

Summary of main changes since funding rules 2016 to 2017

- For the 2017 to 2018 AEB funding rules we have incorporated the relevant sections from the 2016 to 2017 common funding rules, as there is no longer a requirement for a separate common funding rules document, this is because from 2017 to 2018:
 - all apprenticeship funding and performance-management rules will be contained in separate documents
 - providers with a loans facility will not be permitted to subcontract
- Therefore, we have reviewed and rationalised the rules that apply to general funding and the AEB, removed duplication and simplified where possible.
- We have highlighted the main changes from the funding year 2016 to 2017 in the table below; we have indicated if these changes applied to the 2016 to 2017 AEB funding and performance-management rules, the 2016 to 2017 common and performance-management rules or the rules contained in this document.
- Please note this is not an exhaustive list of all the changes. You must refer to the main documents for the definitive rules which apply to all providers of education and training who receive funding from the Secretary of State for Education acting through the ESFA.
- If you have a specific query on the funding rules, please email the servicedesk@sfa.bis.gov.uk or speak to your provider management manager/advisor.

Section	Paragraph number	Change
Throughout document	This document	Updated the document to reflect these rules are published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, which merged the Skills Funding Agency and the Education Funding Agency, on 1 April 2017.
Principles of funding	2016 to 2017 Common funding rules - paragraph A15	Removed paragraph regarding virement of 16 to 18 traineeships and 16 to 18 apprenticeships as this will not be permitted in the new apprenticeship funding system which started in May 2017.
Who we fund	2017 to 2018 AEB draft funding rules – paragraph 25	Added to explain that from 1 August 2017 all students aged 19 who are continuing a programme they began aged 16 to 18 (19+ continuing students) will be funded by through the ESFA's young people's funding methodology instead of the adult funding methodology.
A Levels	2016 to 2017 AEB funding rules - paragraph E14	Removed paragraph about individuals who have not achieved an A Level. This information is already contained in the full Level 3 section.

Provision and individuals we fund	2017 to 2018 AEB draft funding rules - Government contribution table	Revised the table and relevant paragraph to clarify that learning aims delivered to an individual aged 19 to 23 (not unemployed) to progress to their first full Level 2 must be at entry and/or Level 1 only and from the local flexibility offer.
Individuals aged 19 to 23 (excluding English, maths and ESOL)	2017 to 2018 AEB draft funding rules - paragraph 168.2	
Learners with learning difficulties or disabilities	2016 to 2017 AEB funding rules - paragraph E39	Moved to English and maths section.
Learners with learning difficulties or disabilities	2017 to 2018 AEB draft funding rules – paragraph 179.2	Added to clarify the ESFA's responsibility to individuals with an EHC plan who reach the age of 25 in an academic year.
Traineeships	2017 to 2018 AEB draft funding rules - paragraphs 183 to 205	We have revised this section to remove duplication and make it easier to read and understand, the policy remains the same.
Community learning	2017 to 2018 AEB draft funding rules - paragraphs 209 to 214	We have added in this section. In 2016 to 2017 we sent community learning rules directly to providers who had a 2015 to 2016 community learning allocation as an appendix to their funding agreement.
Exceptional learning support	2017 to 2018 AEB draft funding rules - paragraph 225	Text added to support an exceptional learning support request which is stated in the costs form.
Princes Trust Team Programme	This document – paragraphs 215 to 217	We omitted this section in the 2016 to 2017 AEB rules, as the information is contained in the AEB funding rates and formula document. However, to signpost providers and reduce queries we have re-inserted this section.
Glossary	2017 to 2018 AEB draft funding rules – paragraph 156	Text added to support updated 'The Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA) Cycle' description.

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