

Update

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Welcome

Update is our round up of business critical and useful 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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Next Step course directory

Information

Action

Have you uploaded your information onto the [Next Step](#) course directory? Providers are reminded that a condition of continued Skills Funding Agency funding is that all course information is uploaded before **1 August 2010**. This is when Next Step, the integrated adult careers service, goes live. Guidance and advice as to how to upload material can be found on the [Next Step course directory website](#). Or for further information, please [email](#).

ESF equal opportunities and sustainable development awards

Information

ESF providers and subcontractors are invited to nominate themselves for the new ESF equal opportunities and sustainable development mainstreaming “Leader” awards.

The awards recognise organisations that have made a special commitment to mainstream equal opportunities or sustainable development.

Providers are encouraged to enter and apply. Further information can be found on the [ESF website](#) and the closing date for nominations is 20 August 2010.

Consultations on UK immigration

Information

The [United Kingdom Border Agency](#) (UKBA) and the [Migration Advisory Committee](#) have both launched consultations on the cap on immigration. These consultations will run until September and they feel it important that colleges and providers have an opportunity to take part and input views on the likely impact on the skills system.

As the end of term approaches, providers are encouraged to engage with the consultation process as soon as possible via the respective web links.

2010/11 ILR changes – are you prepared?

Information

[The changes to the ILR specification for 2010/11](#) will come into effect on 1 August 2010. Full details of the changes are available on the [Information Authority website](#). Some of the key changes include: hard closes of all returns; new learner responsive and employer responsive data collections; ULN requirements; employer number requirements and identification of funding organisation.

The Information Authority are in the process of developing an online interactive module with the 2010/11 changes. This module will support the existing [ILR e-learning module](#). The updated module will be launched later this month and will be available on [the Data Service](#) and the [Information Authority websites](#).

2009/10 Learner Responsive data return (F05) deadline

Information

The deadline for the final 2009/10 learner responsive data return (F05) is 22 November. This return date is earlier than before and is a “hard close”, so no further returns will be accepted after 6.00 pm, 22 November. A number of free tools are available from the [Information Authority](#) to help you ensure your data is accurate, pre and post-submission of your F05.

Learning Records Service standard privacy notices

Information

Further to the report in [Update issue 12](#) about the new standardised texts for the Learning Records Service privacy notices, we should add that these are for use in England, Wales and Northern Ireland only. Further information is available from [the Learning Records Service website](#).

London office move

Information

The Skills Funding Agency and NAS staff in London have moved to Victoria. The new correspondence address is: Kingsgate House, 66-74 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6SW.

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