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# **traineeship funding.**

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# The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) fund Traineeships for learners aged between 16-18 and 19-24.

## 16-18 Traineeship funding

The ESFA funds Traineeships for 16-18 learners through institutions having a contract/grant funding agreement. They calculate funding for 16-18 year olds\* through the [young people's funding methodology](#) for Study Programmes.

### Centres who don't have a 16-19 contract for 16-18 Traineeships

ESFA will pay you using a specific adult contract. This funding follows ESFA's funding principles and they will calculate the earnings monthly.

### 16-18 Traineeships funded through a specific adult contract

If the learner was 18 years old on 31 August 2019 and is continuing a Traineeship on 1 August 2020, ESFA will fund the remainder of the Traineeship from that specific contract rather than the AEB.

**Always check the government webpages for the most up to date [16-18 funding information](#).**

\*and 19-24 year olds, and up to age 25, with an education health and care plan.

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## 19-24 Traineeship funding

The ESFA fund Traineeships for 19-24 learners through the [adult education budget](#) (AEB) funding methodology.

There are 4 aspects of 19-24 Traineeship funding through AEB:

1. The single work-placement and work-preparation rate – £1,500 from September 2020
2. GCSE English and maths (if required) or other qualifications to support progress towards GCSE English and maths at grades 4 to 9 (A\* to C)
3. You must support trainees aged 19+ to improve digital skills where they are assessed below level 1 through the digital entitlement.
4. A flexible element, designed to help the learner move into work or remove a barrier to them entering work

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# How to access funding

## Work preparation

You must plan to deliver both the work preparation training and work placement to claim Traineeship learning aim funding.

For 16-18 year olds, qualifications must also be approved on [the Hub](#) for 16-18 funding in the 2021-22 funding year.

## English and maths

You must support trainees aged 19+ to improve digital skills where they are assessed as below level 1 through the digital entitlement.

For 16-18 year olds, you must follow conditions of funding set out in 16-19 [Study Programmes](#) and English and maths conditions set out in [16-19 funding: maths and English condition of funding](#).

## Flexible element

For 16-18 year olds, qualifications must be approved on [the Hub](#) for 16-18 funding in the 2021 to 2022 funding year.

For 19-24 year olds, ESFA fund the flexible element of Traineeships in line with the general funding and ESFA funded AEB eligibility, set out in their [2020-21 funding rules document](#).

## Support funding

For 16-18 year olds, disadvantage funding, high-needs student funding, vulnerable student bursaries and discretionary bursaries are available through the ESFA's young people's funding methodology.

For 19-24 year olds, learner support is included in your 19-24 Traineeship allocation and is available as set out in ESFA's [2020-21 funding rules document](#).

Find full details of the above criteria in ESFA's [2020-21 funding rules document](#).

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