

Amendments to Funding Rules - 2012/13

This note highlights the amendments and clarifications to the Funding Rules that we are implementing in 2012/13.

Introduction

Following the publication of the Funding Rules 2012/13 in July 2012, we have continued to work very closely with the sector to ensure that our rules are clear and appropriate to the needs of learners. Because of specific feedback from the sector, we need to issue a small number of amendments and clarifications to the Funding Rules 2012/13 version 3. The amendments to the Funding Rules 2012/13 are available on our [website](#).

We will apply the changes to the funding rules from 1 December 2012. They apply to all learners who start on or after that date. For those who started before 1 December 2012, the funding rule changes can only be applied to learning support activity started on or after that date.

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The main amendments to the funding rules are around extending and clarifying some of the eligibility requirements around Additional Learning Support (ALS) in Apprenticeships and classroom learning delivered through Funding Model 45. These will enable providers to access funding to help those learners with a need so that they are given the best chance of achieving their learning goal.

In summary, for ALS we have:

- **extended the eligibility** for claiming Additional Social Needs (ASN), making learners eligible for ASN if there is evidence that they have needs relating to just one or more of the barriers to learning
- **opened up funding available** to providers to support additional activity with learners where they are being assessed as below Level 2 English and/or maths.

In addition we are making a number of other minor changes to the rules and associated evidence requirements. We have:

- stated the evidence requirements for the date of Apprenticeship achievement

- reflected that certain Awards are now eligible for funding where they are Trade Union Congress learning aims being studied by Trade Union representatives
- amended the deadline for exceptional Additional Learning Support (eALS) claims for Funding Model 22 to align this with the deadline for the Final Funding Claim
- corrected the Apprenticeships Alternative Completion Conditions list of exempt sports to include Women's Football, Women's Rugby Union and Wrestling.