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1. Action: local authority adult education budget and apprenticeship funds return for 2018 to 2019

On 3 April 2019 we sent an email to all local authorities about the local authority adult education budget and apprenticeship funds return for 2018 to 2019.

Local authorities must submit their return to ESFA Information Exchange by Tuesday 30 April 2019.

Guidance is available on [how to complete the return](#).

2. Information: updated college financial benchmarking tool

We have updated the [college financial benchmarking tool](#) with data from further education and sixth-form colleges' 2017 to 2018 [finance records](#).

The tool allows colleges to compare their performance with others in the sector.

3. Information: the apprenticeship levy funding transfer allowance rises this month

This month the amount of funds that levy-paying employers can transfer to other employers to support apprenticeships will increase from 10 per cent to 25 per cent. Employers will see the new allowance in accounts after Friday 19 April 2019.

Levy-payers can transfer funds to any employer, [subject to rules](#). These can include employers in their area, sector or supply chain, or even charities. The funds can support new apprenticeship programmes or to upskill an existing workforce.

Our video explains more about transfers.



4. Your feedback: qualification achievement rates (QAR) 2017 to 2018 – provider survey

We are currently gathering feedback to help us continue to improve our QAR processes and how we support you. Please let us know about your experience of the QAR 2017 to 2018 process by completing our [provider feedback survey](#).

The survey will close on Friday 3 May 2019.

Your final QAR 2017 to 2018 data is available in the 'QAR reports' section of the Data Returns page on [the Hub](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the [service desk](#).

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