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1. Declaration of subcontracting fees and charges

Action

It is a requirement for all providers of adult education and training services to declare to us the actual level of funding paid and retained for each of their subcontractors in the academic year 2016 to 2017.

Our funding rules for 2016 to 2017 included a change of process for publishing that year's actual fees and charges. Instead of asking providers to publish these on their website, all providers of adult education and training that had 'provision subcontracting' last year must tell us the actual level of funding paid and retained for each of their subcontractors. We will publish this information in a single location on GOV.UK. This new approach to publication will make subcontracting fees and charges even more transparent.

All providers that 'provision subcontracted' last year have been contacted by email. If you 'provision subcontracted' for adult education last year, you need to submit the template that we sent to you to the ESFA fees and charges [mailbox](#) by 5pm on Friday 27 April.

2. Qualification Achievement Rates (QAR) for 2016 to 2017 – survey reminder

Action

We are currently gathering feedback on your experiences of the process for delivering the Qualification Achievement Rates (QAR) for 2016 to 2017. If you would like to participate, please complete our [provider feedback survey](#). The survey will close on Friday 20 April.

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

3. Using subcontractors in the delivery of apprenticeships - policy background and examples

Information

We have published a [guidance document](#) containing policy context, clarification of key terminology and some illustrative examples around the use of subcontractors in the delivery of apprenticeships. It has been developed with input and advice from providers and employers.

This document aims to provide more guidance on the policy intent of the funding rules and their flexibility in supporting subcontracting. It does not change or replace the rules.

For queries please contact the [service desk](#).

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