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1. ESF individualised learner record returns

Action

Between August and October, you must include all your European Social Fund (ESF) learners who started on or before 31 July 2017 in your 2016 to 2017 individualised learner record (ILR) returns.

From September, the calculation date for payments will follow the 2017 to 2018 ILR return schedule. This calculation will use your latest 2016 to 2017 ILR submission.

As the calculation date will occur whilst the 2016 to 2017 collection is open you must not remove any ESF learners from your submission. If any learners are not included in the file used to calculate payments, then your funding for 2016 to 2017 for those learners will be withdrawn.

2. Updated apprenticeship funding and performance-management rules

Information

We will shortly publish an updated version of the apprenticeship funding and performance-management rules that will apply to apprenticeship starts from 1 May 2017 to 31 March 2019. The only substantive updates are to the performance-management rules; the funding rules have not changed.

This document sets out the funding and performance management rules for the 2017 to 2018 and 2018 to 2019 funding years. For the 2018 to 2019 funding year this document is a draft and we reserve the right to make changes to these rules in line with government policy.

For further information, please visit the [funding rules page](#) on GOV.UK.

3. ESFA business plan 2017 to 2018

Information

We have published our [business plan for the financial year 2017 to 2018](#). It sets out our:

- key objectives
- operational priorities
- ways of working
- people plan

The business plan highlights how we will support the Department for Education's key objective of reforming the education system.

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