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Employer support fund pilot

Online data tool guidance

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Summary

This publication provides non-statutory guidance from the Education Skills & Funding Agency. It has been produced to provide guidance to schools in the Employer Support Fund Pilot on how to use the online tracking tool.

Expiry or review date

This guidance will be reviewed before August 2021.

Who is this publication for?

This guidance is for:

- School leaders and school staff involved in the employer support fund pilot in 2020/21 academic year.

Overview

What does the tool do?

The online data tracking tool has been designed to collect information on how providers have distributed the funding from the employer support fund pilot and what it is being spent on during the academic year 2020 to 2021. The information provided will also be used to recover any underspend at the end of the academic year.

As stated in your contract, you are required to submit accurate information regarding how you have allocated funding to employers and must keep the tool up-to-date before the specific monitoring points in December, March and July.

How to access the tool

To access the tool, you will need a [DfE sign in](#) account and the 'Access to Employer Support Fund Pilot' role. You can request this form your organisations approver.

If you do not have an approver at your organisation please visit [DfE sign-in](#).

How to use the tool

1. Input your details

The provider details will include your address, URN, UKPRN and your local authority. Your Total Fund amount is your allocation at the start of the academic year and available spend is the amount you have left to spend.

This will reduce each time you make a submission to reflect your remaining balance.

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Provider details Declaration Employer Student Your details

Bath College
Address: Avon Street, Bath, Avon, BA1 1UP
URN: 130558
UKPRN: 10001465
Local authority: Bath and North East Somerset

£60000.00	Total fund	£55975.00	Available spend
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When making a new submission you will be asked to:

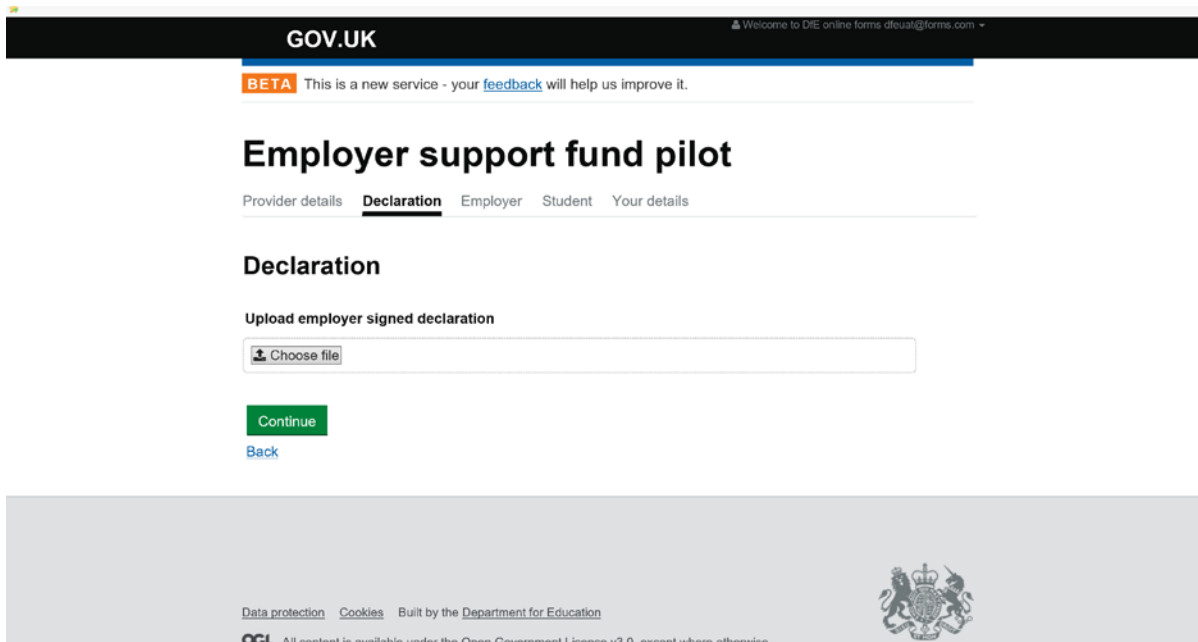
- Select or create an employer
- Assign the required number of students to the placement and provide details
- Upload an employer signed declaration

[New submission](#)

2. Upload a signed declaration

You will be required to upload a declaration, signed by you, in conjunction with the employer receiving the funding for each placement. It should include a breakdown of costs covered per industry placement for each student agreed at the time of signing.

The signed declaration sets out details of the employers' actual and specific costs that they have stated that they need funding to cover in order to deliver the Industry Placement. A [copy of the declaration is available on GOV.UK](#).



3. Input employer details

This allows you to input employer details, including the local address at which the industry placement is taking place, the size of the employer and other relevant information.

- A. For employers whose details have previously been entered, you can select them from a drop-list as shown below.
- B. You can then select the employer size, according to the number of employees that organisation has.
- C. You should then add the address of where the student is being hosted on placement.

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Provider details Employer declaration **Employer** Student Your details


Employer

Add new employer...

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Provider details Employer declaration **Employer** Student Your details

Employer

Add new employer... ✓

New employer details

Size

Select employer size...

- micro (0 to 9)
- small (10 to 49)
- medium (50 to 249)
- large (250+)

Please use the employer's address at which the placement student is being hosted.

Building and Street

Town or city

Select employer size... ▾

Name

Please use the employer's address at which the placement student is being hosted.

Building and Street

Town or city

County (optional)

Postcode

Continue

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4. Input student details

Once an employer has been selected / added, you will be required to enter the following details of the student(s) who is/are undertaking a placement with that employer. These are shown below.

A. Please enter the student's unique learner number.

Provider details > Declaration > Employer > **Student** > Your details

Students

You can add 10 out of 10 students for the employer: J D Hart

ULN

Select technical route

Start date

End date

Placement hours hours

Funding

Has the funding been paid?

What has the funding been spent on?

Add student

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This is the student's 10-digit Unique Learner Number

B. Please select the relevant technical route and pathway that are closest to the occupational area of the course that the student is studying towards.

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Once the relevant route has been chosen, you can then select the pathway which will appear depending on the route selected.

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Provider details Declaration Employer **Student** Your details

Students

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ULN ✓

Select technical route ✓

Select pathway

Start date

End date

Placement hours hours

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C. Please then enter the proposed start and end dates for the placement, as well as the number of hours that the placement is expected to take place. These are the number of hours a student has spent or will spend on their placement with this employer. If you are not sure what these dates are, please include a rough timing.

Please note, if this is below 315 hours then the student will be expected to undertake the remaining hours with an additional, occupationally-relevant employer (placements can only be split between up to 2 employers maximum). The tool will not allow you to assign a student to more than 2 employers.

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Start date

End date

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This is the date the student started or is expected to start their placement.

This is the date that the student finished or is expected to finish their placement.

D. Please enter the amount of funding that you have allocated to the employer and what the funding has been spent on. Please note that the maximum funding you can spend per student is £750, this can be split between two employers. The tool will restrict you from entering over £750 per student.

Please ensure you fully complete the box entitled 'what has the funding been spent on':

Eligible costs include:

- **Tangible costs** are costs directly related to the industry placement such as equipment, uniforms / suitable work wear, protective clothing, providing a work station, software costs, reasonable adjustments, entrance to site requirements, additional liability insurance
- **Training costs** are the direct costs of training staff to develop their knowledge and build their confidence in offering and delivering high quality industry placements, which may include training for line managers in mentoring and working with learners and providing them with the practical skills to deliver high quality industry placements and effective training to learners.
- **Administrative costs** are the direct costs incurred by the employer in connection with the setting up of systems to deliver the industry placement. They include the

costs of setting up or enhancing internal IT and organisational systems to support delivery.

- **Covid-related spending** – Employers' and learners' operating costs directly relating to the industry placement, where the affects of Covid-19 have meant these costs have been incurred. This could include PPE, additional IT equipment, to the extent that they are used exclusively for the industry placement (to avoid student's or employee's sharing equipment).

When completing the covid-related spending field, please specify in the free text box what this spending has directly been used for (e.g. PPE, additional IT equipment, etc).

Students

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ULN

Select technical route

Start date

End date

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The funding per student can be up to a maximum of £750. Where a student completes their placement with 2 employers, the £750 should be split across both employers.

A drop-down menu of eligible costs which are allowed under the pilot in the categories below. For costs that are not included in the drop down menu, please click "others" and enter what the funding has been spent on.

5. Add additional students per employer (as required)

The tool allows you to add additional students for each employer, as we are aware that more than one student may be completing their placement with an employer. Please note that an employer can only be funded for a **maximum of ten students** under the pilot.

Straight line connector pointing to call-out box

Placement hours **This field is required**

Funding **This field is required**

Has the funding been paid? **This field is required**

What has the funding been spent on?


This field is required

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You can add a maximum of 10 students per employer

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The list of students that have been added per employer appears at the bottom of the page and you can edit student information before you submit the form.

What has the funding been spent on?

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	ULN	Start date	End date	Funding
<input type="checkbox"/>	1003056032	20/10/2019	23/01/2020	£650.00

I confirm that I have added all the students that are included in the signed declaration.

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You can edit previous student information or delete student information

You must confirm that all the students that have been included in the signed declaration have been added on the tool

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6. Input your details

Once the required number of students per employer has been entered, the personnel completing the tool will need to provide confirmation that the information provided is true

and accurate. You are also required to share the privacy notice for the students undertaking the industry placement to inform them of how their personal information is being used and provide confirmation of doing this before submitting the form.

Please note that once the form has been submitted, the information entered cannot be changed.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL https://dfeuat.achieveservice.com/en/AchieveForms/Form_url=sandbox-publish/AF-Process-32619844-96a7-40d6-b8ea-5d7f03e99876/AF-Stage-25270e8c-5603-401. The page features a 'BETA' banner and a navigation menu with 'Your details' selected. The 'Your details' section includes input fields for 'Full name' and 'Email address', both of which are redacted with blue boxes. Below these fields is a link to the 'privacy notice' and two checkboxes for confirmation. A 'Submit' button and a 'Back' link are at the bottom.

The privacy note can be viewed by clicking the hyperlink, which will take you to this page:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://dfeuat.achieveservice.com/service/esfp.gn>. The page is titled 'GOV.UK' and features a 'BETA' banner. The main heading is 'Privacy Notice for learners undertaking an industrial placement'. The text explains that the notice is issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) on behalf of the Department for Education (DfE). It details the sharing of personal information (Unique Learner Number and placement details) for funding purposes and states that the data will be securely destroyed when no longer required. A link is provided for further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esfa-privacy-notice>.

Once you confirm these and submit the form, there will be a confirmation page, with a confirmation email sent to you with the information you have entered as shown below:

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Submission complete
Your reference number is
AF138259162

A confirmation email has been sent to

What happens next?
We will review the information you have submitted and may contact you if we have any questions.

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7. Feedback

Please send feedback on any issues that you experience while using the tool to EmployerSupportFund.PILOT@education.gov.uk.



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