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Action: Brexit survey

As part of wider activity for preparing to leave the EU, the Department for Education requires a clearer understanding of the steps further education and apprenticeship providers are taking.

As a priority, the department would be grateful if providers could arrange for an appropriate person to complete the following [short survey](#) by Friday 27 September.

Information received through this survey will help the government to ensure all preparations are in place to leave the EU on 31 October.

Action: Higher education learning aim requests due 27 September 2019

Providers requesting new learning aims for prescribed higher education provision

for the 2018 to 2019 funding year must submit the completed [form and validation approval letter](#) by Friday 27 September to meet the Office for Students timelines.

This allows time to create and upload them to the Learning Aim Reference Service (LARS) database for the R14 ILR submission that opens on Monday 7 October 2019 and closes on Thursday 17 October 2019.

Any requests received after this date for 2018 to 2019 may not be processed in time for the final R14 ILR submission.

Please submit the completed [form and validation approval letter](#) using the [ESFA online form](#).

Information: apprenticeships off-the-job training guidance and commitment statement template

We have updated the apprenticeships [off-the-job training support materials](#) to bring the text within the materials in line with the 2019 to 2020 apprenticeship funding rules.

The suite of materials includes a new guide where we have added clarity and addressed frequently asked questions. There is also an updated commitment statement, infographic and myth-buster

The commitment statement template is non-mandatory and training providers are free to use alternative templates, including their own. However, the completion of the ESFA template will ensure that the apprenticeship funding rules have been met.

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