



**Support now available to help SMEs access the Apprenticeship Service.**

Non-levy paying employers are now able to access the Apprenticeship Service to engage with apprenticeships and reserve funding. Updated ESFA funding rules relating to this were published on Thursday 9 January 2020.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/856899/Apprenticeship\\_funding\\_for\\_employers\\_who\\_do\\_not\\_pay\\_the\\_apprenticeship\\_levy\\_reservation\\_of\\_funds\\_guidance\\_from\\_January\\_2020.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/856899/Apprenticeship_funding_for_employers_who_do_not_pay_the_apprenticeship_levy_reservation_of_funds_guidance_from_January_2020.pdf)

All ROATO approved training providers are now also able to deliver Apprenticeships to non-levy paying employers.

The National Skills Academy for Rail (NSAR) has been allocated government funding to help training providers (and other intermediary organisations working with SMEs) help their non-levy paying employers access the Apprenticeship Service.

This support includes the offer of resources, information and tools to use with your employers that use clear, simple, friendly language to help make the process as quick and simple as possible.

If you work with non-levy paying SMEs and are interested in accessing this FREE support please contact Jayne Boyd, SE NSAR Project Lead [Jayne.boyd@nsar.co.uk](mailto:Jayne.boyd@nsar.co.uk).

**We are here to help!**