

now what!—

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



BOOKINGS : Covid-19 Forum

NOW FORTNIGHTLY
Friday 10 JULY 12.00pm [HERE](#):

EVENTS & CDA UPDATE

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Events

Degree Apprenticeships Knowledge Networks (DAKN)

- Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) – 13 May

<https://cda.uvac.ac.uk/topic/polic-e-constable-degree-apprenticeships-webforum-recording-and-slides/>

- Social Worker – 13 July

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DAKNsocialworker>

- ? - September

UVAC National Conference

- **Wednesday, 31 March 2021**
etc.venues Manchester
- Main Theme:

Productivity matters: how higher level vocational, technical and professional education contributes to economic recovery and success

- With sub-themes to include:
 - *The apprenticeship lifecycle in higher education*
 - *Next generation leadership in higher and degree apprenticeships*

Membership Renewal 2020/21

Full & Associate Membership

- 1 August – 31 July
- 2019/20 = 94 HEI members
- Fees frozen for 2020/21
 - **10,000 or more** students @ **£2,825**
 - **Less than 10,000** @ **£2,055**
 - Full = HEIs only
 - Associate = HE providers without full DAP, FE/Tertiary Colleges only

<https://uvac.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/UVAC-fullandassociate-membershipform-2020-21.docx>

Uncertainty

- If your institution can't make a payment at the point of renewal or within a reasonable time frame to remain in membership and enjoy the benefits, we ask you send a **formal letter** confirming that the fee will follow and when.

Forums – Plans for 2020

COVID 19

Fortnightly 2nd and 4th Friday

- Friday 10 July
- Friday 24th July

Then review if we need further sessions

UVAC NETWORK FORUMS

Monthly 1st Friday

- Friday 31 July
- Friday 4 September
- Friday 2 October
- Friday 6 November
- Friday 4 December

THIS WEEK

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IfATE Level 6 Standard Review....

- The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education is delaying its decision on whether to remove **the integrated degree** from the popular digital solutions apprenticeship as it launches a wider review of its mandated qualifications policy.
- But the quango said today it is postponing the decision and will now conduct a “broader review of policy on degree apprenticeships” at level 6.
- In a statement the IfATE said: “We are listening to employers and taking time to review plans for an updated DTSP apprenticeship. We will conduct a broader review of policy on degree apprenticeships and take a look again at the DTSP standard in light of the review.
- “Students can continue to start on the existing DTSP apprenticeship and degree apprenticeships at level 6 will continue to play an important role in the overall programme.”
- They added: “We are listening and taking the time to consider all of the different points of view here. We did not want to make a decision without doing that.”
- There are 39 apprenticeship standards with an integrated degree which are currently available for delivery at the moment.

This Week (**see RESOURCES for annotated versions)

1. ESFA coronavirus response guidance & FAQ : 02.06
2. IfATE Corvid-19 FAQ: 06.05
3. ESFA UPDATE: 03.06
4. IfATE Corvid-19 Response:
5. Updated EPA Guidance: 02.06

6. IfATE list of Agreed Flexibilities : 24.06 ****none for Higher Education**
7. Student Number Controls
8. Social Mobility Commission Report
9. DfE Apprenticeship Stats June 2020
10. ESFA/IfATE Newsletter 13
11. Update 24 06 20

Student Number Controls

Apprenticeships

- For all practical purposes, apprenticeships will be excluded from SNCs.
- Apprenticeships are jobs with a sustained element of training, so this provision is delivered in conjunction with local employers, where the apprentice is employed. Relationships between these employers and providers are usually well established, so they are unlikely to be vulnerable to aggressive recruitment practices and pose little or no threat to the stability of the sector.
- However, despite apprentices being in full-time employment, they are sometimes also recorded as studying full-time in the Higher Education Students Early Statistics (HESES) data, which is used to calculate and monitor SNCs.
- **For HESES20, OfS will provide guidance on how apprentices are recorded in the data return, which will allow all apprenticeship places to be identified.**
- **When monitoring potential recruitment above an SNC, a provider will not be considered to have exceeded it by virtue of the number of apprenticeship students it has.**

Social Mobility Commission Report

Latest from the Social Mobility Commission

[Apprenticeships and social mobility: fulfilling potential](#)

24 June 2020 Research

[Apprenticeships and social mobility](#)

24 June 2020 Press release

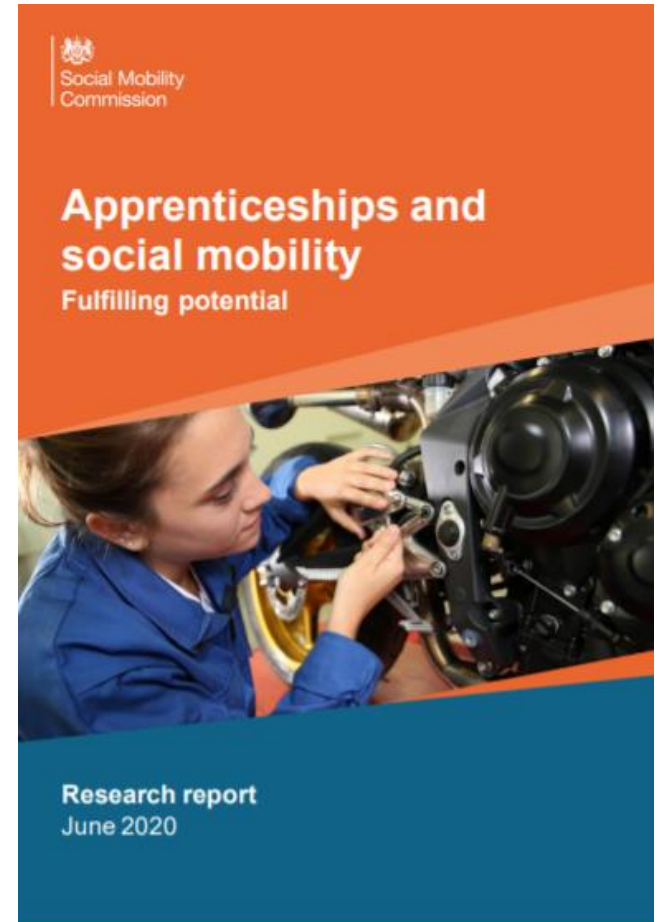
[Monitoring social mobility 2013 to 2020](#)

10 June 2020 Press release

[See all latest documents](#)

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The report [also] reveals that most of the benefits of apprenticeships are going to more privileged learners. It finds that apprenticeships are one of the most effective means of boosting social mobility for workers from poorer backgrounds – if they can get into and through the system.



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DfE Apprenticeship Stats June 2020

- 26,090 apprenticeship starts between 23 March and 31 May 2020
- **Decrease of 47.9%**
- (vs 50,050 for 2019 this period on a partial data return)

	2018/19 (at this point last year)		2019/20 (reported to date)	
	Apprenticeship starts	Proportion of total	Apprenticeship starts	Proportion of total
Total starts	50,050		26,090	
Age				
Under 19	7,360	14.7%	2,020	7.7%
19-24	14,490	28.9%	7,410	28.4%
25+	28,210	56.4%	16,670	63.9%
Level				
Intermediate Apprenticeship	18,560	37.1%	7,020	26.9%
Advanced Apprenticeship	22,550	45.0%	10,890	41.8%
Higher Apprenticeship	8,940	17.9%	8,180	31.3%
Sector subject area				
Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	530	1.1%	190	0.7%
Arts, Media and Publishing	100	*	120	*
Business, Administration and Law	15,450	30.9%	8,910	34.1%
Construction, Planning and the Built Environment	1,060	2.1%	290	1.1%
Education and Training	750	1.5%	590	2.3%
Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies	4,620	9.2%	1,500	5.8%
Health, Public Services and Care	16,020	32.0%	8,650	33.2%
Information and Communication Technology	2,810	5.6%	1,820	7.0%
Leisure, Travel and Tourism	790	1.6%	340	1.3%
Retail and Commercial Enterprise	7,930	15.8%	3,670	14.1%
Science and Mathematics	-	*	20	*

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Table 4: Apprenticeship vacancies by reported on the FAA website in 2019/20, and the corresponding 2018/19 figures, by month.

Academic year	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
2019/20	10,490	9,290	9,620	8,470	5,600	8,350	13,660	7,890	2,020	1,850
2018/19	13,470	12,050	13,700	12,160	7,110	11,820	12,440	13,100	10,400	12,580

Table 3: Total number of commitments by training start date and age as reported at 31 May 2020 and at 31 May 2019¹⁰

Date committed to start	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	No date agreed	Total
Commitments for 2019/20 at 31 May 2020	19,900	15,100	14,600	6,800	5,800	1,100	300	1,600	65,500
Commitments for 2018/19 at 31 May 2019	20,200	16,800	17,400	14,900	11,000	1,000	200	1,500	83,300

ESFA/IfATE Newsletter No. 13

Actions

1. **STOP** sending your weekly data for COVID-19 related EPA cancellations.
2. **KEEP SENDING** monthly EPA Delivery reports (completed/ part-completed)
 - The deadline to receive your monthly EPA delivery data for June is **Wednesday 8 July**.
 - Should have received an email reminder this week with a copy of the template for you to complete.
3. **COMPLETE** the [Pulse Survey](#)
 - weekly series of anonymous 2 question short surveys

Update 24 06 20

Subcontracting Declarations Final Deadline – including nil returns by **Friday 3 July 2020.**

- providers are required to make a revised declaration through [Manage your education skills funding \(MYESF\)](#) as and when any of their subcontracting relationships or values change.
- The current declarations relate to 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 non-levy and levy funded provision
- **YOU MUST DO THIS EVEN IF YOU DON'T SUBCONTRACT – simply post a nil return**

Return of Subcontracting External Assurance Certificate for 2019 to 2020 - **by 31 July 2020.**

- providers are required to obtain an annual report from an external auditor if they have entered into subcontracts with an aggregate value of more than £100,000 each financial year for new apprenticeship starts.
- Providers must send a certificate to the ESFA each year to confirm this report has been received. Further information is available on the [providing external assurance on subcontracting controls](#) GOV.UK page.
- ESFA will not be taking compliance action where this date is not met.
- Send completed certificates to send these to CF1718.SUBCONTRACTING@education.gov.uk.

Update 24 06 20

Changes to apprenticeship service support videos

ESFA have created 2 new playlists on the “[Using the apprenticeship service](#)” video playlist available on the [ESFA YouTube channel](#):

- “Apprenticeship service – webinar recordings”
- “Apprenticeship Support Videos”.

All support videos covering the different functions of the apprenticeship service will remain in the “[Using the apprenticeship service](#)” playlist.

All existing recordings from webinars and any future recordings will be available in the new playlist “[Apprenticeship service – webinar recordings](#)”

Videos created to support the delivery of apprenticeships will be available in the new playlist “[Apprenticeship Support Videos](#)”

For additional support, visit the [apprenticeship service support website](#).

LDM CODES – NEW ADVICE...

- **The LDM codes should be used for all learners where training has been affected by covid-19**
- This applies to Provider who are in receipt of the Provider relief scheme and those who are not.

368 COVID-19 temporary or permanent withdrawals

- For learners who have left their programme **temporarily or permanently without achieving** due to COVID-19, due to Covid-19 after the 23rd of March i.e. withdrawn or break in learning

369 COVID-19 new programme restarts

- For learners when they restart their programme and training recommences and they are now active in the ILR

POLICY UPDATE

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Policy Recap

Risks

- Purpose and Priority
 - Quality Assurance
 - Funding Bands
 - Mandatory Qualifications
 - Social Mobility Gains
1. Education Committee on Apprenticeships and Skills 24 June
 2. Social Mobility Commission June 2020
- [Apprenticeships and social mobility: Fulfilling potential](#)
- Only 13% of 'degree-level' apprenticeships go to disadvantaged apprentices...

Opportunity (Still)

- Student Number Controls
 - Future of skills and role of HE
 - Task and Finish Group
 - Demonstration of benefits and value
 - Sustainability of Degree Apprenticeships
- https://www.mdx.ac.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0033/565863/sustainable-degree-apprenticeships-2020.pdf
- Defence of the Degree
- <https://uvac.ac.uk/uvac-literature-review-in-defence-of-the-degree/>

RESOURCES

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Resources from Today's Session

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Further Information



- Listen to the 26 June Forum Webcast: [HERE](#)
- July 10 Forum 12.00 Register [HERE](#)
- July 24 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