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Guidance

Support for FE and sixth-form colleges

Professional development, support and guidance to improve the performance of FE and sixth-form colleges.

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FE Commissioner

The [FE Commissioner](#) helps colleges to:

- identify and resolve educational quality and financial issues
- access support from outstanding colleges

- apply for improvement funding

[College oversight: support and intervention](#) explains how the FE Commissioner and ESFA support colleges to improve financial resilience and educational quality.

Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA)

The [ESFA works with colleges at risk of failure](#) to:

- improve their offering to students
- solve financial problems

College governance

For support and guidance on college governance, see:

- [Further education corporations and sixth-form college corporations: governance guide](#)
- [National Leaders of Governance for further education: guidance](#)
- support for [governor recruitment](#) from the [Education & Training Foundation](#)

Professional development

The [Education & Training Foundation](#) offers teaching and leadership programmes for FE:

- [principals and chief executive officers \(CEOs\)](#)
- [finance directors and chief finance officers \(CFOs\)](#)
- [middle managers](#)
- [college chairs](#)
- [college governors](#)

Teacher recruitment

The [Taking Teaching Further](#) programme helps FE providers to:

- recruit experienced industry professionals
- support ongoing engagement with industry

T Levels and technical education

T Levels

The [Education & Training Foundation](#) is developing [T Level support programmes](#) for colleges preparing for the introduction of T Levels in 2020.

These programmes will:

- develop teachers' subject and industry knowledge
- help leaders and teachers to prepare for change

Industry Placement Capacity and Delivery Fund

The [Industry Placement Capacity and Delivery Fund](#) helps colleges to deliver placements for 16 to 19 year olds.

Maths teaching

[Basic Maths Centres for Excellence](#) help colleges to develop and trial improved approaches to teaching maths up to Level 2 for learners over 16.

Careers advice

Guidance is available on [giving careers support to FE students](#).

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