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## **Class of 2018 apprentice graduations**

### **Action**

To give as many apprentices as possible the opportunity to celebrate their achievements at our 'Class of 2018' graduation ceremonies, mentioned in Update 388, we have extended the registration deadline.

Apprentices now have until 9am on Monday 26 February to register their attendance using the link: [graduation@livegroup.co.uk](mailto:graduation@livegroup.co.uk).

Employers and providers can also use the link to register their interest in attending the ceremonies being held in London, Duxford, Brighton, Durham, Leeds, Derby and Weston Pier on Monday 5 and Friday 9 March, during National Apprenticeship Week.

## **Non levy apprenticeship procured growth requests**

### **Information**

Shortly, we will be publishing guidance on our [GOV.UK page](#) on how you can request increases to your

non levy apprenticeship procured contract value for the funding year 2017 to 2018 and 2018 to 2019.

Once the guidance has been published, providers will have until 5.00pm on Tuesday 6 March to submit their requests.

For further information or related queries, please contact your provider manager.

## Review of apprenticeship funding bands

### Information

We are reviewing the effectiveness of the current funding band structure and are considering changes to incentivise negotiation and drive better value for money.

Any new structure would apply to new starts from August 2018. The maximum funding band will remain at £27,000. We will confirm any changes in Spring 2018.

If we do change the funding band structure, we will work with the Institute for Apprenticeships to ensure that any new standards that are approved for delivery are allocated to both one of the 15 current funding bands and to a new, post-August funding band.

We welcome any views on these changes. Please email [Dfe.fundingbands@education.gov.uk](mailto:Dfe.fundingbands@education.gov.uk).

You can find further information on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

## Final Qualification Achievement Rates (QAR) for 2016 to 2017

### Information

We will publish the final QAR data for 2016 to 2017 on Thursday 22 March 2018 on both the HUB and through the Business Intelligence (BI) dashboards. The BI dashboards will include both the national and provider type QARs for benchmarking your rates.

We will publish the National Achievement Rate Tables for 2016 to 2017 on Thursday 22 March at 9:30am.

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

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