

## **Progression Funding**

The Skills Investment Strategy set out the reform of statutory entitlements from the 2012/13 academic year. This included full funding for those with an entitlement to a Level 2 qualification who need help to make the step up from basic skills. It has now been agreed that this funding will be provided from the 2011/12 academic year. This means that for 2011/12 Entry or Level 1 aims will be fully funded where a learner has an entitlement to a Level 2 qualification, in that they must have a highest prior attainment of Level 1 or below, but need a step up from basic skills in order to progress to Level 2.

- Learners can be enrolled on either Entry or Level 1 aims.
- They do not need to be enrolled on a full Level 2 qualification but the provider should be assured that the learner needs the additional step in order to progress to Level 2
- Full funding for a learning aim(s) will not include repeat qualifications at the same level, i.e. where there is no progression, unless it is part of a complementary personalised programme of learning.
- Skills for Life (literacy, numeracy and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)) is not included in this entitlement as funding policy has already been established and set out in the Agency's Guidance Note 6
- In 2011/12, this entitlement will be available to all ages. From 2012/13, this entitlement will be available to 19-23 year old learners only. Those learners aged 24 and over who have taken up the entitlement will continue to have full funding in 2012/13 only for those learning aims started in 2011/12.
- It is available under the terms of the single Adult Skills Budget, for learning that takes place in either the classroom or workplace\*.

\*note Personal and Social Development and Entry Level vocational qualifications are not funded in the workplace