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Welcome

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

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1. Funding Rules 2016 to 2017 Version 3

Information

Shortly, we will publish Version 3 of the Funding Rules 2016 to 2017.

The documents set out the rules for funding, including the evidence required to support funding for 2016 to 2017 and the operational performance-management rules. These rules will apply from 1 August 2016.

For further information, please visit the [Funding Rules](#) page on GOV.UK or email the [Service Desk](#).

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2. Apprenticeship and Traineeship Growth Exercise 2016 to 2017

Information

We have [communicated](#) the outcomes of the targeted growth exercise and review of baselines for the 2016 to 2017 funding year.

We have funded all credible growth cases to increase delivery in these priority areas ahead of the start of the funding year.

For further information or related queries, please contact your Central Delivery Service adviser.

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3. Financial Assurance 2015 to 2016

Information

As part of our continued [financial assurance](#) work, we have published new reports in [the Hub](#), which we have based on your R10 ILR data.

Please review these reports to ensure your data is recorded accurately. We have also published a [Funding Monitoring Reports User Guide](#), which explains how to access the reports and correct your data if required.

You will also receive a letter to the sector from Dawn Ward CBE, Chair of our Data and Management Information Advisory Group.

For further information, please contact your Central Delivery Service adviser.

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4. FE Choices Learner Satisfaction Survey 2015 to 2016: Results

Information

We have published the [final results](#) from the 2015 to 2016 learner satisfaction survey to GOV.UK and the [National Careers Service](#) website.

The [survey guidance](#) outlined that we had updated the questions following a consultation with stakeholders, including learners and staff in colleges and other training organisations. We reduced the number of questions to eight and replaced the overall score out of 10 with the percentage score from the 'recommend' question.

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

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5. Joint Audit Code of Practice Document

Information

We have worked together with the Education Funding Agency and published an updated version of the [joint audit code of practice](#) document.

The document sets out a common standard for the provision of assurance in relation to funding of post-16 colleges and other training organisations. This version contains minor editorial changes and clarifications.

For further information, please email the [Provider Risk and Assurance](#) team.

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6. Advanced Learner Loans Facility: 2016 to 2017 Change Request Form

Information

We will shortly publish the [2016 to 2017 change request form](#) for loan facilities.

If you have a 2016 to 2017 loan facility, you can use this form to request an increase to your facility. If you do not have a loan facility you can use this form to request one for the first time; you must have an adult apprenticeships or Adult Education Budget funding agreement with us to do this.

For further information or related queries, please refer to the [Advanced Learner Loans funding and performance management rules](#) or contact your Central Delivery Service adviser.

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