

List of main changes to the Further education and skills handbook, with effect from 20 April 2017	Paragraph
Clarification that inspection of apprenticeships will include those apprenticeships funded through the new apprenticeship levy. Levy-funded apprenticeships are within the scope of inspection and all providers (including new providers) funded for such apprenticeships will be subject to inspections.	14, 33 and 41
Clarification that on 1 April 2017, the Education Funding Agency (EFA) and Skills Funding Agency (SFA) were brought together into one funding agency called the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). Relevant references to EFA and SFA in the Handbook are now to ESFA.	14 and throughout
Clarification that the social care common inspection framework comes into effect from April 2017 for inspections of residential accommodation for 16/17-year-olds in further education colleges.	39
Clarification that inspection of apprenticeships will cover apprenticeships at levels 2 to 5.	41
Some re-wording of apprenticeship inspection evaluation criteria and grade descriptors to ensure that they fully cover both apprenticeship frameworks and apprenticeship standards.	Pages 60–62.
Other minor editing, updating and clarification.	Throughout