

WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY Adult Education Funding

FUNDING RATES AND FORMULA 2022/2023

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Introduction and purpose of the document

1. This document sets out the principles and features of the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) funding system for the funding year 2022 to 2023 (1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023). WECA may make changes to these principles and features during the funding year. Any updates will be published on the WECA website.
2. For the funding year 2022/23, WECA will use the methodology described in the WECA Funding Rates and Formulas 2022 to 2023 document as the base calculations to fund the delivery of adult skills. WECA will then perform additional processes to validate the data to check it meets the WECA Funding Rules (See Paragraph 11)
3. This document describes how we calculate ‘formula-funded’ earnings for the WECA Adult Education Budget (AEB) and learning support for these programmes. We define ‘formula-funded’ activity as that recorded under Funding Model 35 (‘Adult skills’) unless specifically noted.
4. This document relates only to WECA AEB Formula Funded learning aims for West of England Combined Authority residents and does not include or describe:
 - The ‘non-formula-funded’ Community Learning activity within the WECA AEB which is reconciled through the funding claims process. For more information on who must submit a funding claim(s), refer to the WECA Funding & Performance Management Rules 2022-23.
5. To understand how the funding system works, read this document together with:
 - [The ESFA Specification of the Individualised Learner Record for 2022 to 2023 \(ILR\)](#)
 - [The ESFA Provider Support Manual for 2022 to 2023](#)
 - [WECA Adult Education Performance Management Funding Rules 2022/23](#)
 - [WECA Adult Education Third Party Delivery Rules 2022/23](#)
6. This document covers the period of 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023 and is our current advice for the funding year. We know that providers are working through exceptional circumstances due to Coronavirus (COVID-19). We may publish further updates to this document about the impact of COVID-19 on our funding rates and formula as these become clear. We will tell you about any changes directly.

Understanding our terminology

7. The term ‘we’ refers to the West of England Combined Authority (WECA). When we refer to ‘you’ or ‘providers’, this includes colleges, training organisations, third-parties who access WECA funding through a directly funded provider, Local Authorities and employers that receive funding from WECA to deliver education and training to West of England Combined Authority residents.
8. The term ILR refers to the Individualised Learner Record produced to the ILR Specification 2022/23. This is the mandatory data return submitted to the ESFA via Submit Learner Data by all funded providers on a monthly basis.

Changes to the funding system from the 2021/22 to 2022/23 funding years

9. We will continue to fund High Value Courses in 2022/23 but the uplift payment which has been available in 2021/22 will no longer be available (as the uplift was supported by an extraordinary one-year allocation). High Value Courses remain relevant within the context of West of England Combined Authority Entitlements.
10. There are no further major changes to the funding system for the 2022 to 2023 year.

The data we use to calculate funding

11. Information is provided to the ESFA about West of England Combined Authority learners and their learning in ILR and the WECA Monthly Claim & Risk Report.
12. The ESFA will process this information to work out the funding you have earned for delivering this learning using their standard formula. This data is then reviewed and validated using WECA processes to work out the funding you have earned for West of England Combined Authority learners. You will be informed if any issues or concerns are highlighted during the WECA validation process.
13. WECA receives ILR derived data from the ESFA containing details of your delivery to West of England Combined Authority learners and this is used to inform our performance, payment and reconciliation processes.

The funding system features

14. The funding system has the following 4 features, which are set out in more detail throughout this document:
 - I. The funding formula including uplifts to the rates to account for the extra costs that you may experience when delivering learning to some types of learners and in some locations
 - II. The funding rates for learning aims and work experience placements
 - III. The earnings method, linked to delivery and achievement
 - IV. Support funding, where extra help is needed for learners to achieve

Funding formula

Principle

15. The funding formula is:

Funding = rate x disadvantage uplift x area cost uplift

16. The funding formula is adjusted to allow for differences in the relative cost of delivery. These differences relate to factors other than the size, sector or subject of the learning aim. Where appropriate, funding will be adjusted for 'disadvantage uplift'.
17. The basis for funding is the rate for the learning aim. The rates are referred to as 'unweighted' before the programme weightings are applied or any increase for disadvantaged learners. After the programme weighting is applied, the rate is referred to as 'weighted.' After any uplifts are applied, this is referred to as the 'aim value', as noted in the 'Main Occupancy report.'
18. In some cases, learners and employers are expected to share responsibility for investing in eligible provision. WECA expect them to part-fund the cost of learning, known as co-funding. For more information on co-funding, refer to the 'Provision and individuals we fund' section of the WECA 2022/23 AEB funding and performance

management rules. The element of co-funding which relates to delivery in the workplace must be paid by the employer rather than the learner and may not be waived by the provider. WECA has however established flexibilities which allow the employer to pay in the form of a commensurate volume of work-experience opportunities.

Disadvantage uplift

19. The disadvantage uplift provides extra funding to support the most disadvantaged learners in the West of England, recognising that they are sometimes more costly to recruit and retain. We apply this consistently across WECA AEB 'formula-funded' provision.
20. To calculate the disadvantage uplift for new starts from 1 August 2022 we use the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 (IMD). This results in a funding increase for learners living in the most deprived areas of the West of England Combined Authority. We base the uplift on the learner's postcode (based upon the 'Postcode Prior to Enrolment' ILR field). If required the uplift factor is between 1.168 and 1.672 (this is double the rate applied to ESFA learners who are resident in deprived areas), otherwise we default the factor to 1. The disadvantage uplift factors are available at this link: Uplift Factors and Postcode Files and/or WECA Technical Note.
21. The disadvantage uplift factor at the start of the learning aim will apply throughout the duration of the learning aim.

Financial contributions

22. If a learner meets the criteria for full funding (refer to the 'Provision and individuals we fund' section of the WECA Funding and Performance Management Rules 2022/23 for more information), they can claim the fully funded rate shown in the matrix. For co-funded learners, we expect the learner or employer to contribute so we reduce the funding by 50% of the un-weighted rate of the learning aim. Where co-funded learning is delivered in the workplace the employer must pay the co-funded contribution rather than the learner and this contribution may not be waived by the provider. WECA has established flexibilities to allow employer to pay the co-funded contribution in the form of a commensurate volume of work experience opportunities.

23. We reduce the funding using the unweighted base rate because a learner should not contribute more for the same size of the learning aim just because that learning aim is more costly to deliver. This means that WECA will contribute more towards learning aims with higher operational and delivery costs, such as engineering.

Recognition of prior learning

24. If you record data in the 'Funding adjustment for prior learning' field on the ILR the funding formula will be changed to reflect this. However, it does not change the fixed monthly learning support funding. Please refer WECA Funding and Performance Management Rules 22/23 for to further information.
25. If the learning aim does not use the restart indicator, the achievement funding will be reduced as well as the monthly instalments. This is because we assume the learner has earned some achievement within the prior learning.
26. If the learning aim uses the restart indicator, the monthly instalments are reduced, but the achievement funding stays at 20% of the full funding rate.

Other funding adjustments

27. Where a qualification is delivered in less than 70% of the planned guided learning hours (GLH) recommended by Ofqual, the provider must use the 'other funding adjustment' field to discount the level of funding claimed to align with the % of recommended GLH delivered unless formally agreed with WECA AEB.
28. Where you have agreement with us to adjust funding for other reasons apart from prior learning, you must record it in the 'Other funding adjustment' field in the ILR. You must not use this ILR field if you do not have an agreement in place with us and we will monitor its use.
29. This 'Other funding adjustment' factor reduces the funding for that learning, including the achievement funding, however, it does not change learning support funding.
30. If there is also a factor for prior learning recorded, we multiply the 'Funding adjustment for prior learning' factor by the 'Other funding adjustment' factor and apply it to the appropriate funding.

Funding rates

Principles

31. In 2022/23, WECA will continue to use the Ofqual list of regulated qualifications approved for public funding are on [Find a learning Aim](#). ESFA update this regularly. For information about what is eligible for public funding, refer to the ESFA publication - [Qualifications: eligible for public funding](#).
32. [WECA Funding and Performance Management Rules](#) the eligibility criteria are different to the ESFA's and this will be checked in the WECA validation of the Occupancy report of the ILR data.
33. WECA will fund each learning aim, whether it represents a qualification or other learning activity, at the rate that applies when the learner starts that learning aim. This principle is the same for a new start in the funding year 2022/23 and a continuing learner from previous years. This rate will apply for the full duration of the learning aim and does not change between funding years.
34. The amount you earn recognises the relative costs of delivering provision in different sectors and subjects, and the rates are using the following criteria:
 - guided learning hours (GLH) where the qualification is part of the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF)
 - planned activity in hours - for non-regulated activity
 - certain qualification types (refer to paragraph [45](#) for more information)
 - programme weightings that recognise the relative costs of delivering training in different sectors and subjects
35. We add an uplift to the rate for all learners on Free Courses for Jobs

Funding rates for the AEB

36. GLH or planned hours are grouped into funding bands to generate a funding rate. The rates are in single activity matrix (SAM), with the row representing the funding band and the columns represent the programme weighting.
37. All rates shown on the [Find a learning aim](#) are fully funded rates for learners aged 19 and above for qualifications and non-regulated activity. These rates are adjusted through the funding formula according to WECA policy (for example, if WECA contributes only part of the full rate).

38. All learners funded through the ESFA 16 to 19 funding model that turned 19 on their second or subsequent funding year of a single programme of study continue to be funded through the ESFA 16-19 funding model.
39. Funding rates do not currently change depending on how you deliver the learning (for example, by delivering it on-line compared to in the classroom). However, WECA plans to review this position during the 2022/23 academic year to account for any significant variation of delivery costs. We do not anticipate making any changes to funding rates in 2022/23 but reserve the right to do so if compelling reasons to do so emerge. Any changes will be applied from a defined date and will not be retrospectively applied to learners enrolled before this date. Where a learning aim had a rate set in the previous funding year, this rate remains unchanged for 2022/23. Qualifications newly approved for funding are set using GLH. Where the awarding organisation does not supply the GLH, the use of Total Qualification Time (TQT) is assessed. For non-regulated activity, planned hours are used to set the rates. For more information on planned hours, refer to the [AEB Funding and Performance Management Rules](#).
40. GLH, TQT or planned hours are grouped into funding bands to generate a funding rate. The rates are in a Single Activity Matrix (SAM), with the rows representing the funding band and the columns representing the programme weighting.
41. Non-regulated activity is recorded using generic learning aims called ‘class codes.’ For more information, refer to the [Learning Aim Class Codes](#) document in the [ILR specification](#). There are some class codes that are not applicable for learning delivered to West of England Combined Authority learners as they are specific to another devolved area, please check the technical note. These codes will start with Z110 to Z119. Please contact us the AEB Team at AdultEducation@WestofEngland-ca.gov.uk if you are not sure.

Programme weightings

42. Programme weightings recognise the relative costs of delivering training in different sectors and subjects and are included in the published rates.
43. Programme weightings are set by referring to the Sector Subject Area (SSA). For all regulated qualifications and components of qualifications, awarding organisations decide the SSA. The [Register of Regulated Qualifications](#) and the [Quality Assurance Agency](#) access to higher education websites record the SSAs. Where there are multiple SSAs for components of qualifications the SSA will be set by the ESFA and WECA will use this to determine the SSA when there are multiple SSAs for

components of qualifications along with a limited number of exceptions available in Annex 1.

44. Agriculture courses that need specialist resources (decided by the ESFA each year with support from Lantra) attract an extra uplift in the WECA AEB when delivered by providers with specialist resources.

45. The SAM for the funding year 2022 to 2023 is set out in table 1:

Table 1: The single activity matrix for 2021 to 2022.

Funding band (hours)	Activity type	PW A Base (unweighted)	PW B Low	PW C Medium	PW D High	PW E or G Specialist*
Up to 2	Very small provision (1)	£14	£16	£18	£22	£24
3 to 4	Very small provision (2)	£21	£24	£27	£34	£36
5 to 6	Very small provision (3)	£35	£39	£46	£56	£60
7 to 12	Small provision (1)	£50	£56	£65	£80	£86
13 to 20	Small provision (2)	£100	£112	£130	£160	£172
21 to 44	Small provision (3)	£150	£168	£195	£240	£258
45 to 68	Medium provision (1)	£300	£336	£390	£480	£516
69 to 92	Medium provision (2)	£450	£504	£585	£720	£774
93 to 100	Medium provision (3)	£600	£672	£780	£960	£1,032
101 to 196	Large provision (1)	£724	£811	£941	£1,159	£1,246

Funding band (hours)	Activity type	PW A Base (unweighted)	PW B Low	PW C Medium	PW D High	PW E or G Specialist*
197 to 292	Large provision (2)	£1,265	£1,417	£1,645	£2,025	£2,176
293 to 388	Large provision (3)	£1,987	£2,225	£2,583	£3,179	£3,417
389 to 580	Very large provision (1)	£2,573	£2,882	£3,345	£4,117	£4,425
581 to 1060	Very large provision (2)	£4,170	£4,670	£5,421	£6,671	£7,172
1061 or more	Very large provision (3)	£6,602	£7,395	£8,583	£10,564	£11,356

*Some specialist provision receives an uplift if delivered by certain providers (column E or G (specialist) on above table)

46. Certain qualifications in table 2 have their funding band set as a matter of policy:

Table 2: The exceptions to the single activity matrix for 2022 to 2023.

qualification type	programme weighting (PW)				
	A – Base (unweighted)	B – Low	C – Medium	D – High	E or G* (specialist)
GCE AS-level	£724	£811	£941	£1,159	-
GCE A-level	£1,987	£2,225	£2,583	£3,179	-
GCSE	£724	£811	£941	£1,159	-
GCSE short course	£300	£336	£390	£480	-
functional skills in English or functional skills in entry level maths	£724	-	£941	-	-
functional skills in IT	-	£336	-	-	-
access to higher education	£3,022	£3,384	£3,928	£4,835	£5,197

47. If you deliver English and Maths GCSEs to adults aged 19 and over, you will receive a higher rate of £811. You cannot fund English, Maths or any element of an

apprenticeship standard for apprentices through the WECA AEB for apprentices through the WECA AEB. The full list of fundable English and Maths qualifications is available in the ESFA [English and Maths entitlement list](#) or on the [Find a Learning Aim](#).

48. The digital entitlement for adults with low or no digital skills is supported by a suite of Essential Digital Skills qualifications (EDSQs), approved by the ESFA.
49. If you offer English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) qualifications, you may need to deliver additional learning to individual learners that incurs additional costs above the qualification rate. Where additional hours are required, you can record these on the ILR using the 'Additional delivery hours' field, as detailed in the [ILR Specification](#) and the ESFA [Provider Support Manual](#). WECA will provide payment for any additional learning detailed and validated within the ILR for West of England combined authority residents.
50. The key steps for claiming top-up for an ESOL qualification that is planned to be delivered in 60 hours are:
 - Identify the original funding band of the ESOL qualification. For example, if the qualification is funded at £150, this equates to the '21 to 44' hours funding band in the SAM.
 - Calculate the additional hours. This is the 60 planned hours minus the maximum GLH value of the ESOL qualification's funding band from the SAM. In this example, the maximum GLH from the '21 to 44' hours band is 44, therefore the additional hours you need to record in the ILR are 60 minus 44 = 16.
 - The funding calculation automatically assigns the additional hours recorded on the ILR to the SAM to allocate a funding band, which then generates a top-up rate. The 16 additional hours equates to the '13 to 20' hours funding band. The '13 to 20' hours funding band generates £100 for the top up (all ESOL aims have programme weighting A).
 - The overall rate is then the original rate (£150) plus the top up amount (£100) which is £250.
51. WECA adopted the ESFA's Earnings Method Methodology. The following principles apply:
 - funding is distributed over the duration of the learner's course, from starting the programme to achieving the expected outcome.

- funding is directly linked to the learner completing their course and them achieving either learning aims, further learning or gaining employment.
- you earn funding for what you deliver, when you deliver it.

High value courses for school and college leavers: a one year offer for 19-year olds

52. For starts from 1 September 2020 to 31 July 2021, we offered additional funding for 'high value courses for school and college leavers: a one-year offer for 19- year olds' as defined in the WECA funded adult education budget funding rules.
53. We will no longer be offering additional funding for these aims but will continue to allow full funding for learners eligible for the West of England L2 entitlement.

National Skills Fund Level 3 Offer (NSF L3 Offer)

54. We are offering additional funding for adults on their first level 3 qualification as defined in the WECA funded AEB funding rules. From April 2022 this offer has also been available for adults who are unemployed or earning low wages (below the national living wage), even if they hold a full Level 3 qualification or higher. We will fund this learning like we fund other AEB delivery, with the following exceptions:
 - learners eligible for this offer can be fully funded; we have changed the validation rules to allow this, for learners who are not already eligible for full funding
 - we will increase the weighted rate by £600 for eligible aims in category code 45 ('NSF L3 Offer rate 1') or by £150 for eligible aims in category code 46 ('NSF L3 Offer rate 2')
 - we will increase the £150 or £600 by the area cost uplift and/or disadvantage uplift if applicable to that learning aim
 - to calculate learner-level capping over the 2022 to 2023 funding year, we use the unweighted rates without the £150 or £600 increase
55. Learners aged 23 or younger (based on their age on the day they start the qualification) taking their first level 3 qualification utilising the NSF L3 Offer will be funded through your procured or non-procured ESFA AEB funding lines

56. Learners aged 24+ (based on their age on the day they start the qualification) taking their first level 3 qualification utilising the NSF L3 Offer will be funded through your procured or non-procured national skills offer funding lines.
57. You should use the Learning Delivery Monitoring (LDM) code 378 (Adult Level 3 offer) in the ILR to indicate your learning aims that are eligible within this offer.
58. You must also use LDM code 382 when recording learners who meet the low wage eligibility.

Our earning method

Principles

59. The following principles apply to our approach to your earnings:
 - funding is distributed over the duration of the learner’s course, from starting the programme to achieving the expected outcome
 - funding is directly linked to the learner completing their course and them achieving either learning aims, further learning or gaining employment
 - you earn funding for what you deliver, when you deliver it.

Qualifying period for funding

60. If a learner is in learning for at least the qualifying period, we count them as a 'funding start.' We calculate this from the ILR Learner Start Date:

Length of the learning aim	Qualifying period
168 days	42 days
14 to 167 days	14 days
Fewer than 14 days	1 day

61. If the learner leaves before the qualifying period, you will not earn any funding. However, WECA will reclaim the funding if you have already earned funding before recording the ILR 'Learning Actual End Date'.

Distribution of funding over time

62. Your earnings will be based on monthly instalments plus an achievement element. This applies to all funded learning aims for adult delivery to West of England Combined Authority residents.
63. In line with the ESFA, WECA will hold back 20% of the weighted rate for each learning aim, which will only be generated when the learner achieves their learning aim. You earn all achievement elements on the learning actual end date recorded on the ILR.
64. Monthly instalments will be calculated once the achievement element (20%) has been removed. Instalments will be spread over the number of planned months for the learning aim, with a double payment in the first month. The instalment calculation uses the formula 'n+1', where 'n' is the number of planned months. The formula recognises the upfront costs associated with enrolling a learner on a learning aim.

65. Instalments will be earned if the learner is in learning on each census date (the last calendar day of every month.) The planned number of months is calculated from the ‘Learning start date’ and the ‘Learning planned end date’ in the ILR.
66. If the learner leaves early, the monthly instalments stop. However, for eligible learners WECA will pay you a job outcome payment, which is half of the achievement element. If the learner then goes on to achieve the learning aim, you will earn the outstanding monthly instalments and the rest of the achievement element. For more information on job outcomes, refer to the WECA Funding and Performance Management Rules 22/23.
67. Figure 1 is an example of the earnings method for a learner starting a course in September and achieving in June. It shows how you earn funding for a course with a total cost of £1,000 over the nine-month period: nine monthly on-programme payments (OPP) of £80, plus a double monthly OPP (that is, n+1) of £160 in the first month and an achievement payment of £200 upon completion.

Figure 1: Example of the earnings methodology.

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
	9-month learning aim											
Payment instalments		OPP	OPP	OPP	OPP	OPP	OPP	OPP	OPP	OPP	Achievement payment	
		OPP										
Payment example		£160	£80	£80	£80	£80	£80	£80	£80	£80	£200	

Annual funding cap for AEB

68. An annual funding cap applies to each learner you have for each year across all AEB-funded provision.
69. The annual funding cap is £4,400 for each learner each year, before any weightings are applied or any WECA contributions. If your planned training provision is above this cap, your earnings will be reduced in line with this. Providers will require approval from WECA before using the override code for funding cap. Where we apply an uplift to a rate, which this year only applies to Free Courses for Jobs, the uplift is not included within the calculation of the cap.

Recording late data in the ILR

70. If a learner is continuing learning at the final R14 collection at the end of the year, but you record in the subsequent ILR year that they should have left in the previous ILR year, you will have earned funding that you need to pay back.
71. For example, at R14 in the 2021 to 2022 ILR you record a learner as starting on 10 July 2021 and continuing at R14. In the 2022 to 2023 ILR you record them as a leaving on 16 July 2022. In this scenario, they will have earned a monthly on-programme payment in July 2022 from the 2021 to 2022 ILR that will need paying back. You can pay this funding back through the WECA Monthly Claim & Risk Report recording a negative figure in the 'Authorised claims' adjustment type. You do not need our permission to use this adjustment type to pay back funding, you only need permission to use this adjustment type for claiming funding. For more information on claiming, refer to the WECA Monthly Claim & Risk Report.

Support funding

Learning support

72. Learning Support is available to meet the cost of putting into place a reasonable adjustment, as set out in the Equality Act 2010, for learners who have an identified learning difficulty or disability, to achieve their learning goal. Providers receive one payment which includes both Learner and Learning Support.
73. You can access this funding through the WECA AEB Budget for West of England Combined Authority learners and you record this against a learner's learning aim in the ILR. It must be recorded 3 months from the support activity or the expenditure.
74. If you record learning support against a learner's learning aim in the ILR, you will earn a fixed monthly rate of £150 paid by WECA. We expect the total you earn from the monthly rate to be enough to cover your costs. If the cost of providing support to a learner exceeds the total earned from the fixed monthly rate, you can claim this excess through the WECA Monthly Claim & Risk Report.

75. If you plan to deliver the learning aim in less than one calendar month, you must claim the value of the learning support as if it were all excess, using the WECA Monthly Claim & Risk Report
76. If learning support is more than £19,000, you can claim exceptional learning Support using the WECA Monthly Claim & Risk Report . For more information, refer to the [WECA Funding and Performance Management Rules 2022/23](#)

Learner support

77. Learner Support is available from WECA to provide financial support for West of England Combined Authority learners with a specific financial hardship preventing them from taking part or continuing in learning.
78. Learner Support is not formula funded. WECA Monthly Claim & Risk Report and submit it directly to the WECA AEB Team 2 days after the ILR submission date each month. For further information, please see the [WECA Performance Management Framework 22/23](#)

Prince's Trust Team Programme

79. The Prince's Trust Team Programme is for 16 to 25-year olds. It is a 12-week course designed to improve confidence, motivation and skills. Each team aims to recruit a mix of 16 to 25-year olds of different abilities and backgrounds, including employees sponsored by their employers. ESFA and WECA fund the teams but providers in partnership with the Prince's Trust manage them locally. WECA will fund any 19+ Princes Trust West of England Combined Authority learner.
80. The Prince's Trust Team Programme will be funded as the same ESFA rates for 2019/2020. You will earn the matrix rates for the award or certificate in 'Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills'. The qualifications you can use are in table 3. You must also record the learners on the ILR using the Learning Delivery Monitoring (LDM) code 331.

Table 3: Qualifications for the Prince’s Trust Team Programme 2021 to 2022

Qualification Title	Learning Aim Reference
Certificate in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills	60023995
Certificate in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills	60027629
Award in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills	60032121
Award in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills	60032868
Award in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills (Entry	60033344
Certificate in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills	60027307

81. If the matrix rate is lower than the programme rate, you can claim additional funding from the qualification rate up to the value of the programme rate. To claim this additional funding, you must use the ‘Prince’s Trust’ section on the WECA Monthly Claim & Risk Report.
82. Table 4 shows the matrix funding rates, the maximum programme rate and the maximum additional funding you can claim where appropriate:

Table 4: The rates for the Prince’s Trust Team Programme 2021 to 2022

	Award		Certificate	
	Fully-funded	Co-funded	Fully-funded	Co-funded
Matrix funding rate for aim	£450	£225	£1,265	£633
Maximum programme cost for				
...Unemployed learners	£2,670	£1,335	£2,670	£1,335
...Employed learners	£572	£286	£572	£286
Maximum additional funding for				
...Unemployed learners	£2,220	£1,110	£1,405	£702
...Employed learners	£122	£61	N/A	N/A

Annex 1: Programme weightings by Sector Subject Area

WECA set programme weightings in line with the ESFA by the SSA, with some exceptions.

SSA	SSA Tier 2 description	Likely programme weighting
1	Health, public services and care	
1.1	Medicine and dentistry	B - Low
1.2	Nursing and subjects and vocations allied to	B - Low
1.3	Health and social care	B - Low
1.4	Public services	A - Base
1.5	Child development and wellbeing	B - Low
2	Science and mathematics	
2.1	Science	B - Low
2.2	Mathematics and statistics	A - Base
3	Agriculture, horticulture and animal care	
3.1	Agriculture	E - Specialist
3.2	Horticulture and forestry	E - Specialist
3.3	Animal care and veterinary science	E - Specialist
3.4	Environmental conservation	B - Low
4	Engineering and manufacturing technologies	
4.1	Engineering	C - Medium
4.2	Manufacturing technologies	C - Medium
4.3	Transportation operations and maintenance	C - Medium
5	Construction, planning and the built environment	
5.1	Architecture	C - Medium
5.2	Building and construction	C - Medium
5.3	Urban, rural and regional planning	C - Medium
6	Information and communication technology	
6.1	ICT practitioners	B - Low (up to Level 1) C - Medium (Level 2 and over)
6.2	ICT for users	A - Base (up to Level 1) B - Low (Level 2 and over)
7	Retail and commercial enterprise	
7.1	Retailing and wholesaling	A - Base

SSA	SSA Tier 2 description	Likely programme weighting
7.2	Warehousing and distribution	A - Base
7.3	Service enterprises	B - Low
7.4	Hospitality and catering	C - Medium
8	Leisure, travel and tourism	
8.1	Sport, leisure and recreation	B - Low
8.2	Travel and tourism	A - Base
9	Arts, media and publishing	
9.1	Performing arts	B - Low
9.2	Crafts, creative arts and design	C - Medium
9.3	Media and communication	B - Low
9.4	Publishing and information services	A - Base

10	History, philosophy and theology	
10.1	History	A - Base
10.2	Archaeology and archaeological sciences	B - Low
10.3	Philosophy	A - Base
10.4	Theology and religious studies	A - Base
11	Social sciences	
11.1	Geography	B - Low
11.2	Sociology and social policy	A - Base
11.3	Politics	A - Base
11.4	Economics	A - Base
11.5	Anthropology	A - Base
12	Languages, literature and culture	
12.1	Languages, literature and culture of the British	A - Base
12.2	Other languages, literature and culture	A - Base
12.3	Linguistics	A - Base
13	Education and training	
13.1	Teaching and lecturing	B - Low
13.2	Direct learning support	B - Low
14	Preparation for life and work	
14.1	Foundations for learning and life	A - Base
14.2	Preparation for work	A - Base
15	Business, administration and law	
15.1	Accounting and finance	A - Base
15.2	Administration	A - Base
15.3	Business management	A - Base
15.4	Marketing and sales	A - Base
15.5	Law and legal services	A - Base

The exceptions to this table are:

- Waste management and recycling in SSA 1.4 is weighted at 'B - Low'
- Agriculture needing specialist resources in SSA 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3 is weighted at 'G - Specialist', with an extra uplift for certain specialist providers (paragraph 44)
- Hair and beauty in SSA 7.3 is weighted at 'C - Medium'
- Music technology in SSA 9.1 is weighted at 'D - High'
- Music practitioners in SSA 9.1 is weighted at 'E - Specialist'
- Entry level Functional skills in maths is weighted at 'C - Medium'
- Functional skills in ICT is weighted at 'B - Low'

Summary of Version 1 changes from 21/22 version

Section	Paragraph	Change
Programme Weightings	48	The digital entitlement is no longer new as it was introduced August 2020. Amended wording so it no longer refers to being a new entitlement.
High Value Courses for school and college leavers.	53	Amended as WECA will no longer be offering additional funding for these aims but will continue to allow full funding for learners eligible for the West of England L2 entitlement.
National Skills Fund Level 3 Offer (NSF L3 Offer)	54	Added in From April 2022 this offer has also been available for adults who are unemployed or earning low wages (below the national living wage), even if they hold a full Level 3 qualification or higher as per ESFA latest version
National Skills Fund Level 3 Offer (NSF L3 Offer)	57	Added You should use the Learning Delivery Monitoring (LDM) code 378 (Adult Level 3 offer) in the ILR to indicate your learning aims that are eligible within this offer as per ESFA latest version.
National Skills Fund Level 3 Offer (NSF L3 Offer)	58	Added You must also use LDM code 382 when recording learners who meet the low wage eligibility. Devolved authorities can also set their own wage threshold (below which adults with an existing Level 3 can access Free Courses for Jobs) as per ESFA latest version.
Annual Funding Cap for AEB	69	Added Where we apply an uplift to a rate, which this year only applies to Free Courses for Jobs, the uplift is not included within the calculation of the cap as peer ESFA latest version.