

Update

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**Skills
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Welcome

Welcome to the seventh edition of Update, our weekly communication to Skills Funding Agency training organisations. In response to your feedback we have simplified the way you receive Update. If you have any feedback please let us know using the email address below. All back copies and the latest version of Update are available on the Skills Funding Agency website: <http://skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/funding/allthelatest/providerupdate/>.

You will soon be able to sign up to our alerting service on the Skills Funding Agency website to make sure you are alerted when new items have been uploaded to the website.

If you have any feedback please get in touch by emailing:
update@skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk.

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Skills for Jobs: Today and Tomorrow - a date for your diary Information

As reported in last week's Update, a series of regional events is being held to inform providers and stakeholders about the findings of the first National Strategic Skills Audit carried out by the UK Commission for Employment and Skills.

You will shortly be receiving your invitation to one of these events, but click on the link below to find out more about where and when the events are taking place:
<http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/SFA/SFA-skillsforjobstodayandtomorrow-letter-18may2010.pdf>.

2011/12 Individualised Learner Record (ILR) change requests

Action

As you may be aware, the deadline for requesting a change to the 2011/12 ILR is 18 June 2010. Any proposed changes to the ILR must be agreed by *the information authority* board at its meeting in September. The information, process and form for making a change request can be found here: <http://www.theia.org.uk/ilr/RequestforChange/> in the Request for Change section of *the information authority* website. We have strengthened the assessment criteria this year, and for example, will exclude previously rejected changes unless there is significant new information or a new business need.

Further details on the 2011/12 ILR change request process are available *on the information authority website* (<http://www.theia.org.uk>).

New e-learning modules from the Data Service

Action

Building on the success of the ILR e-learning module launched in November 2009 and feedback received from providers, the Data Service now plans to develop a further two modules in 2010. The Data Service is in the process of scoping requirements for the development of an e-learning module on Success Rates and we are evaluating various sources of information to identify learning requirements.

Your views count

To help us develop this module we value your feedback. Please take a few minutes to complete our online questionnaire, comments from which will feed into the development of this module.

The Success Rates e-learning module survey can be found here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7KF2M2K>.

Apprenticeship learning opportunities through the Leonardo Programme

Information

The Leonardo programme supports the development of skills and training. It funds work placements for trainees, teachers and further education staff, and supports European projects to discuss common issues or develop training materials, courses and frameworks, including Apprenticeships.

The programme is open to all UK organisations involved in work-based education and training and can help you to build a skilled workforce. Projects involve working with European partners and offer a great experience for staff and learners, and long-term organisational benefits.

Further information including funding opportunities can be found here: <http://www.leonardo.org.uk/page.asp?section=000100010019§ionTitle=Leonardo+Opportunities>.

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 - adult advancement and careers 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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