



2014 to 2015 payments information

The Education Funding Agency (EFA) has produced this brief guide for academies to give more detailed information about the short descriptions included on remittance advice notes. It includes information about each funding element and indicates when payments are made.

Queries about remittance advice notes

Contact the [academies enquiry service](#) with any queries about your remittance advice note or, if you require a copy of a remittance advice note, please contact the [remittance team](#).

Pre-16 schools block funding

Remittance description	Full description	Payment schedule
Pupil Led Factors	<p>Pupil Led Factors are the compulsory funding factors for pre-16 allocations. This includes the basic entitlement according to the Age-Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) and the deprivation, low prior attainment and looked after children factors.</p> <p>We assign funding to individual pupils based on the October pupil census.</p> <p>Funding for the Pupil Premium is separate (see below).</p>	Payment in 12 equal instalments.
Other Factors	<p>This is additional funding we provide that is not based on pupil demographics. It includes your lump sum and other funding, for example for split sites, where applicable.</p>	Payment in 12 equal instalments.
Exceptional Factors	<p>Funding for Exceptional Factors is for a specific element for which your local authority successfully applied to DfE to fund in addition to the permitted formula elements.</p>	Payment in 12 equal instalments.

MFG	<p>Minimum Funding Guarantee. The MFG is designed to protect per-pupil funding from one year to the next against significant changes in funding formulae or changes in data not directly related to pupil numbers.</p> <p>For more information see page 8 of your Funding Allocation Pack.</p>	Payment in 12 equal instalments.
ESG	<p>The Educational Services Grant (ESG) has replaced the LACSEG.</p> <p>It is allocated on a per-pupil basis, based on pupil numbers from census data.</p>	Payment in 12 equal instalments.
Pre-16 High Needs	This is pre-16 funding for high needs students.	Payment in 12 equal instalments.

16 to 19 funding

Remittance description	Full description	Payment schedule
Core Maths	This funding has been allocated to those schools/colleges selected (via open competition) to be early adopters of new Core Maths qualifications. The funding allocated is based on the bid submitted and is for the purpose of developing and delivering a Core Maths course to post-16 students over 2014/15 and 2015/16.	Payment in 12 equal instalments.
16 to 19 programme funding	<p>This is post-16 student funding at the national rate with an additional amount for retention, programme cost weighting, disadvantage and area costs.</p> <p>The payment includes any 16 to 19 formula protection funding and 16 to 19 transitional protection funding that an academy is entitled to receive.</p>	Payment in 12 equal instalments.

16-19 Allocation	We allocate this funding using the national formulae. It is based on a basic allocation of £4,000 per student, which is the adjusted to reflect deprivation, retention and programme weighting of your previous post-16 students.	Payment in 12 equal instalments.
Post-16 High Needs	If you are a dedicated unit with agreed places for individual high needs pupils, you will receive funding based on October census data and the standard post-16 national funding formulas. We provide an additional £6,000 per place for the number of places declared by the LA.	Payment in 12 equal instalments.
Post-16 High Needs	If you are a dedicated unit with agreed places for individual high needs pupils, you will receive £10,000 per place for the number of places declared by the LA.	Payment in 12 equal instalments.
Post-16 Bursary Fund	The 16-19 bursary fund enables you to support students who may require additional financial assistance with the costs associated with learning such as transport, meals, books and equipment. We allocate the funds using a national formula, but leave the management up to you as a provider. Your distribution of funds must keep in line with the published information.	Two-thirds of the bursary fund is paid in September with the remaining third paid in April.

Other funding factors

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Allocation Protection	We have changed the protection arrangements for 2014/15. Any reduction to an academy's per pupil funding caused by the combination of any fall in the ESG rate from AY 2013/14 and the SEN LACSEG adjustment, must not exceed 1% of its total funding in AY 2013/14.	This adjustment is made in 12 equal instalments.

SEN LACSEG Adjustment	In AY 2012/13 local authorities were funded via the Dedicated Schools Grant to provide SEN services, but the EFA also funded academies for the same services through the SEN block of their LACSEG, this resulted in double funding. The adjustment for the overpayment made in 2012/13 is being made over two academic years. 50% in 2014/15 and 50% in 2015/16.	This adjustment is made in 12 equal instalments.
Risk Protection Arrangements (RPA)	<p>An adjustment to funding for academies who have opted into Risk Protection Arrangements. If academies have opted in, but then requested to opt out, the adjustment will be corrected the following month. The calculation is based on pupil numbers @ £25 per pupil, adjusted for the number days opted in, up to and including 31 August 2015.</p> <p>We adjust payments in equal amounts. Those who opted in before 1 September 2014, or on or before 1 July 2014, will have payments adjusted across the full 12 months. Remaining academies will see equal adjustments according to the published timetable.</p>	

Other funding

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Pupil Premium Grant	This funding supports your disadvantaged pupils and assist them in decreasing the attainment gap between them and their peers.	There are four payments in July, October, January and April.
Summer School Grant	This is funding that you applied for to finance summer schools for pupils on free school meals looked-after children pupils making the transition into year 7 in September 2013.	There is no schedule for this funding as it is paid as a result of a request or claim.
Year 7 Catch up Grant	This funding is for each Year 7 pupil who has not achieved at least level 4 in English and/or maths at Key Stage 2.	One payment, usually made in February.

PE and Sports Grant	This funding has been allocated to your school to improve PE and Sport provisions for your registered pupils. It has been calculated using the annual schools census.	One payment made in November.
Universal Infant Free School Meals	From September 2014 all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools in England will be eligible for free school meals (FSMs).	Paid in two instalments, July 2014 and July 2015.

Start-up funding

Remittance description	Full description	Payment schedule
Start Up Grant (SUG) A	We provide funding for new schools in the form of a Start Up Grant (SUG) which is based on a flat rate depending on phase and forms of entry.	In the first 3 months of opening, payments of 50%, 25% and 25%.
SUG B Formula SUG B Assessment	The SUG B Formula is funding that has been agreed with your local authority based on agreed capacity figures. The SUG B Assessment is where funding is agreed with your local authority.	Payment in 12 equal instalments.

Ad hoc and miscellaneous payments

Remittance description	Full description	Payment schedule
Advances and Abatements	You will only see this in your remittance advice if we need to recover monies, usually as a result of the Pupil Number Adjustment or Rebasing Exercises.	There is no schedule for this funding as it is paid/recovered as a result of a request or claim.
Rates Relief	Rates Relief is funding for which you applied in order to meeting the costs of your National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR). Information on how to claim for NNDR can be found on our website.	You will receive a single payment to cover costs to March 2015.

Admissions Appeals	This is funding for which you have applied for additional admissions appeal panel to the 20 that you are expected to fund from your budget.	There is no schedule for this funding as it is paid as a result of a request or claim.
Insurance Top-Up	If you struggle to meet the costs of your insurance premium you can apply to us for additional top-up funding. Information on how to claim for additional insurance top-up funding can be found on our website.	There is no schedule for this funding as it is paid as a result of a request or claim.
Deficit Funding	This is a grant we can give if you face financial failure (eligibility criteria applies).	There is no schedule for this funding as it is paid as a result of a request or claim.
Restructuring and TUPE	This funding covers the costs of any restructuring and is paid in accordance with your individual funding agreement.	There is no schedule for this funding as it is paid as a result of a request or claim.

Capital grant payments

Remittance description	Full description	Payment schedule
Academies Capital Maintenance	This is payment for Academies Capital Maintenance Fund grant . Grant funding is allocated to academies following evaluation of project applications.	Payments will be made to successful applicants based on project profiles.
DFC Academies	DFC is Devolved Formula Capital which provides academies with capital funding for their own capital priorities. Funding is calculated on a formulaic basis using the school census dataset collected in January 2013. For financial year 2014 to 2015, the calculation uses a per school sum of £4,000 and a per pupil sum, which varies.	DFC is paid in a single instalment in June 2014. Payments for new academies without predecessor schools, established after the January 2013 census will be paid in October 2014.
16-19 Demographic Growth Capital Fund	The 16-19 Demographic Growth Capital Fund (DGCF) is funding to address the need for additional places for young people arising from population and participation increases.	This funding is normally paid in September, December and March.