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Department
for Education

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UPDATED

April 2017: gender pay differences

All large employers (with 250 or more employees), including schools, will have to report on gender pay differences from April 2017. We will publish regulations and supporting guidance early in 2017 setting out what information employers will need to publish.

NEW

April 2017: apprenticeship levy

We will introduce the apprenticeship levy in April 2017. Funding for apprenticeship training and assessment raised through the levy will allow employers in England to increase both the quantity and quality of apprenticeships. It will be payable through Pay As You Earn (PAYE) on pay bills over £3 million. It applies to all UK employers, including schools. Schools and local authorities need to assess whether they will have to pay the apprenticeship levy. [Further information about how the levy will work is available.](#)

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