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## 1. Action: higher education learning aim requests due Friday 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](#).

## 2. Information: Prime Minister boosts schools with £14 billion package

On Friday, 30 August, the Prime Minister [announced an investment of over £14 billion in primary and secondary education between now and 2022 to 2023](#).

The funding package for 5 to 16 schools includes £2.6 billion for 2020 to 2021, £4.8 billion for 2021 to 2022, and £7.1 billion for 2022 to 2023 compared to 2019 to 2020. This will bring the schools budget to £52.2bn in 2022 to 2023.

Included in the package is:

- every secondary school will receive a minimum of £5,000 per pupil next year, with every primary school getting a minimum of £4,000 from 2021 to 2022
- £700 million extra for local authorities to support children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in 2020 to 2021, so every pupil can access the education that is right for them, and none are held back from reaching their potential

We will issue further operational information for local authorities and academies in due course.

## 3. Information: claims for 16 to 19 Bursary Fund for students in defined vulnerable groups

The online form to claim from the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund for students in defined vulnerable groups for the academic year 2019 to 2020 is now available on the [Student Bursary Support Service \(SBSS\) portal](#).

## 4. Information: requesting a 19 to 24 traineeships allocation for the 2019 to 2020 funding year

As set out in the [adult education budget \(AEB\) funding and performance-management rules](#), you can request a maximum allocation of £25,000 for 19 to 24 traineeships if you had an AEB contract for the 2018 to 2019 funding year and have not been issued with a 19 to 24 traineeships allocation because you have not delivered traineeships historically.

Requests must be submitted using the [ESFA online form](#) by Friday 6 December 2019. Please include your rationale and how much you are requesting on the form.

We will not consider any requests from providers who did not have an AEB contract for the 2018 to 2019 funding year.

If you have any queries, please use the [ESFA online form](#).

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