

Update

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Welcome

Welcome to the tenth edition of Update, our round up of business critical information to Skills Funding Agency providers. If you have any feedback please get in touch by emailing: update@skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk.

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Programmes for the unemployed: Delivery position Action

The Skills Funding Agency can confirm the delivery position for more Programmes for the unemployed offers, as below:

The **Training offer for those unemployed for six months** (Work focused training) will continue to be delivered up to the end of March 2011, with all training activity completed by that date. Note that the DWP Recruitment Subsidy for employers is being withdrawn. Providers should not include the recruitment subsidy in their employer engagement strategy.

We will continue with delivery of the **Response to Redundancy** offer to end December 2010. The Agency is seeing confirmation of whether contracts can be extended to the end of March 2011.

Further information can be found at the [Business Link website](#).

Providers should refer any queries to their Skills Funding Agency Account Manager.

Framework for Excellence (FfE) outcomes 2010

Information

We are discussing the presentation of this year's results with new Ministers and how this fits in with the Coalition Government's commitment to publish data to inform choice. This has impacted on the original timetable for releasing data to individual colleges and providers in scope for FfE in 2009/10 but which was scheduled for the end of May.

Further information will be shared with you as soon as agreement has been reached with Ministers. The decisions will also be posted on the [FfE website](#).

ALP summer conference 2010: 14-15 July 2010, Riverbank Park Plaza, London

Information for action

Promotion

Coming shortly after the General Election, [ALP's 2010 annual conference](#) will be one of the first set pieces for the new administration to address learning, skills and employability providers and other stakeholders. It will be a chance to explore the emerging opportunities and challenges that the changing landscape will present to all post 16 learning providers.

You can [watch Graham Hoyle OBE](#), Chief Executive, Association of Learning Providers, discuss this year's conference agenda.

Useful telephone numbers and websites

Information

- Employers (up to 5000 employees) - Train to Gain - 0845 600 9 006 or www.businesslink.gov.uk/traintogain
- Employers (5000+ employees) - National Employer Service - 024 7682 5815 or <http://skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/employers/>
- Learners/individuals – Careers Advice Service - 0800 100 900 or www.careersadvice.direct.gov.uk
- National Apprenticeship Service - Employers call 08000 150 600 or visit <http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/employers.aspx>
- National Apprenticeship Service - Learners should visit <http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/Be-An-Apprentice.aspx>
- Skills Pledge - 0845 600 900 6 or www.businesslink.gov.uk/skillspledge
- Skills Funding Agency enquiries - Switchboard - 0845 377 5000 or www.skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk
- The Data Service - 0870 267 0001 or www.thedataservice.org.uk

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