

Skills Accounts

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The introduction of **Skills Accounts** is a core component of the **IES trial**.

What is a Skills Account?

A Skills Account is a personal service that allows adult learners to access a range of information and advice about improving their skills and accessing financial support. It is designed to be motivational, universal but able to target specific groups, and flexible enough to include other services and age groups in the future.

The emphasis for the trial in 2008/09 is fundamentally concerned with testing systems and approaches rather than ensuring a large volume of learners.

What will a Skills Account provide?

In the short term a Skills Account will provide access to:

- A funding voucher
- Careers advice services
- A secure online record of learning

In the future other benefits & services will be added to the Skills Account offer, including:

- A CV builder
- Skills health check
- A statement of learning
- Ability to give potential employers access (with learner's permission) to view learner's skills & qualifications

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