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Apprenticeship funding rules August 2019 to July 2020 (preview)

Summary of changes

Introduction

1. This document sets out amendments to the following documents:
 - Apprenticeship funding rules and guidance for employers
August 2018 to July 2019 version 2
 - Apprenticeship funding rules for employer-providers
August 2018 to July 2019 version 2
 - Apprenticeship funding rules for training providers
August 2018 to July 2019 version 2
2. The funding rules will be published in PDF format and in a web based format on gov.uk. Both contain the same information.
3. The funding rules form part of the terms and conditions for the use of funds in an employer's apprenticeship service account or for government-employer co-investment. You must read them in conjunction with your funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education (acting through the Education and Skills Funding Agency (the ESFA), an executive agency of the Department for Education).
4. Unless otherwise stated these rules will apply to all apprenticeship programmes starting on or after 1 August 2019 and will include both apprenticeship frameworks and standards.
5. We have identified the rules that have changed between versions in the table below. The provider, employer-provider and employer paragraph numbers are denoted with the prefix P, EP or E respectively.
6. This document is intended as a summary and does not replace the funding rules themselves. You should refer to the main funding rules document for the definitive rules.

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Terminology:

New rule:

- We use this term to describe new rules that are developed in line with new policy, changes to existing policy, or changes to operational processes. The term describes new actions we expect a relevant individual or organisation to undertake in order to be compliant.

Clarification:

- We use this term to describe the rewording of existing rules for ease of understanding or for the inclusion of a rule that explicitly states, reinforces or emphasises the implicit actions that should already be taken in order to be compliant with the entirety of the funding rules.

Restructure:

- We use this term to describe areas where we have moved rules for ease of understanding.

Summary of changes

Section	Change and effective date	Paragraph number
What is an apprenticeship? Apprenticeship duration and employment hours	Clarification: Updated to show that some apprenticeship standards have multiple options.	P60.2 EP60.2 E52.2

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What can be funded? End-point Assessments	Clarification: Updated to show that providers can act as a proxy employer for redundant apprentices.	P146.3 EP – E121.3
Paying for an apprenticeship Employer co-investment	New Rule: The new employer co-investment rate for apprenticeships starting on or after 1 April 2019 is 5%.	P216 and P218.2 EP – E148 to E149 and E151
Paying for an apprenticeship State aid	New Rule: The new employer co-investment rate for apprenticeships starting on or after 1 April 2019 is 5%. This impacts the related state aid rules.	P226 EP210 E175
Apprenticeships funded by transfers of levy funds Introduction	Change: Transfer allowance percentage is increasing to 25%. These funds will be available in the 2019 to 2020 transfer allowance.	P228 to P230 EP212 to EP213 E177
Annex A: Eligibility criteria (who we fund) EEA Citizens	Clarification: We'll publish the full details of any changes to eligibility criteria after the EU Exit in due course.	P307 EP294 E240
Annex A: Eligibility criteria (who we fund)	Change: Added the new residency type “Calais limited leave to enter or remain”.	P310.3 EP297.3 E243.3

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Individuals with certain types of immigration status and their family members		
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