



## **General Conditions**

### **1. Title**

The English Training Aid State Aid Scheme (the “Scheme”)

### **2. Member State**

United Kingdom

### **3. Regions**

East Midlands;  
Eastern;  
London;  
North East;  
North West;  
South East;  
South West;  
West Midlands; and  
Yorkshire and the Humber

### **4. Organisations permitted to award aid under the Scheme**

The Department for Communities and Local Government

### **5. Legal Basis**

Aid under the Scheme may be awarded in accordance with the relevant terms and conditions of the General Block Exemption Regulation 2014-2020 (“GBER”). Each award must comply with the General Conditions of the Scheme and the relevant Specific Condition(s).

### **6. UK legal authority to award aid**

The Department for Communities and Local Government is authorised to award aid under domestic law, including:

- The European Communities Act 1972;
- The Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980;
- The Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993;
- The Local Government Act 2000;
- The Public Contracts Regulations SI 2006 No 5;
- The Local Government Act 2007;
- The Housing and Regeneration Act 2008; and
- The European Communities (Finance) Act 2008

### **7. Duration**

From 1.7.2014 to 31.12.2020

### **8. Forms of aid**

Awards under the Scheme may take the form of:

- Grants.

**9. Incentive Effect**

All awards under the Scheme must demonstrate the 'incentive effect' in accordance with the requirements of the GBER.

This may involve the submission of documents to the funder prior to the award of funding.

**10. Reporting**

All awards are conditional upon the recipient providing suitable information to meet GBER reporting requirements set out in the GBER.

**11. Cumulation**

Aid awarded under the Scheme may only be cumulated with other awards of State Aid where these relate to different eligible costs.

**12. Budget**

In any calendar year the Scheme shall not be used to provide awards which cumulatively exceed €125 million (around £99m). This sum is provided for State Aid purposes only and does not reflect a committed government budget.

**13. Funding**

The awards of aid provided under the Scheme may come from EU structured funds and state funds.

All awards of funding must identify the relevant regulation used to award funding, these are listed under specific conditions.

**14. Primacy**

In the event that any part of this scheme is inconsistent with the GBER, the provisions of GBER shall prevail.

**15. Contact**

Questions about this scheme should be directed to the State Aid Policy Network, c/o ERDF Policy Unit, The Department for Communities and Local Government, Fry Building, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.

## Specific Conditions

### 1. Name

Training aid

### 2. Eligible costs

The eligible costs shall be:-

- (a) Trainers' personnel costs, for the hours during which the trainers participate in the training;
- (b) Trainers' and trainees' operating costs directly relating to the training project such as travel expenses, materials and supplies directly related to the project, depreciation of tools and equipment, to the extent that they are used exclusively for the training project. Accommodation costs are excluded except for the minimum necessary accommodation costs for trainees who are workers with disabilities;
- (c) Advisory service costs linked to the training project;
- (d) Trainees' personnel costs and general indirect costs (administrative costs, rent, overheads) for the hours during which the trainees participate in the training.

### 3. Aid intensity

Aid Measure	Maximum % aid intensity levels for:			Notification thresholds (€)
	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	
<u><b>GBER Article 31:</b></u> <b>Training aid</b>  <u><b>and GBER Article 4</b></u>	50% of eligible costs, plus 10% if training given to disabled or disadvantaged workers.	60% of eligible costs, plus 10% if training given to disabled or disadvantaged workers.	70% of eligible costs.	€2 million per training project.

### 4. Excluded undertakings

See GBER Article 1.

### 5. Other conditions

Aid Measure	Condition
<u><b>GBER Article 31, point 2</b></u>	Aid shall not be granted for training which undertakings carry out to comply with national mandatory standards on training.
<u><b>GBER Article 31, point 5</b></u>	Where aid is granted in maritime transport sector, the aid intensity may be increased to 100% of eligible costs provided that the following conditions are met: (a) the trainees are not active members of crew but are supernumerary on board; and (b) the training is carried out on board of ships entered in Union registers.