

Basically...

Key Terms in Plain English

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Integrated Employment and Skills (IES)

A definition:

The bringing together of services which help people to get a job, keep a job and progress in work

What is it all about?

Issue: The government wants to get more people into long term work helping them to gain skills and progress, so that fewer rely on state benefits. Quite a lot of unemployed people have had a job in the past, but for a number of reasons, have lost their job. Some have never worked. Sometimes this is due to a lack of skills, so...

Nationally it has been agreed that government agencies to do with employment (Department for Work and Pensions DWP) will work with government agencies to do with skills and education (Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills DIUS) - to help people get the skills they need to get a job and to keep a job/progress in work.

What does this mean in real terms?

Staff from Jobcentreplus (JCP) and Learning and Skills Council (LSC) are building relationships and agreeing how best to work together to provide a joined-up service to individuals and employers. Those who need to work together are:

- JCP staff and LSC providers
- LSC staff and JCP providers
- JCP providers and LSC providers
- JCP employer engagement staff, LSC Train to Gain Brokers and Business Brokers

Working together should help:

- Individuals to access pre-employment training, employment and post-employment training
- Employers to access skilled workers at the point of employment and funding to help them invest in training their employees (e.g. Train to Gain)

What more can we do?

In order to support people from every aspect of their lives, it will also be important for JCP and LSC to work in partnership with organisations such as local authorities, probation, health and IAG.

Want to find out more? Visit the LSC IES Noticeboard:

<http://www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/SouthEast/whatwedo/Adult+learners/Integrated+Employment+and+Skills.htm>

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