



Funding Rules 2015 to 2016 Version 2 Addendum 1

Introduction

1. This document sets out amendments to the Funding Rules 2015 to 2016 Version 2.
2. The amendments forms part of the terms and conditions of the funding agreements and the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Facility Conditions between Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills acting through the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) and all providers of education and training who receive funding from the SFA or a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan (Loan) Facility.
3. The amendments change the funding rules on ESF match funding, financial contributions, Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications and Traineeships.
4. We will apply the changes to the funding rules from **1 August 2015**.
5. We have identified the amendments by striking through the text that is no longer applicable and underlining text that we have added.

Amendments

Paragraph
Reference

	higher apprenticeships at levels 4, 5, 6 <u>and 7</u> for their non-prescribed higher education learning aims.
196.4	Individuals aged 19 to 23 on the day they start, <u>who are not starting an apprenticeship</u> : The bullet points in 196.4 are unchanged.

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	they have previously attained a level 4 or above
Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications	

~~For the rules on apprenticeships in the early years education and childcare sector, please see paragraph 311.~~

~~To be eligible for funding for level 3 early years educator learning aims, learners must have achieved GCSE English and maths at grade C or above, or the equivalents listed below, before enrolling. This also applies where a learner is funded through a Loan.~~

~~There is no time limit on when the GCSE or the following qualifications were achieved.~~

- 199 to 204**
- ~~— UK~~ _____
grades A to C or CSE Grade 1.
 - ~~— recognised Scottish, Northern Irish and Welsh equivalents~~
 - ~~— AS and A-levels.~~
 - ~~— international qualifications defined by UK NARIC (see note 1 below) as meeting GCSE A* to C.~~

	<p><u>a week and these hours can be undertaken over the duration of the traineeship programme. All elements of the programme (including the work placement) are subject to a maximum of 35 hours activity each week for the duration of the programme. This condition for the learner meets the requirements of state benefit rules whilst participating in the traineeship programme.</u></p>
<p>Additional paragraph after 352</p>	<p><u>Work preparation</u></p> <p><u><i>Traineeships for 19- to 24-year-olds</i></u></p> <p><u>All work preparation activity, including non-regulated aims, must be a learning aim categorised as Work Preparation-SFA Traineeships on the Learning Aim Reference Service (LARS).</u></p> <p><u>These aims will not attract individual funding as they are included in the single traineeship rate for work placement and work preparation.</u></p> <p><u>Any learning aim which is not categorised as Work Preparation-SFA Traineeships on LARS must not be used for work preparation as part of a traineeship as this would be double funding.</u></p>

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