

WELCOME

COVID-19
LGA & ESFA Update

Webforum Protocol



You will be on mute for the duration of the web forum



To ask questions just type into the question box



We will raise and respond to questions after the presentations



If we can unmute you we will !



Raise future queries, or share what you know on the dedicated K-hub thread:

[Apprenticeships & Covid-19](#)

Slides and webcast will be available after the session via the K-Hub Thread

A quick feedback survey appears
after the webinar

LGA Update: Available Guidance and Lobbying Activity

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LGA Advice and Guidance on COVID-19

- The LGA is providing COVID-19 advice which can be accessed via our home page:
www.local.gov.uk
- A range of information explaining our work with government is on the COVID-19 Hub here:
www.local.gov.uk/our-support/coronavirus-information-councils
- The LGA workforce Team continues to provide workforce advice on COVID-19 at:
www.local.gov.uk/our-support/coronavirus-information-councils/covid-19-workforce
- Employment Advice can be accessed via the LGA Workforce Employee Relations Unit (ERU). The latest bulletin provides updates on a range of COVID-19 issues:
www.local.gov.uk/our-support/workforce-and-hr-support/employmentrelations/advisory-bulletins-employment-law-updates
- There is also an FAQ on employment law and COVID-19 here:
www.local.gov.uk/covid-19-employment-law-faqs

- Councils are being encouraged if they have a query on COVID-19 to register it here by emailing CoronaVirus.Enquiries@local.gov.uk

Risks to Apprenticeships in Local Government from COVID-19

Risk	Ask of Government
Levy funds councils planned to spend may expire due to breaks in learning	Temporary freeze on expiry dates of levy funds
Councils continue to pay into Levy at a time they can't realistically spend the funds	Temporary freeze in collection of levy payments
Switch off of Frameworks happens before last planned cohorts of apprentices are able to start	Postpone the switch off of Frameworks for six months
Training Providers facing cashflow problems due to uncertainty of funding and pauses in apprenticeship training	Guarantee committed funding as much as possible for training providers and provide further clarification and guidance on their options to continue trading during a period of reduced apprenticeship activity

Apprentices come to the end of their fixed-term contracts before a resumption in learning allows them to complete their apprenticeship	Clarity on what support is available from government to help councils in this scenario
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We want to hear from you on apprenticeships

- In addition to the CoronaVirus.Enquiries@local.gov.uk email service, you can contact me directly on jamie.saddler@local.gov.uk to raise apprenticeship queries or be added to our mailing list
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- We also have a [dedicated thread](#) in our KHUB Group where we will be posting updates as we get them

LGA – Covid19 and Apprenticeships GoToWebinar: Wednesday 8th April 2020

ESFA Update

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- Apprenticeships Response to Covid-19 and key links
- Apprenticeships Response scope and considerations

LGA – Covid19 and Apprenticeships GoToWebinar: Wednesday 8th April 2020 Apprenticeships response to Covid-19 and key links

- **Apprenticeship programme response**

www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-apprenticeship-programme-response. Temporary flexibilities to continue, resume and complete apprenticeship if break required. Question and Answers section.

- **Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education**

www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/response-to-covid-19/. Guidance on the delivery of assessment

FAQ: <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/covid-19-information-regarding-apprenticeships/covid-19-faq/>

Queries: enquiries.ifa@education.gov.uk Title: "EPA_Covid 19 [your Organisation name]"

- **Guidance and support for businesses**

www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19support-for-businesses

FAQ's: <https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/faqs/>

- **Claim for wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme**

www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wage-costs-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme

LGA – Covid19 and Apprenticeships GoToWebinar: Wednesday 8th April 2020 Apprenticeships response to Covid-19

- **Apprenticeships Programme Response**

Includes information on:

- continuing training and end point assessment for furloughed apprentices
- delivering training flexibly to those working at home

- applying/initiating break in learning
- delays to end-point assessment (EPA)
- alternative arrangements for EPA and external quality assurance

Questions and Answers:

- *apprenticeships*: at work, working at home, furlough, redundant, unpaid leave
- *apprenticeship levy*: HMRC monthly return, expiry of funds, use of levy, non-levy transition
 - *apprenticeship assessment*: delivery, delay, extension
- **Other aspects**
 - *Frameworks to standards* – no change to current arrangements – with minister
 - *Non-levy transition to apprenticeship service* – extend beyond Oct.'20
 - *Top100* – open for applications. Submission date to be put back
 - *National Apprenticeship Awards* - under consideration

ANY QUESTIONS?

RESOURCES

LGA Future Webinar Programme – Participant Polls

QUICKPOLL

We are considering an extra webinar programme to start shortly. Is this helpful or should we wait until 'business as usual'?

Poll Results (single answer required):

YES - start now 82%

NO - our focus is entirely on other priorities 18%

QUICKPOLL

If we do run the webinar programme now, what should we focus on?

Poll Results (single answer required):

Business as usual apprenticeship topics 1%

The Impact of Coronavirus 5%

Both 94%

FURTHER INFORMATION



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Resources

- **K-Hub Thread : Apprenticeships and Covid-19**
 - Slides will be posted in the **K-hub Thread** : LGA-slides-covid-19
 - Listen Again Webcast link: [HERE](#)
 - Post queries and comments

- Email info@spark.org.uk with other queries