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## Introduction

For apprenticeships starting from 1st May 2017, all organisations that want to receive public funding to deliver apprenticeship training, including employers, must meet the requirements of the [register of apprenticeship training providers \(the register\)](#). Organisations on the register went through an application process with the ESFA that involved due diligence on capability, quality and financial health to assess their capability to deliver high quality apprenticeships training and fitness to receive public funding.

To enter the register, organisations must accept certain conditions when applying. These conditions ensure that public funding and apprentice needs are protected. The conditions set out the circumstances that may lead to removal of an organisation from the register, and an organisation's ability to receive public funding to deliver apprenticeship training.

The approach outlined for providers delivering apprenticeship training, and rated as 'inadequate' by Ofsted, supersedes the [intervention](#) and accountability approach for all apprenticeship funding. Any non-apprenticeship funding for education and skills is subject to the current [intervention and accountability approach](#).

The approach outlined here focuses on the condition relating to Ofsted inspections and the action we will

take from 30 January 2018 if an organisation on the register no longer meets this condition.

## Inadequate Ofsted grade

Organisations graded as inadequate by Ofsted for “apprenticeships” (or inadequate for “overall effectiveness” under its FE and skills remit where there is no separate apprenticeship grade) are ineligible to apply to the register. In line with the conditions of acceptance that an organisation signed on joining the register, when Ofsted inspects an organisation on the register, and the grades are as described above, ESFA will remove that organisation from the register.

We will write to the affected organisation following publication of the relevant Ofsted report advising that:

- they are being given 5 working days’ notice of their removal from the register of apprenticeship training providers
- they must not start any new apprentices
- they can continue to deliver training to existing apprentices if employers want to continue working with them

If an organisation is not listed on the register, but is completing the delivery of apprenticeships that started before May 2017, we will write to them to advise that they can continue to deliver training to existing apprentices if employers want to continue working with them.

After we have contacted the organisation, we will contact each existing apprentice’s employer. Each employer can choose to allow their apprentices to remain with the organisation until their apprenticeship is complete, or they can select a different provider. Where the organisation is also the employer of the apprentices, they can choose to continue to deliver training to these apprentices, or can transfer them to another provider. We will help employers to transfer their apprentices where they want this to happen.

We will look at the planned end date of training for each apprentice that remains with the organisation to determine the final date that the organisation’s apprenticeship funding will end.

If Ofsted has raised concerns about safeguarding in an inspection report, and identified a significant risk to apprentices, we reserve the right to remove an organisation from the register and stop all current and future apprenticeship delivery, requiring employers to move all apprentices to other providers.

All organisations delivering apprenticeship training who are in scope for inspection by Ofsted will be subject to this policy, irrespective of the type of organisation they are. These actions apply irrespective of whether an organisation is delivering apprenticeship training for levy paying employers or for those who do not pay the levy.

## Re-inspection by Ofsted

Organisations removed from the register who are subsequently re-inspected by Ofsted can re-apply to the register if their grades mean that they become eligible to do so. If this applies to your organisation, please email [RoATP.MAILBOX@education.gov.uk](mailto:RoATP.MAILBOX@education.gov.uk). If the application is successful, ESFA will add the organisation to the register.

Organisations who are not re-inspected by Ofsted must wait until at least 3 years from the date of the original inspection before re-applying to the register. This reflects the register’s [published eligibility criteria](#).

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