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1. Exceptional learning support claims for 2017 to 2018

Action

You must submit an estimated cost for learners who require exceptional learning support (ELS) in 2017 to 2018 for approval. The 2017 to 2018 form is available on GOV.UK and must be sent to exceptional learning support claims.

For further information on claiming ELS please refer to the funding rules 2017 to 2018, the ELS page on GOV.UK or contact us at the mailbox above.

2. Advanced learner loans funding and performance management rules 2017 to 2018

Information

This week we will publish version 2 of the advanced learner loans funding and performance management rules 2017 to 2018.

The main change from version 1, published in March 2017, is the inclusion and revision of the performance management rules.

The rules apply to all providers of education and training holding loan facility conditions and loans bursary fund agreements with the ESFA.

We will be holding 3 webinars during July to support the publication and highlight good practice.

Date	Time
4 July	14:00 - 15:30
5 July	10:30 - 12:00
6 July	10:30 - 12:00

Please email advanced learner loans to book your place.

3. Financial assurance 2016 to 2017: monitoring the funding rules

Information

We have updated the following documents to include apprenticeships starts from 1 May 2017 where appropriate:

- funding rules monitoring plan for the funding year 2016 to 2017
- funding monitoring reports user guide

The suite of reports has been updated to include R10 individualised learner record (ILR) data. You must review this data to determine whether you need to make any data corrections in your next ILR submission as specified in the guidance. Where the data is correct, you must ensure that you, or your subcontractors have the evidence to justify the funding claimed.

For further information, please contact your business operations provider manager.

4. Removing redundant roles in the Identity and Access Management Service (IdAMS)

Information

We will be removing some roles for the Skills Funding Service (SFS) in Idams on Thursday 22 June 2017.

The roles are no longer needed and may cause confusion for users.

Once they are removed, you will not be able to select them and if you already have them it won’t affect your access to SFS.

The roles that will be removed are:

SFS - BI user
SFS - BI user (sensitive access)
SFS - BI user with visualiser
SFS - BI user with visualiser (sensitive access)
SFS - Data returns and claims manager
SFS - Data returns and claims user
SFS - Performance authoriser
SFS - Performance manager
SFS - Performance user
SFS - Planning authoriser
SFS - Planning manager
SFS - Planning user
SFS - Register and bid authoriser
SFS - Register and bid manager
SFS - Register and bid user

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