

Wed 21 May
2.00 – 4.00

Funding Rules - 2025/2026 Impact and Implications

This session is for everyone involved in apprenticeship delivery from onboarding to EPA and those involved in implementing the ESFA Funding Rules in any aspect of their role. This session will set out the changes in the DfE 2025/ 2026 Apprenticeship Funding Rules and explore the implications of these changes on day-to-day practice, policy and procedures.

Thu 12 June
9.30 – 11.30

A Guide to Audit and Risk Governance and Oversight

This deep dive session will set out a framework for apprenticeship audit and risk review over the 12-month cycle of apprenticeship delivery. The framework will consider the schedule activities to be included in risk assessments, the reporting and monitoring to underpin oversight of risk, and how to combine the activities taking place across a university year into a systematic risk assurance process for the apprenticeship programme.

Tue 19 June
9.30 – 11.30

EQA Assessment & the EQA Visit

This session is aimed at teaching and learning, quality and apprenticeship teams involved in the preparation and execution of OfS external quality assurance frameworks and visits. You will hear from member speakers about learning over successive visits including visits from the last few months as we consider how the EQA process has changed policy and practice internally and consider the impact of possible future EPA changes on EQA.

Thu 10 July
9.30 – 11.30

The Skills Coach – Successful Models and the Future

This session is aimed at Apprenticeship Teams and Skills Coach leads - this most vital of roles in apprenticeship delivery. These are the people accountable for delivering the tri-partite progress review and evidence of compliance, and for ensuring that apprenticeship momentum, apprentice progression and employer engagement are maintained.

Wed 16 July
9.30 – 11.00

Audit Update – Preparing for 2025/2026

This UVAC session explores the themes from 2024/25 audits and the impact of the 2025/2026 Funding Rules on the DfE's approach to future funding audits. Developed and run with Karl Bentley, this session will provide an early insight into possible changes to audit in response to the Funding Rules and will equip members with suggestions for some early adaptations to process, procedures and paperwork ahead of the release of the audit papers later in 2025/early 2026.

Tue 22 July
9.30 – 11.30

Exploring the options for Level 7

This session will explore how Universities and providers delivering Level 7 provision are responding to the (by this point we hope final) position on Level 7 Funding. We will explore the latest DfE guidance and hear from guest speakers and members on their plans for 2025/2026.

Tue 29 July
9.30 – 11.00

The future of EPA and the Impact of New Flexibilities on Curriculum

This session is for curriculum designers, quality teams, teaching and learning teams. Pending announcements about how the EPA flexibilities, which we hope will be clear by this point, will be implemented, this session will review of the impact that the flexibilities proposed will mean for apprenticeships, particularly in design, delivery and quality assurance. Hearing from some of our key End-point Assessment Organisations and from members on their plans to use the opportunities presented this session will enable members to prepare for implementation as this is rolled out from September 2025.

Tue 5 August
9.30 – 11.00

ESFA Funding Rules – Final Rules

This session is a 'hold the date', pending announcements of any further changes to the Funding Rules ahead of the start of the 2025/26 funding year. We are anticipating a range of reissues of the Funding Rules this year as different aspects of the announced changes to the apprenticeship programme are implemented ... this session is likely to be the first of several short updates over 2025/2026