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# 1. Advanced Learner Loans funding and performance management rules 2017 to 2018

## Information

A reminder that we have published version 2 of the Advanced Learner Loans funding and performance management rules 2017 to 2018.

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

Date	Time
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4 July	2:00pm – 3:30pm
5 July	10:30am – 12:00pm
6 July	10:30am – 12:00pm

Please email [advancedlearnerloans@sfa.bis.gov.uk](mailto:advancedlearnerloans@sfa.bis.gov.uk) to book your place.

## 2. Adult Education Budget Funding and Performance Management Rules 2017 to 2018

### Information

This week we have published version 1 of the [Adult Education Budget Funding Rules 2017 to 2018](#).

These rules apply to all providers of education and training who receive adult education budget funding from the ESFA.

Please note the performance management rules for 2017 to 2018 will be included in version 2.

We will be holding 3 webinars during July to support the publication.

Date	Time
11 July	10:00am – 11:30am
14 July	10:00am – 11:30am
19 July	2:00pm – 3:30pm

Please email to book your place [aebrulesfeedback@sfa.bis.gov.uk](mailto:aebrulesfeedback@sfa.bis.gov.uk).

## 3. Apprenticeship Grant for Employers (AGE) reports available in the Skills Funding Service (SFS)

### Information

From Wednesday 28 June, you will be able to see your AGE reports for the last 2 years in [SFS](#).

You will be able to view this information if you have any of the following user roles:

- contract authoriser
- contract manager
- contract user

data returns and claims manager

Check the SFS [user roles and permissions](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the [servicedesk](#).

## 4. Legal entitlement offer for level 2 and level 3: 2017 to 2018

### Information

We have updated the list of qualifications that are part of the 2017 to 2018 level 2 and level 3 legal entitlement offer. It includes new technical and applied qualifications in the 2019 performance tables, AS and A Levels and new access to HE qualifications.

The Hub will shortly be updated to reflect these changes.

For further information, please see [GOV.UK](#).

## 5. Qualification eligibility principles and legal entitlements: 2017 to 2018

### Information

We have published the 2017 to 2018 qualification eligibility principles and legal entitlements documents.

These documents explain how we make qualifications eligible for funding through the Adult Education Budget and explains how these offers are updated.

For further information, please see [GOV.UK](#).

## 6. Non-levy apprenticeship growth requests

### Information

The first performance-management point for non-levy apprenticeships will take place in July instead of August. You can now submit requests for increases to your 16 to 18 and 19+ non-levy apprenticeship contract values for May 2017 to December 2017.

Please send your completed [growth request](#) form to [Provider Performance Management](#) and your provider manager before 5pm on Tuesday 11 July. You must submit a growth request to be considered for an increase.

More information can be found on [GOV.UK](#). Please contact your provider manager if you have any queries.

## 7. Customer engagement user research

## Information

As a newly formed agency, the ESFA is looking at how it engages with its customers; we want to understand your experience of engaging with us, identify what works well for you and where we may need to make improvements.

To achieve this we would like to talk with you directly through:

- brief one to one phone calls with a researcher (we will advertise dates for these next week and ask for volunteers)
- up to 8 face-to-face focus groups (locations across the country)

We are currently looking for volunteers to host (in their workplace) and attend the focus groups shown below.

Customer focus group	Date
Local authorities and academies	10 – 21 July
FE colleges and sixth form	10 – 21 July
Training providers (independent and charitable)	17 – end July
Employers	17 – end July

If you would like to host one of the workshops, please contact us at [ESFA@education.gov.uk](mailto:ESFA@education.gov.uk). We will seek further participants once dates are fixed.

Deadline for responses is 5pm Tuesday 4 July.

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