

Apprenticeship funding

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How the government funds apprenticeships in England, including details of funding bands and the apprenticeship levy.

These policy papers set out how the government funds apprenticeships in England.

They explain the apprenticeship funding policy that applies to apprentices who started on or after 1 August 2025.

Previous versions of the policy papers are available on the UK Government Web Archive, covering updates back to 2017.

The apprenticeship funding rules gives guidance on the rules that employers and training providers must follow to get funding for training and assessing apprentices.

Further information

In December 2020, we ran a consultation on how the apprenticeship budget is managed. You can read the consultation response.

The equality assessment sets out the effect that this apprenticeship funding system will have on groups with protected characteristics - for example, disabilities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apprenticeship-funding>