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1. Information: section 251 2018 to 2019 outturn data collection

Section 251: 2018 to 2019 data collection will go live on Wednesday 3 July 2019.

The deadline to upload your data to COLLECT is Friday 23 August 2019.

We have published information about <u>how to complete the 2018 to 2019 data</u> collection.

2. Information: EU student funding for the 2020 to 2021 academic year

On 28 May the Universities Minister Chris Skidmore announced that <u>EU nationals</u> who start a higher education course in England in the 2020 to 2021 academic year will remain eligible for undergraduate and postgraduate financial support, Advanced Learner loans as well as FE and apprenticeships support, whether a deal for leaving the EU is in place or not.

This means EU students starting in academic year 2020 to 2021 will continue to be guaranteed FE funding for adults aged 19+ for the duration of their courses in England and will be eligible for apprenticeship funding providing other eligibility criteria are met (such as, right to work).

Work to determine the future fee status for new EU students after the 2020 to 2021 academic year is ongoing as the government prepares for a smooth and orderly exit from the EU as soon as possible. The government will provide sufficient notice for prospective EU students and FE providers on funding eligibility arrangements ahead of the 2021 to 2022 academic year and subsequent years in future.

3. Your feedback: can you help us improve our remittance advice?

We are looking for volunteers to inform our on-going user research into the payment reports and remittance advice that ESFA provides.

We have identified a number of pain points around the remittance advice and would like to invite user feedback on the potential solutions that we are developing.

If you are interested in taking part in any of the pre-release trials over the next 4 weeks please email our User Researcher.

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