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Welcome

In this issue of Update, our weekly round-up of business-critical and useful information to Skills Funding (SFA) colleges, other training organisations and direct grant employers:

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1. Individualised Learner Record R09 2015 to 2016: Opens Friday, 22 April

Action

The individualised learner record R09 data collection for the 2015 to 2016 funding year will open at 9.00am on **Friday, 22 April**.

If you are due to make a return for R09, you must submit your data to [the Hub](#).

We publish a [maintenance schedule](#), which lists collection dates and proposed system maintenance.

For further information, please refer to the [Payments and Data](#) page on GOV.UK.

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2. European Social Fund 2014 to 2020 Programme: Invitations to Tender

Information

We will launch the remaining procurement for activity to deliver the European Social Fund (ESF) 2014 to 2020 programme by the end of May 2016.

During April, we will launch activity under **Investment Priority 2.1**, which includes skills support for the workforce, skills support for redundancy and apprenticeship services.

Over the next few weeks, we will also launch activity for **Investment Priority 2.2 – Improving the Labour Market** and the following **Investment Priority 1** projects:

- skills support for the unemployed
- career education and information advice and guidance for young people and adults
- business support and enhancing apprenticeships

This will complete all of our procurement activity.

Please monitor our [BRAVO e-tendering](#) system for your invitation to bid. For further information, please email the [ESF and Localism Team](#).

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3. **Advanced Learner Loans: Updated Toolkit**

Information

We have published an updated Advanced Learner Loans [toolkit](#).

This is to reflect the expansion of the loans programme to learners aged 19+ studying qualifications at Levels 3 to 6. This comes into effect from the start of the 2016 to 2017 academic year.

The toolkit gives advice and guidance on how to establish and develop training provision funded by loans.

For further information, please email [Advanced Learner Loans](#).

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4. **Learning Aim Search Functionality: Updates**

Information


We have updated the drop-down menu for the 'teaching year' to include 2016 to 2017 on the learning aim search on [the Hub](#). You can use this to search the aims we will fund in 2016 to 2017.

We have also added a new category to identify the qualifications that are part of the legal entitlements for the academic year 2016 to 2017 (Level 2, Level 3, English and maths).

For further information, please email the [Service Desk](#).

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