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1. Introduction

This guide provides information on the ‘transaction descriptions’ used in the remittance notes to academies. It also provides links to further information where available.

2. Pre-16 schools block payments

Transaction description	Explanation
Exceptional factors	You will only see this in your remittance advice if your local authority has successfully applied to ESFA to include additional factors in their formula. Such factors reflect any exceptional circumstances related to the nature of their premises, and will only be shown if relevant to your academy. More information can be found in the 2017 to 2018 FAP guidance .
MFG	The minimum funding guarantee (MFG) is designed to protect per-pupil funding from one year to the next against significant changes in funding formulae or changes in data not directly related to pupil numbers. More information can be found in the

[2017 to 2018 FAP guidance.](#)

Other factors	This is additional funding we provide that is not based on pupil demographics. It includes your lump sum and other funding, for example for split sites, where applicable. More information can be found in the 2017 to 2018 FAP guidance .
Pre 16 high needs	This is high needs place funding for pre-16 places in designated units in mainstream academies, and pre 16 places in special academies. It is paid at £10,000 per place. More information can be found in the 2017 to 2018 FAP guidance .
Pupil led factors	This is the total amount paid under the pupil led factors in accordance with the local authority funding model. More information can be found in the 2017 to 2018 FAP guidance .

3. 16 to 19 funding

Transaction description	Explanation
16 to 19 allocation	We allocate this funding using the national formula. It is based on a basic allocation of £4,000 per student, which is then adjusted to reflect various other elements such as deprivation, retention and programme weighting of your previous post-16 students. More information can be found in the 16 to 19 education: funding allocations guidance .
Post-16 bursary	The 16 to 19 bursary fund enables you to support students who may require additional financial assistance with the costs associated with education such as transport, meals, books and equipment. We allocate the funds using a national formula, but leave the management up to you as a provider. Your distribution of funds must keep in line with the published information. More information can be found in the 16 to 19 bursary fund guide for 2017 to 2018 .
Post-16 high needs	High needs funding for post-16 pupils in designated units in mainstream academies is calculated on a simple per-place basis. This is paid in two elements: £6,000 per place which is paid through the high needs block and the per pupil amount paid at the national funding formula rate. High needs place funding in special academies is paid at £10,000 per place. More information can be found in the high needs funding arrangements for 2017 to 2018 guidance .

4. Other funding factors

Transaction description	Explanation
Acad risk protection	This is an adjustment to funding for academies that have opted into the risk protection arrangement (RPA). Once an academy has opted in, they will need to give the ESFA at least three months' notice prior to the end of the academic year (May 2018) to opt out. Academies can only opt out of RPA at the end of the academic year and this is when their GAG payments will stop. The calculation is based on pupil numbers and the funding rate of £20 per pupil. It is adjusted for the number of days opted in, up to and including 31 August 2017. We adjust payments in equal amounts. Those who opted in before 1 September 2017 will have payments adjusted across the full 12 months. Remaining academies will see equal adjustments according to the published timetable. Further information can be found in the academies risk protection arrangement (RPA) guidance .
ESG protection	This is protection against significant budget reductions as a result of changes to ESG for 2017 to 2018. More information can be found in the 2017 to 2018 FAP guidance .
GAG adjustment	You will only see this in your remittance advice if a prior arranged recovery has been agreed.
Pupil number adjustment	You will only see this in your remittance advice if a prior arranged recovery schedule is in place for a pupil number adjustment (PNA). More information is provided in the academies revenue funding allocations guidance .

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5. Start-up funding

Transaction description	Explanation
Post opening grant leadership diseconomies	We provide free schools, studio schools, and university technical colleges (UTCs) with a post-opening grant (POG) to reflect the additional costs in establishing a new publicly-funded school which cannot be met through the general annual grant (GAG). POG leadership diseconomies funding is calculated based on the number of empty cohorts in the school and would be expected to fall each year as more year groups are accepted into the school. The funded rate depends on the school phase. More information can be found in the 2017 to 2018 FAP guidance .
Post opening grant (POG) per pupil resources	This element is based on a flat rate depending on pupil numbers and the school phase. More information can be found in the 2017 to 2018 FAP guidance .
Start up grant A	We provide funding for full sponsored academies in the form of a start up grant (SUG) which is based on a flat rate depending on phase and forms of entry. More information can be found in the 2017 to 2018 FAP guidance .
SUG B formula	The SUG B formula is funding that has been agreed with your local authority based on agreed capacity figures. More information can be found in the 2017 to 2018 FAP guidance .

6. Ad hoc and miscellaneous payments

Transaction description	Explanation
ACAD free meals in FE	The free meals in FE allocation is funding for 16 to 19 academies only so that they can provide their most economically deprived students with one meal per day for the duration of the students' programmes. More information is available in the 16 to 18 education: free meals guidance .
Acad free school maths top-up	This is top-up for specialist maths free schools to cover additional costs for outreach work, university input, small class sizes and delivery of their innovative curriculum.
Acad insurance	Academies that struggle to meet the costs of their insurance premium can apply to us for additional top-up funding. Information on how to claim for additional insurance top-up funding can be found in the academies: funding claims guidance .
Acad pupil premium	Pupil premium funding is additional funding to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. More information can be found in the Pupil premium: funding and accountability for schools guidance .
Admissions appeals	This is funding you have applied for, to help with the cost of additional admissions appeals, in addition to the 20 appeals that you are expected to fund from your budget.
Advances and abatements	You will only see this in your remittance advice if a short term approved advance has been agreed. Repayments will also show against this line.
Deficit	This is a grant we might be able to give if you face financial failure (eligibility criteria apply).

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Infant FSM academies	Funding to provide free school meals (FSM) for all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. More information can be found in the UIFSM: guide for local authorities and schools guidance .
Residential support scheme (RSS)	This is funding to support students with the costs of living away from home where the student is studying a first full level 2 or level 3 substantive qualification that is not available to them locally. RSS can provide annual support towards accommodation costs of up to £3,458 (or up to £4,079 in the London area). More information can be found in the 16 to 18 residential support scheme guidance .
PE and sports grant	This funding has been allocated to your school to improve PE and sport provision for your registered pupils. It has been calculated using the annual schools census. More information can be found in the PE and sport premium for primary schools guidance .
Rates relief	Rates relief is funding to meet the costs of your national non-domestic rates (NNDR). More information can be found in the academies funding claims guidance .
Restructuring and TUPE	This funding covers the costs of any restructuring and is paid in accordance with your individual funding agreement.
Year 7 catch up grant	This funding is for each year 7 pupil who has not achieved the expected level in English, maths, or both, at key stage 2. More information can be found in the year 7 literacy and numeracy catch-up premium guidance .

7. Capital payments

Transaction description	Explanation
Condition improvement fund	The condition improvement fund (CIF) is capital funding that academies and sixth-form colleges can apply for each year for maintenance works to keep their buildings safe and in good working order. More information can be found in the condition improvement fund guidance .
DFC academies	Devolved formula capital (DFC) provides academies with capital funding for maintenance and minor works. More information can be found in the academies capital funding and support guidance .
DFC sixth form colleges	Devolved formula capital (DFC) for sixth form colleges and academies with sixth forms for maintenance and minor works. More information can be found in the sixth-form colleges devolved formula capital guidance .
MAT school condition allocation (SCA)	This is capital funding for multi-academy trusts (MATs) with at least 5 academies and more than 3,000 pupils to deploy strategically across their estate to address their priority maintenance and expansion needs. More information can be found in the guide to capital funding for multi-academy trusts .

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