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CORVID-19 WEB FORUM
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Webforum Protocol



You will be on mute for the duration of the webforum



Slides and webcast will be available after the session on the UVAC & CDA website



Type into the question box and we will raise them during the session – **if we can unmute you we will !**



Raise your queries, read our FAQs or share what you know on the Centre for Degree Apprenticeships **[HERE](#)**



A quick survey follows the webinar close and contains space for comments or questions



Covid-19 Forum

Friday May 15th 12.00pm

Register **[HERE](#)** – **joined by IfATE on Senior Leader, plus initial outcomes of the Temp Check starts count, and sharing transition advice**

EVENT & CDA UPDATE

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Previously



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Slides (Webcast link is in the Resources slide)

[Friday 1st May](#)
[Friday 24 May ALL](#)
[Friday 17th April](#)
[Thursday 9th April](#)
[Friday 3rd April](#)

Templates

[Furlough Declaration Template](#)

Other (listed in most recently added first)

[IfATE Apprentice Survey Page](#) and also see :
[IfATE Apprentice Survey - Word Version](#)
[IfATE Senior Leader Timeline for Implementation](#)
[IfATE list of Standards with temporary discretions or flexibilities](#)
[IfATE/ESFA EPA Update 6](#)
[ESFA UPDATE](#) 30 April
[DfE Statistics](#) March 2020
[HASO Covid-19 FAQ webpage](#) contains the SfH 'ESFA Policy Request' Button



CORE SOURCES OF ADVICE

ESFA:

[ESFA FAQ](#)
[ESFA COVID-19 Guidance line](#)
0800 150 600 or
helpdesk@manage-apprenticeships.service.gov.uk

IFATE:

[Covid-1 Apprenticeship Info Hub](#)
[FAQ](#)
[Response to COVID-19 including EPA](#)
enquiries.ifa@education.gov.uk

Previous sessions:

[HEE Nursing Associate Update](#)
[NOCN Nursing Associate EPA Overview](#)
[OFOUAL Summer 2020 Advice for Vocational, Technical & Other Qualifications](#)
[UVAC Senior Leader Position Statement](#)
[UVAC Letter to the IfATE CEO](#)
[HASO Guidance on Nursing EPA Flexibilities](#)
[Learner Satisfaction Survey Cancellation Letter](#)
[UVAC Position Statement – Senior Leader Consultation](#)
[Qualification Achievement Rate Announcement](#)
[Treasury Advice on Criteria for Furlough](#)
[Updated IFATE advice on Nursing Apprenticeships](#)
[OFOUAL Announcement on English & maths](#)
[Functional skills legacy qualifications have been extended to December 2020](#)
[QAA Covid-19 Thematic Guidance](#)



POLL

Is the Impact of the virus on your
Apprenticeship Delivery changing?

Quick Poll – Is the impact of the virus on your delivery changing ?

QUICKPOLL

24 April 2020

Is the Impact of the virus on your Apprenticeship Delivery changing ?

Poll Results (single answer required):



17 April 2020



This Week

1. Latest ESFA coronavirus response guidance : 24.04
2. ESFA UPDATE: 06.05
3. IfATE Funding Consultation: new timetable
4. IfATE Corvid-19 FAQ: 06.05
5. IfATE Corvid-19 Response – not updated
6. IfATE list of Agreed Flexibilities : 06.05 download the latest list
7. Ofsted : first published reports from prior to the lockdown
8. ESFA AEB
 - High Value Course Premium - 576 L3 STEM subjects
 - Funding Rules published in Draft

IfATE – Information Hub

COVID-19- INFORMATION REGARDING APPRENTICESHIPS

The Institute is committed to supporting the apprenticeship sector to deal with the significant challenge Covid-19 presents.

We are doing everything we can to continue the delivery of high-quality apprenticeships, while putting everyone's health and wellbeing first.

We are working closely with the Department for Education, Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), Treasury, and the National Apprenticeship Service.

Our full guidance applying to all apprenticeships is available below. If you are looking for help on a specific apprenticeship, then we have just published a list of [additional flexibilities](#).

The below explains who is taking the lead in each area.

Institute guidance

We are leading on end point assessment and external quality assurance, making it more flexible, especially for remote delivery.
Updated 24 April

[Institute guidance →](#)

Frequently asked questions

If you have a question – please contact us via enquiries.ifa@education.gov.uk. Updated 6 May

[Recent questions and answers →](#)

Recent updates

This is where we will place any announcement from the Institute on support or changes related to Covid-19. Updated 6 May

[Latest news →](#)

RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS - UPDATED 5 MAY 2020

Covid-19

LIST OF STANDARDS WITH TEMPORARY DISCRETIONS OR FLEXIBILITIES

📅 6 May 2020

Last updated 6 May 2020

NURSING APPRENTICESHIP FLEXIBILITIES ANNOUNCED - UPDATED 27 APRIL

📅 9 April 2020

IfATE Funding Band Pilot & Timescales

The consultation is accompanied by an interim impact assessment of the current model and its options.

We have also published the Cost of Delivering Apprenticeship Standards report on the Institute's website.

This report was jointly commissioned by the Institute, ESFA and undertaken by independent research organisation IFF Research. The report should be considered alongside the consultation as the proposed model draws upon the findings of the research.

It remains our intention to conduct a pilot and we will keep under review the most appropriate time to conduct it. We will give details of how the pilot will take place at least one month's notice before we begin piloting.

The extension to the consultation and delay to the start of the pilot mean that we will not rollout the new model to the original planned timetable – summer 2020. Instead, working closely with the sector, we will ensure that transition to a new process is done so at a time and in a way that minimises unnecessary disruption.

Please continue to the consultation, which can be saved and returned to at any point until the consultation closes. If you require any further information or support in responding to this consultation please email institute-funding.consultation@education.gov.uk

Take the consultation

We intend to use feedback from this consultation to inform the design of a more defined model. We plan to undertake a second round of engagement on this refined model later in the year.

Nursing Apprenticeship Web Forum 6 May



Radiography Meeting -
taking place on 12th May
2pm – 4pm on MS Teams.
For an invite please email:
lucy.hunte@hee.nhs.uk

- Slides
- Webcast
- FAQ-download from handouts section
- Final FAQ early next week
- Reduced Fees Confirmed
- Process & Evidence Requirements Confirmed
- Duration... not confirmed
- Scope.. not extended

HEE/ ESFA Update

- 1: The NA & RN EPA exemptions were agreed to allow apprentices to complete their programmes and be released to the frontline. Our sole purpose was to support employers and HEI's in being able to do this. These exemptions are only in place during Covid19 and initially up to end of June 2020. **If you already have contracts in place with your EPAO then any delays or changes could mean these exemptions are missed and will negatively impact on your apprentices.**
- 2: Any reduction on EPA price will impact on HEI completion payments. **HEI's will not be permitted to keep any unspent EPA payments and these must be returned to the Employer's AS Account.** This is not ideal as we have already flagged with DHSC and ESFA employer's concerns about Levy funds expiring due to Covid19 and disrupted and delayed apprenticeship starts. Any returned funds will not have their expiry date extended. The HEI must update the ILR with the new EPA cost. Where you haven't already entered a price for EPA in TNP2 and only have the overall training and assessment cost agreed with the employer in TNP1, ESFA will expect to see both the newly agreed cost for the EPA price and then a reduced training price as well. **The completion payment must therefore be reduced accordingly.**
- 3: **£0 won't be accepted as an EPA payment on the ILR - it will prevent the completion payment from being issued.**
- Please do contact your contracted EPAO to discuss any specific concerns or alternatively contact HEE for additional support.

Handling EPA Price Reductions in the ILR

If the overall price was £15,000, and you have already recorded a contracted price of £1250 for EPA, it should look on the ILR like:

A

TNP1	TNP2	TNP3	TNP4	TotalTNPPrice
13750	1250			15000

Or if you haven't recorded an EPA price at all, the record looks like this :

B

TNP1	TNP2	TNP3	TNP4	TotalTNPPrice
15000				15000

If you are saving £800 on the EPA if the new price agreed was £450, you would need to update the ILR as follows:

A

TNP1	TNP2	TNP3	TNP4	TotalTNPPrice
13750	1250		450	14200

If they are saving £800 on the EPA if the new price agreed was £450, and no EPA price is included yet, you need to include an updated training cost on the ILR as follows:

B

TNP1	TNP2	TNP3	TNP4	TotalTNPPrice
15000		13750	450	14200

ESFA Update 6 May

Non levy procured apprenticeships contracts - Harmonisation now 31 March 2021.

- The transition period onto the Apprenticeship Service is extended so funds available for new starts on non-levy procured contracts can now be used until 31 March 2021. All starts will be through the apprenticeship service from 1 April 2021.
- Contract variations will be issued in the summer to support the changes and performance management rules will be confirmed shortly through the usual routes.

Apprenticeship Service “Completed” status:

- When employers and providers view, filter or download their apprentice’s records , from the ‘Manage your Apprenticeship’ section of the account each apprentice record will have one of the following statuses: **waiting to start, live, paused, stopped, completed**
- **An apprentice record shows a “Completed” status when the training provider has updated their ILR return to confirm all training and assessment has taken place.**
- The Completion Payment Month displayed on the record indicates when the 20% Completion Payment has been processed. **This does not necessarily represent the date the apprentice completed the apprenticeship.**

ESFA Update 6 May

Apprenticeship off-the-job training and maternity leave

- From 1 April 2020 we will provide funding to a training provider where an apprentice on maternity leave uses any of their 10 designated keeping in touch days to undertake apprenticeship off the job training and/or assessment, including end-point assessment.
- Where KIT days are used for apprenticeship off-the-job training the ESFA will require the apprentice, employer and provider to sign up to an agreement which must be kept in the evidence pack.
- **Details of what this agreement must contain will be in the next update of the apprenticeship funding rules** and is available on request in the interim from the [Service Desk](#).

Advice for employers about paying apprentice on furlough

- [Information available on the Apprenticeship Service with examples](#)
- Basically - You must pay the minimum wage **for their hours in training**. **This is the minimum mandatory requirement relating to apprentice pay on Furlough**

LIVE QUERIES

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What we have raised with ESFA:

Timelines for flexibilities

Our recommendation is that all flexibilities are confirmed now at least until 1 September or even 1 December and the date agreed now in July 2020, to extend this if the future is not clear. We need certainty when decisions are going to be made and in the absence of any certainty in this environment they simply need to be extended.

The status of Apprentices needing to change employer after they've passed the gateway

Can ESFA please put this guidance out quickly - we have employers literally waiting for a response.

Wet signatures

Could ESFA please clarify:

1. With Treasury and to employers access to work-based systems whilst undertaking training is completely acceptable, and also
2. Amend the wet signature guidance issued last week accept emails from whatever email is agreed with the apprentice and line manager during the time whilst they can't access their work email.

Break in learning


We would like the ESFA to reduce the emphasis on breaking learning and replace this with 'talking to their training provider about the arrangements for continuing learning whilst they are on furlough'

Response to queries - an escalation process

Could ESFA offer an escalation process ?

Current Live Queries

Funding Flow

 Why can't the training element of the 20% payment held back for EPA be released.. still ongoing



Social Worker / Integrated Degree Apprenticeship End-point Assessments

- 20% off the job during the EPA module & the IFATE position.

Gateway for integrated degree apprenticeships

- When does the practical period end
- What is the 'gateway moment'

Providing Equipment

- When an apprentice doesn't have a computer or internet at home who should be providing this support, e.g. equipment/internet ? Us, or the employer. **How are people handling this ?**

FUTURE FOCUS TEMPERATURE CHECK

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POLICY UPDATE

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POLL

Would it be helpful if we started our apprenticeship webinar programme soon?

Possible Topics - good practice, speakers, tools

Planning the transition

Compliance and Audit

Using DSAT and managing data quality

EPAO practices

Apprenticeship Systems

Funding Rules 2020-2021

Resources from Today's Session

3. IfATE Funding Consultation - **new timetable**
4. IfATE Corvid-19 FAQ – **06.05**
5. IfATE list of Agreed Flexibilities - **06.05 download the latest list**
6. Nursing Web Forum - **Slides, Webcast & FAQs** - Answers to follow
7. Apprenticeship Service - **Advice for employers about paying apprentices on furlough**

Temperature Check – Next Survey in two weeks

- **NEW LINK will be published Wednesday 13 May**
 1. Reduction in starts - known volumes
 2. Sector impact
 3. Immediate priorities
 4. Policy flex & change

Summary at the Forum on 15 May

Further Information



- Listen to the 7th May Forum Webcast: [HERE](#)
- Listen to the Nursing Web Forum [HERE](#)
- May 15th Forum 12.00 Register [HERE](#)



- Queries: email me r.rhodes@Bolton.ac.uk or post
- [questions on the COVID-19 Forum Page](#)



- [ESFA COVID Response for apprenticeships](#)
- [IFATE Response for end-point assessment : enquiries.ifa@education.gov.uk](#)
(title in the subject box: EPA_Covid 19 plus your org name)
- DfE coronavirus helpline – Telephone 0800 046 8687