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Learning Provider and Employer Resources

Consultation – T level occupational maps

The Institute for Apprenticeships (IfA) has opened a consultation on its draft occupational maps, which will help shape the way the new T level qualifications are governed.

In 2018, the IfA will begin to take on responsibilities from the Department for Education (DfE) for technical education and administering the new T level qualifications. Part of this early work involves categorising occupations into groups which demand similar knowledge, skills and behaviours – the resulting ‘occupational maps’ will help provide a structure around which the T level curriculum will be built.

Ownership of the occupational maps has transferred to the IfA and they are now seeking views on how they might be improved. Input from employers, awarding bodies, teachers, further education specialists and all involved in technical education, will help the IfA create a robust basis upon which T levels can thrive.

T LEVELS CONSULTATION

Consultation – Level 2 Early Years Assistant criteria

The DfE is seeking views on the proposed Level 2 Early Years Assistant qualification criteria and their suitability for qualifications in early education and childcare. The 12 week public consultation is now live and will run until Wednesday 28th February 2018.

The [early years workforce strategy](#) set out the intention to develop criteria for Level 2 childcare qualifications. Please contribute to this development by accessing the consultation below.

EARLY YEARS CONSULTATION

Consultation – implementation of T level programmes

This consultation sets out proposals for T level programmes and the wider reformed technical education system. It seeks views on how best to implement the reforms so that they meet the aims of the Sainsbury Report and the Post-16 Skills Plan.

This consultation is for anyone with an interest in technical education in England. The consultation closes on Thursday 8th February 2018. Take part in the consultation by following the link below.

[T LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION](#)

Ofsted HMCI Annual Report 2017

This annual report by Ofsted summarises the inspection activity and findings from 2016-2017. Amanda Spielman has been in post as Her Majesty's Chief Inspector (HMCI) since January 2017 and in the 11 months since appointment she has been clear about her support for the Post-16 sector. The recent Ofsted staff survey results show a marked increase in the trust in her leadership over her predecessor.

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CACHE Conferences 2018 – book now!

We are delighted to announce the annual CACHE Conferences are now open for booking. These must-attend events, titled '**Your Skills, Our Plan**', will take place in March 2018 in Leeds, Birmingham and London.

Join leading industry experts as we look at the current and upcoming challenges facing the sector, and discuss how we can work together to manage the future of learning and plan for success.

Featuring inspiring keynote speakers and workshops on delivering our qualifications, the events will provide you with an opportunity to network and share best practice with other education providers and CACHE colleagues.

Tickets are limited, so book now to avoid disappointment. Standard ticket price is £65 per delegate.

Please select the conference you wish to attend to find out more and register to attend. Once you have completed the registration, your centre will be invoiced for the ticket(s).

If your centre is unable to pay by invoice, or if you have any questions please email conferences@cache.org.uk.

LEEDS - TUESDAY 6th MARCH 2018

BIRMINGHAM - THURSDAY 8th MARCH 2018

LONDON - WEDNESDAY 14th MARCH 2018



Funding Policy News

Apprenticeship funding: how it works for groups of companies

If an organisation is in a group of companies paying the levy together, the group can collect their funds into a single account.

From April 2018, the DfE plan to allow levy-paying employers to transfer funds to other employers, through the apprenticeship service. They can transfer funds to any employer, including smaller employers in their supply chain, and apprenticeship training agencies. Levy-paying employers will

initially be able to transfer up to 10% of the annual value of funds entering their apprenticeship service account.

Levy-paying employers who wish to transfer funds will have to agree the apprenticeships that are being funded by a transfer with the employer receiving the funds. Employers receiving transferred funds will only be able to use them to pay for training and assessment for apprenticeship standards.

Employers will not be able to use them to pay for training and assessment for apprenticeship frameworks.

LEVY FUNDING FOR GROUPS

ESFA e-tendering portal – new URL

All organisations that currently use the e-tendering portal need to be aware that the URL has now changed.

The new address is education.bravosolution.co.uk

Organisations should take note of this change and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) recommend that organisations add the new URL to their favourites as the old URL was removed on 1st December 2017.

NEW PORTAL PAGE

Improvements to the apprenticeship service

When searching for an apprenticeship standard within 'find apprenticeship training', End-Point Assessment organisations and their contact details are now displayed at the bottom of the web page.

Where an End-Point Assessment organisation is listed, employers can contact them about the service they offer and the costs involved. This new feature has been added in response to employer feedback, making it easier to find the relevant End-Point Assessment organisation.

If you have any queries about these changes or need any support, please call the National Contact Centre helpline on 08000 150 600.

END-POINT ASSESSMENT



Flexible learning fund – open for bids

The DfE has launched the 'flexible learning fund'. The £10 million fund is part of the government's commitment to explore new approaches to lifelong learning for adults.

The fund is open until midnight on 31st January 2018 for applications for grant funding to develop and test flexible approaches to learning for adults. Grant support will be available until the end of March 2019.

Project proposals from providers of education and training with an Adult Education Budget allocation and/or Advanced Learner Loans facility agreement are actively encouraged.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING FUND

Qualification extended - Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services (England)

The assessment plan for the Leader in Adult Care Apprenticeship Standard is due to be submitted by Skills for Care to the IfA for review and approval.

However, we have been advised that the IfA is unlikely to review the assessment plan before January 2018, which means the standard will not be ready for delivery in January as planned.

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