrix (SAM). We will use this to set rates for qualifications that we did not fund in the 2015 to 2016 funding year, based on the regulated guided learning hours recorded on Ofqual’s system. The activity matrix will also enable colleges and other training organisations to claim funding for other learning activity that is not qualification based. To maintain short-term stability for the further education sector we plan to retain existing rates for the learning aims we funded in the 2015 to 2016 funding year. We will include further information in the document ‘Funding and Rates Calculations for 2016 to 2017’. We have introduced ‘activity hours’ bandings in the SAM for very small provision. This is intended to allow any college and other training organisations receiving the AEB to respond to the needs of their learners and communities in the context of the wider purpose of the AEB. All colleges and other training organisations may offer community based engagement/taster or learning activity in the 2016 to 2017 funding year, using the AEB ‘formula funded’ approach. 30. We will calculate funding using the same principles and methodology as we used in the 2015 to 2016 funding year.”

Single Activity Matrix

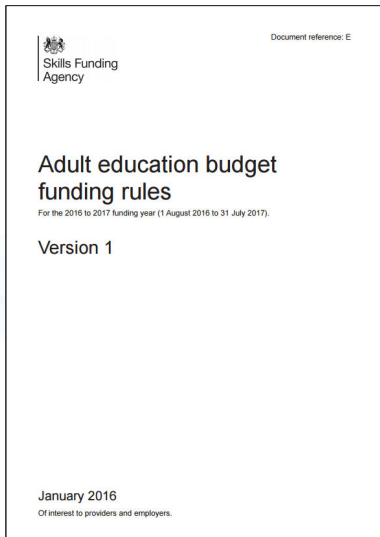
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Funding band – hours	Activity type	Programme weighting (PW)				
		A – Base (un-weighted)	B – Low	C – Medium	D – High	E or G* (specialist)
Up to 2	Very small provision (1)	£14	£16	£18	£22	£24
3 to 4	Very small provision (2)	£21	£24	£27	£34	£36
5 to 6	Very small provision (3)	£35	£39	£46	£56	£60
7 to 12	Small provision (1)	£50	£56	£65	£80	£86
13 to 20	Small provision (2)	£100	£112	£130	£160	£172
21 to 44	Small provision (3)	£150	£168	£195	£240	£258
45 to 68	Medium provision (1)	£300	£336	£390	£480	£516
69 to 92	Medium provision (2)	£450	£504	£585	£720	£774
93 to 100	Medium provision (3)	£600	£672	£780	£960	£1,032
101 to 196	Large provision (1)	£724	£811	£941	£1,159	£1,246
197 to 292	Large provision (2)	£1,265	£1,417	£1,645	£2,025	£2,176
293 to 388	Large provision (3)	£1,987	£2,225	£2,583	£3,179	£3,417
389 to 580	Very large provision (1)	£2,573	£2,882	£3,345	£4,117	£4,425
581 to 1060	Very large provision (2)	£4,170	£4,670	£5,421	£6,671	£7,172
1061 or more	Very large provision (3)	£6,602	£7,395	£8,583	£10,564	£11,356

And these rates

Qualification type	Programme weighting (PW)				
	A – Base (un-weighted)	B – Low	C – Medium	D – High	E or G* (specialist)
GCE AS	£724	£811	£941	£1,159	£1,246
GCE A-level	£1,987	£2,225	£2,583	£3,179	£3,417
GCSE	£724	£811	£941	£1,159	£1,246
GCSE short course	£300	£336	£390	£480	£516
Functional skills in English or maths	£724	£811	£941	£1,159	£1,246
Functional skills in IT	£300	£336	£390	£480	£516
Access to HE	£3,022	£3,384	£3,928	£4,835	£5,197

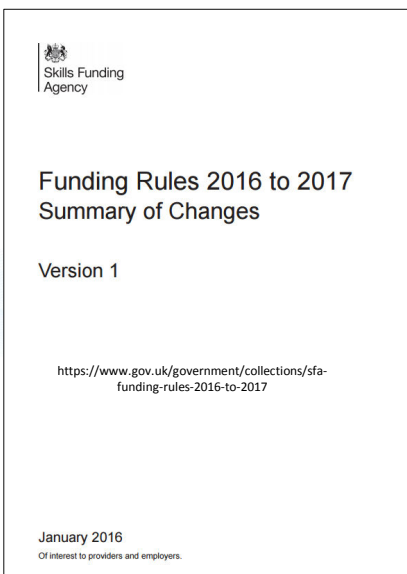
Main change for 2016/17



We will not fund the following unless you have written permission from us to do so.

- Any learning aim delivered at an employee's workplace and relevant to either their job or their employer's business, unless the learner has an entitlement to full funding.
- Work placement or work experience, unless it is delivered as part of a traineeship, the Prince's Trust programme or a continuing study programme (where responsibility for funding transfers from the Education Funding Agency to us when the learner is 19 years old).

Other changes



"We have removed unnecessary duplication from the funding rules"

Then we have produced several versions of the same documents

"We have highlighted the main changes from the funding year 2015 to 2016 in the table below. Note that this is not an exhaustive list of all the changes."

Oh....

"From Monday, 1 February to Friday, 12 February, we are hosting an online forum on feconnect. In the forum, we will answer your comments or requests for clarification on the funding rules for 2016 to 2017."

<http://feconnect.sfa.bis.gov.uk/forums/topic/online-qa-on-the-funding-rules-for-2016-to-2017/>

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