

Summary of Changes to AEB Grant Funding Rules for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 Academic Years

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- Level 3 qualifications which will support the development of new skills for adult learners, and improve the prospects of eligible adults in the labour market. In particular, adults aged 24+ will now be able to access fully-funded Level 3 provision from the list of [qualifications available through this offer](#)
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to ensure it meets the needs of the economy – we encourage providers to check availability regularly.

181. Please note this policy is subject to potential further amendments and clarifications.

182. We will fully fund individuals as part of this offer where they:

182.1 are aged 19 or above on 31 August within the 2020 to 2021 funding year

182.2 have not achieved a full level 3 qualification which meet the requirements set out in paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.** to **Error! Reference source not found.**

182.3 enrol on the level 3 adult offer qualifications approved for funding

183. Refer to paragraphs **Error! Reference source not found.**-**Error! Reference source not found.** for further information on payments and performance management arrangements. Further information is included in the GLA AEB Funding Rates and Formula and Technical Guidance Note.

184. Separately, through its London Recovery Flexibilities (see paragraphs 226-228), the GLA will fully fund learners to undertake Level 3 qualifications in addition to the legal entitlement where they are unemployed or in receipt of a low wage, and enrolled on a vocational qualification of no more than 12 months planned duration. For example, if a learner has already achieved a first full Level 3 qualification, they could enrol in a second full Level 3 qualification provided the criteria at paragraphs 226-228 are met. Ringfenced allocations used to deliver NSF cannot be used to deliver provision eligible through the GLA Level 3 Flexibility. Instead, the GLA Level 3 Flexibility must be claimed through providers' main AEB allocations

Individuals aged 19-23 and Individuals aged 24 or older

Sub-sections have been amended to highlight that we will fully fund a full level 3 qualification through the Level 3 Adult Offer.

New Paragraph Error! Reference source not found. – Non-formula funding flexibility

The flexibility does not apply to ringfenced allocations used to deliver the National Skills Fund Level 3 Adult Offer.

Paragraphs Error! Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found. – Text amended for consistency

References to AEB London Recovery have been replaced with COVID-19 Skills Recovery in line with paragraph 164, the AEB Funding Rates and Technical Guidance Note.

Paragraphs Error! Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found. – Addition of text regarding National Skills Fund Level 3 Adult Offer

316. From April 2021, eligible Level 3 qualifications that are included on both the Level 3 Adult Offer and the 19-23 Level 3 legal entitlement lists, and their corresponding uplifts, will be funded through your AEB adult skills allocation. The delivery of eligible level 3 qualifications that are included in the Level 3 Adult Offer list but are not included on the 19-23 Level 3 legal entitlement list, and their corresponding uplifts, will be funded through your ringfenced NSF allocation.
317. For learners aged 24 and above, their first full Level 3 qualification cannot be funded within your AEB adult skills allocation. Your 2020/21 NSF allocation can be used to fund qualifications on the National Skills Fund Level 3 adult offer for delivery to learners aged 24 and above.
318. Funding for learner support and learning support is included in your NSF allocation. We will make payments on the standard national profile as set out in Table x of Annex x: Standard national profiles.
319. Your NSF allocation is for part of the funding year from 1 April 2021 to 31 July 2021.
320. You must use LDM code 378 to record delivery for National Skills Fund level 3 offer when you submit ILR data. Please refer to the [ILR specification](#) for more information about using LDM codes.
321. You must provide 2 funding claims setting out your actual delivery to date and, where appropriate, provide a forecast for the remainder of the funding year. The funding claims you must provide are set out below but please refer to the funding claims guidance for details of the:
- 321.1 Year-end forecast funding claim
- 321.2 Final funding claim
322. At the end of the 2020 to 2021 funding year we will apply a 3% reconciliation tolerance. Where your delivery of the NSF allocation is at least 97% of your allocation, we will not make a year-end adjustment to your allocation and you will not have to pay back any unspent funds.
323. If you do not deliver 97% or above, we will confirm the value of funding you must pay back in your reconciliation statement.
324. At the end of the 2020 to 2021 funding year (R14) we will fund delivery up to 150% of your April 2021 to July 2021 grant value. We expect you to utilise the tolerance for National Skills Fund Level 3 offer for 24-year-old

learners and above. This is not guaranteed and is subject to affordability. Any delivery you undertake above this level is at your own risk and will not be paid.

325. You cannot request a virement between your AEB grant allocation and your NSF allocation.

326. If additional funding is allocated to you and you do not want to offer this funding or have the capacity to deliver, you can decline the additional funding or reduce the amount. We will assume you can deliver the additional funding and issue a grant agreement variation unless you let your Provider Manager know otherwise.

Changes to 2021/22 DRAFT AEB Grant Funding Rules

New paragraph Error! Reference source not found. – London Learner Survey

You are required to support the implementation of the London Learner Survey, which is used to measure the impact of provision funded through AEB. This includes, but is not limited to, (1) supporting the GLA's research partner to administer the baseline survey and (2) ensuring that learners completing AEB provision are identified in submissions of ILR data within 3 months of their leaving date.

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Level 3 adult offer and legal entitlements

149. Eligible 19 to 23 year-old learners can access all qualifications from the Level 3 adult offer. If a learner aged 19 to 23 enrolls on a qualification that is;

149.1 Included on both the legal entitlement list and the level 3 adult offer list they will have exercised their legal entitlement. For more information on the eligibility criteria refer to paragraphs 165 to 171

Paragraph 158 – Changes to Contribution Table

The contributions table has been updated in light of the new National Skills Fund Level 3 Adult Offer.

Paragraphs Error! Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found. – Addition of new text on National Skills Fund

National Skills Fund – Level 3 Adult Offer

165. As part of the Lifetime Skills Guarantee, a targeted level 3 adult offer has been developed to support adults without an existing full level 3 qualification. The offer includes:
- Level 3 qualifications which will support the development of new skills for adult learners, and improve the prospects of eligible adults in the labour market. In particular, adults aged 24+ will now be able to access fully-funded Level 3 provision from the list of [qualifications available through this offer](#)
 - Support funding in line with paragraphs **Error! Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found.**
166. An uplift is payable at two different rates and follows the earnings methodology set out in the Adult Education Budget: funding rates and formula 2020 to 2021. This uplift should be used to support delivery of the level 3 adult offer.
167. Only level 3 qualifications on the [Qualifications in the National Skills Fund](#) – level 3 adult offer will attract an uplift. There may be additions to the list, to ensure it meets the needs of the economy – we encourage providers to check availability regularly.
168. Please note this policy is subject to potential further amendments and clarifications.
169. We will fully fund individuals as part of this offer where they:
- 169.1 are aged 19 or above on 31 August within the 2020 to 2021 funding year
- 169.2 have not achieved a full level 3 qualification which meet the requirements set out in paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.** to **Error! Reference source not found..**
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170. Refer to paragraphs **Error! Reference source not found.-Error! Reference source not found.** for further information on payments and performance management arrangements. Further information is included in the GLA AEB Funding Rates and Formula and Technical Guidance Note.
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New Paragraph Error! Reference source not found. – Non-formula funding flexibility

The flexibility does not apply to ringfenced allocations used to deliver the National Skills Fund Level 3 Adult Offer.

Individuals aged 19-23 and Individuals aged 24 or older

Sub-sections have been amended to highlight that we will fully fund a full level 3 qualification through the Level 3 Adult Offer.

Removal of paragraphs – Policies applicable to 2020/21

Paragraphs relating to the COVID-19 Skills Recovery Package, Skills for Londoners Innovation Fund and COVID-19 Response Fund have been removed.

Removal of text (originally paragraph 198)

We will provide additional funding uplift for fully funded English and maths learning aims at levels 1 and 2 under the legal entitlement. More information on this is available at the [GLA Adult Education Budget 2019-23 Funding Rates and Formula for All Providers](#).

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London factor

209. To support a renewed focus on lifelong learning and progression from lower levels up to level 3 and beyond, a 'London factor' 10% funding uplift will be applied to the weighted base rate of all AEB-fundable qualifications up to and including level 2. This additional investment at lower levels of learning will support providers to offer more holistic and targeted support for learners. This support could include greater pastoral care, additional tailored support, employment coaching, and other delivery that 'wraps' around learning and addresses the challenges many learners with lower level skills face in progressing in education and training.
210. As a condition of this additional investment, providers will be required to submit a three-year delivery plan demonstrating how their proposed provision will meet the objectives of the London Recovery Missions. Further guidance will be issued in Spring 2021.
211. More information on how the funding uplift will be applied is available at the [GLA Adult Education Budget 2019-23 Funding Rates and Formula for All Providers](#).

Paragraph 278 – Performance threshold returned to 97% from 90% in 2020/21

278. At the end of the 2021 to 2022 funding year we will apply a 3% reconciliation tolerance for under-delivery. Where your delivery of the overall AEB is at least **97%** of your AEB block grant funding allocation, we will not make a year-end adjustment to your AEB block grant funding allocation and you will not have to pay back any unspent funds.

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Addition of text regarding National Skills Fund Level 3 Adult Offer**

295. Eligible Level 3 qualifications that are included on both the Level 3 Adult Offer and the 19-23 Level 3 legal entitlement lists, and their corresponding uplifts, will be funded through your AEB adult skills allocation. The delivery of eligible level 3 qualifications that are included in the Level 3 Adult Offer list but are not included on the 19-23 Level 3 legal entitlement list, and their corresponding uplifts, will be funded through your ringfenced NSF allocation.
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297. Funding for learner support and learning support is included in your NSF allocation. We will make payments on the standard national profile as set out in Table x of Annex x: Standard national profiles.
298. Your NSF allocation is for part of the funding year from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022.
299. You must use LDM code 378 to record delivery for National Skills Fund level 3 offer when you submit ILR data. Please refer to the [ILR specification](#) for more information about using LDM codes.
300. You must provide 3 funding claims setting out your actual delivery to date and, where appropriate, provide a forecast for the remainder of the funding year. The funding claims you must provide are set out below but please refer to the funding claims guidance for details of the:
- 300.1 Mid-year forecast funding claim
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301. At the end of the 2020 to 2021 funding year we will apply a 3% reconciliation tolerance. Where your delivery of the NSF allocation is at least 97% of your allocation, we will not make a year-end adjustment to your allocation and you will not have to pay back any unspent funds.
302. If you do not deliver 97% or above, we will confirm the value of funding you must pay back in your reconciliation statement.
303. Any delivery you undertake above the value of your 2021/22 NSF allocation is at your own risk.

304. You cannot request a virement between your AEB grant allocation and your NSF allocation.
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Section 4 – Addition of new Section

A new section has been added to cover provision delivered through non-standard contract types. This includes but is not limited to, provision delivered through the AEB Good Work for All Fund.

Annex 4 – Addition of new funding profiles table

Standard National Profile for contracts for services has been included as it will be used by providers that hold a non-standard contract type with the GLA.

Summary of Changes to AEB Procured Funding Rules for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 Academic Years

Changes to 2020/21 AEB Procured Funding Rules

Paragraph 44 – Amendments to text	
Original text - Paragraph 44 (Version 3)	Revised text - Paragraph 44 (Version 4)
<p>44.3 are a citizen of a country within the European Economic Area (EEA) or other countries determined within the EEA, including those with bilateral agreements such as Switzerland, or have settled status or have the Right of Abode in the UK; and</p> <p>44.4 have been ordinarily resident in the EEA or other countries determined within the EEA, including those with bilateral agreements such as Switzerland, for at least the previous three years on the first day of learning.</p>	<p>44.3 are a citizen of a country within the European Economic Area (EEA) and hold settled status granted under the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) or hold pre-settled status granted under the EUSS before 31 December 2020. EEA nationals legally resident in the UK before 31 December 2020 will be eligible for funding until 30 June 2021 to apply for the EUSS and have their status confirmed; or</p> <p>44.4 are an EEA national arriving from 1 January 2021 with leave to remain with permission to work granted under the new Points Based Immigration system; or</p> <p>44.5 are a non-EEA national with leave to enter or leave to remain with a permission to work (including status under the EUSS where they are an eligible family member of an EEA national); or</p> <p>44.6 a UK citizen.</p> <p>44.7 For Swiss nationals please go to https://www.gov.uk/eu-eea.</p>

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Paragraph Error! Reference source not found. – Removal and Revision of Text

Original Text - Paragraphs 284 and 285 (Version 3):

We may review these arrangements and make changes in future years depending on any agreement with the ESFA on a future payments system service offer. Future changes may allow for over-performance in periods 1 to 8 of the funding year to be met from your periods 9 to 12 funding year contract value, or for underspends in periods 1 to 8 of the funding year to be carried over and added to your periods 9 to 12 funding year contract value. We will inform providers as soon as possible should any flexibilities be agreed and in the meantime we will continue to apply the current payment approach as set out in these rules.

In 2020/21, the value of your actual delivery will be calculated using the latest validated data and claims provided by you. We will reconcile this funding at the end of the funding year based on your annual final funding claim and evidence you have provided. We will make any necessary adjustments following this, including recovering any overpayments.

Revised Text - Paragraph Error! Reference source not found. (Version 4)

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Amended paragraph 356 – Leaving learning

We will take the ESF leave date recorded by providers in the supplementary data form as the ESF leaving date. **The Leave Date should be the AEB Actual End Date unless ESF eligible engagement or support activities continue to be delivered to the learner in the period between completion of their programme of learning and any later progression to a start in employment or further education and training.** Where the supplementary data does not show an ESF leave date and does show that a learner has left ESF the

programme, we will take the last learning actual end date from that learner's AEB Procured learning aims, as recorded in the ILR, as the ESF leaving date.

Amended paragraph 370 – Deliverables evidence

When reporting a learner destination (e.g. a job outcome or progression to further training), the progressions **must be in evidence on the learner's ESF leaving date (see paragraph 356), or within the subsequent four weeks. If the person achieves an outcome such as a job outcome after joining your programme but subsequently loses it by the time of their ESF leaving date, then the outcome cannot be recorded / claimed as a result for MI reporting purposes.**

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Paragraph removed

Eligible 19-year-old learners exercising their legal entitlement, can also access qualifications from the qualifications in the one year skills offer for 19 year olds, for more information on eligibility criteria refer to paragraphs 174 to 177.

Originally paragraph 144

Paragraph Error! Reference source not found. – Changes to Contribution Table

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Sub-section on COVID-19 Skills Recovery Package removed

Paragraphs relating to COVID-19 Skills Recovery Package have been removed as the policy only applied in 2020/21,

Paragraphs 213 to 214 – Additional text on London Factor

London Factor

213. To support a renewed focus on lifelong learning and progression from lower levels up to level 3 and beyond, a 'London factor' 10% funding uplift will be applied to the weighted base rate of all AEB-fundable qualifications up to and including level 2. This additional investment at lower levels of learning will support providers to offer more holistic and targeted support for learners. This support could include greater pastoral care, additional tailored support, employment coaching, and other delivery that 'wraps' around learning and addresses the challenges many learners with lower level skills face in progressing in education and training.

214. More information on how the funding uplift will be applied is available at the [GLA Adult Education Budget 2019-23 Funding Rates and Formula for All Providers](#).

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Paragraph 279 – Removal and Revision of Text

Original Text - Paragraphs 284 and 285 (Version 3):

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In 2020/21, the value of your actual delivery will be calculated using the latest validated data and claims provided by you. We will reconcile this funding at the end of the funding year based on your annual final funding claim and evidence you have provided. We will make any necessary adjustments following this, including recovering any overpayments.

Revised Text - Paragraph 279 (Version 4)

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Amended paragraph 346 – Leaving learning

We will take the ESF leave date recorded by providers in the supplementary data form as the ESF leaving date. **The Leave Date should be the AEB Actual End Date unless ESF eligible engagement or support activities continue to be delivered to the learner in the period between completion of their programme of learning and any later progression to a start in employment or further education and training.** Where the supplementary data does not show an ESF leave date and does show that a learner has left ESF the programme, we will take the last learning actual end date from that learner's AEB Procured learning aims, as recorded in the ILR, as the ESF leaving date.

New paragraph 352 – London Learner Survey

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When reporting a learner destination (e.g. a job outcome or progression to further training), the progressions **must be in evidence on the learner's ESF leaving date (see paragraph 356), or within the subsequent four weeks. If the person achieves an outcome such as a job outcome after joining your programme but subsequently loses it by the time of their ESF leaving date, then the outcome cannot be recorded / claimed as a result for MI reporting purposes.**

Summary of Changes to AEB Funding Rates and Formula for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 Academic Years

Changes to 2020/21 AEB Funding Rates

Paragraph 2 - Amendment to text	
July 2020	March 2021
<p>2. In 2020 to 2021, the GLA's AEB programme will only pay an amount different to the ESFA's national programme under the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we will fully fund some British Sign Language learning aims, which the ESFA may in some circumstances co-fund; • we will fully fund some in work learners that the ESFA would co-fund; • we will increase funding for English and maths legal entitlement qualifications at Levels 1 and 2; • we will fully fund teaching and learning support staff to deliver improved specialist provision for learners with SEND within the adult/further education sector, and • we will fully fund some Level 3 qualifications in addition to the statutory entitlement through the London Recovery Flexibility. 	<p>2. In 2020 to 2021, the GLA's AEB programme will only pay an amount different to the ESFA's national programme under the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we will fully fund some British Sign Language learning aims, which the ESFA may in some circumstances co-fund; • we will fully fund some in-work learners that the ESFA would co-fund; • we will increase funding for English and maths legal entitlement qualifications at Levels 1 and 2; • we will fully fund teaching and learning support staff to deliver improved specialist provision for learners with SEND within the adult/further education sector, and • we will fully fund some Level 3 qualifications through the London Recovery Flexibility in addition to the statutory entitlement and the National Skills Fund Level 3 Adult Offer.

Paragraph 28-29 - New Paragraph 'Fully Funded GLA Initiatives' (March 2021)- in place of previous paragraph called 'Other Funding Adjustments' in July 2020 version

28. Where the GLA fully funds learning delivery that would otherwise be co-funded or unfunded by the ESFA, you must record DAM code 023 in the ILR, with the Full or Co-funding indicator field coded 1.
29. As noted in the Introduction and Purpose of the Document in paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.**, in 2020/21 the GLA will in only four circumstances fully fund learning aims differently than the ESFA's national programme.

Paragraphs 44-48 - amendment to text (March 2021)

July 2020	March 2021
<p>46. 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 and maths for apprentices through the AEB. The full list of fundable English and maths qualifications is available in English and maths legal entitlement list, or on The Hub.</p> <p>47. For all providers, we will provide an additional funding uplift for fully funded Level 1 and Level 2 English and maths learning aims under the legal entitlement. The value of this uplift will be £77 for each funded enrolment. This is a flat rate increase for all eligible enrolments that will be flagged in the ILR.</p> <p>48. We will fully fund some Level 3 qualifications in addition to the statutory entitlement through the London Recovery Flexibility for the 2020/21 academic year only. Further information on eligible qualifications and learner eligibility is provided in the Rules and Technical Guidance Note. Enrolments must be flagged in the ILR.</p> <p>49. All Delivery Area Monitoring (DAM) codes and mechanisms for implementing the GLA flexibilities and policy changes for 2020/21 will be published in a separate technical guidance note.</p>	<p>44. 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 and maths for apprentices through the AEB. The full list of fundable English and maths qualifications is available via the ESFA List of Qualifications approved for funding on GOV.UK, or on the <i>Find a learning aim service</i>.</p> <p>45. For all providers, we will provide an additional funding uplift for fully funded Level 1 and Level 2 English and maths learning aims under the legal entitlement. The value of this uplift will be £77 for each funded enrolment. This is a flat rate increase for all eligible enrolments that will be flagged in the ILR, with the funding uplift claimed via the earnings adjustment statement.</p> <p>46. We will fully fund some Level 3 qualifications in addition to the statutory entitlement for 19-23 year olds through the London Recovery Flexibilities. Further information on eligible qualifications and learner eligibility is provided in the Funding Rules and the Technical Guidance Note. Delivery through the London Recovery Level 3 flexibility must be coded DAM 035 in the ILR.</p>

50. GLA grant providers may use up to 10% of their AEB formula funded allocation for non-formula funded provision. Further information is provided in the Technical Guidance Note.	<p>47. As an additional London Recovery Flexibility, GLA grant-funded providers may use up to 10% of their AEB formula funded allocation to deliver non-formula funded provision. Further information is provided in the Technical Guidance Note.</p> <p>48. All Delivery Area Monitoring (DAM) codes and mechanisms for implementing the GLA flexibilities and policy changes for 2020/21 will be published in the separate Technical Guidance Note.</p>
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Paragraph 52-55 under 'COVID-19 Skills Recovery Package- Amendment to Text (March 2021)

July 2020	March 2021
54. In September, the Mayor approved a series of measures to support Londoners as part of the Covid-19 Skills Recovery Package. This includes delivery of high value courses to 19-year olds, sector-based work academy programmes and London Recovery Programmes which are discussed in further detail in the GLA AEB Grant Funding and Performance Management and GLA AEB Funding and Performance Management Rules for Procured Providers.	52. In September, the Mayor approved a series of measures to support Londoners as part of the COVID-19 Skills Recovery Package. This includes three strands of delivery, comprising high value courses to 19-year olds, sector-based work academy programmes and London Recovery Programmes which are discussed in further detail in the GLA AEB Grant Funding and Performance Management and GLA AEB Funding and Performance Management Rules for Procured Providers
55. For starts from 1 September 2020 to 31 July 2021, we will increase the rate by £400 for eligible learning aims under the one-year offer to deliver high value courses to learners aged 19 as defined in the respective Rules documents.	53. For learning aim starts from 1 September 2020 to 31 July 2021 which you record as eligible for the <i>High value courses one-year offer for 19-year-olds</i>, we will increase the weighted and unweighted rates by £400. We will increase the £400 value by the area cost uplift and/or disadvantage uplift if applicable to that learning aim. You can find the <i>eligible learning aims</i> on GOV.uk or on the <i>Find a learning aim</i> service with the Learning aim category code 43 or 44 (COVID-19 skills offer).
56. Any job outcomes achieved for learning under this offer will be funded to the full amount of the achievement element, rather than half the achievement element.	54. Any job outcomes achieved for learning under this offer will be funded to the full

	amount of the achievement element, rather than half the achievement element.
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Paragraph 55- amendment to table under ‘COVID-19 Skills Recovery Package’

55. You should use the following ILR Monitoring codes to record delivery under the COVID-19 Skills Recovery Package:

COVID-19 Skills Recovery Package - AEB London Recovery strands	ILR Delivery Monitoring code type	ILR Delivery Monitoring code
High Value Courses – one year offer for 19-year olds	LDM	376
Sector Based Work Academies – pre-employment training	LDM	375
London Recovery programmes	DAM	040

New paragraphs 56-61 – National Skills Fund Level 3 Adult Offer

56. For starts from 1 April 2021, we are offering additional funding for adults on their first level 3 course as defined in the GLA AEB Grant Funding Rules and AEB Procured Funding Rules

57. Within the AEB this applies to learners who were aged 19 or older on 31 August 2020.

58. We will fund this learning like we fund other AEB delivery, with the following exceptions:

Learners eligible for this offer can be fully funded; the ESFA have changed the validation rules to allow for this, for learners who are not already eligible for full-funding

We will increase the rate by £600 for eligible aims in category code 45 National Skills Fund Level 3 Adult Offer rate 1

We will increase the rate by £150 for eligible aims in category code 46 National Skills Fund Level 3 Adult Offer rate 2

59. Learners aged 19 to 23 taking their first level 3 course utilising the level 3 adult offer will be funded through your procured or non-procured GLA adult education budget funding lines.
60. Learners aged 24+ taking their first level 3 course utilising the Level 3 adult offer will be funded through your procured or non-procured COVID-19 Skills Offer funding lines.
61. You should use the Learning Delivery Monitoring (LDM) code 378 (Level 3 Adult Offer) in the ILR to indicate your learning aims that are eligible within this offer.

New paragraph 89 – Non-standard contract types

You must use METHOD TBC to identify all learning aims delivered under non-standard contract types. This METHOD will distinguish AEB delivery under non-standard contract types from procured or grant-funded AEB delivery, to identify the agreement under which payments will be made.

Changes to 2021/22 DRAFT AEB Procured Funding Rules

Paragraph 2- Amendment to text	
2020/21 version	2021/22 version
<p>2. In 2020 to 2021, the GLA's AEB programme will only pay an amount different to the ESFA's national programme under the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we will fully fund some British Sign Language learning aims, which the ESFA may in some circumstances co-fund; • we will fully fund some in work learners that the ESFA would co-fund; • we will increase funding for English and maths legal entitlement qualifications at Levels 1 and 2; and • we will fully fund teaching and learning support staff to deliver improved specialist provision for learners with SEND within the adult/further education sector. 	<p>2. In 2021 to 2022, the GLA's AEB programme will only pay an amount different to the ESFA's national programme under the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we will fully fund some British Sign Language learning aims, which the ESFA may in some circumstances co-fund; • we will fully fund some in-work learners that the ESFA would co-fund; • we will increase the weighted base rate of all AEB-fundable qualifications up to and including Level 2;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> we will fully fund some Level 3 qualifications in addition to the statutory entitlement through the London Recovery Flexibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> we will fully fund teaching and learning support staff to deliver improved specialist provision for learners with SEND within the adult/further education sector. we will fully fund some Level 3 qualifications through the London Recovery Flexibility in addition to the statutory entitlement and the National Skills Fund Level 3 Adult Offer.
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Paragraph 28-29- Amendment to text under ‘GLA Funding Initiatives’- replacing ‘Other Funding Adjustments from the 2020/21 version

28. Where the GLA fully funds learning delivery that would otherwise be co-funded or unfunded by the ESFA, you must record DAM code 023 in the ILR, with the Full or Co-funding indicator field coded 1.
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Paragraph 44-49- Amendment to text

July 2020	March 2021
<p>46. 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 and maths for apprentices through the AEB. The full list of fundable English and maths qualifications is available in English and maths legal entitlement list, or on The Hub.</p> <p>47. For all providers, we will provide an additional funding uplift for fully funded Level 1 and Level 2 English and maths learning aims under the legal entitlement. The value of this uplift will be £77 for each funded enrolment. This is a flat rate increase for all eligible enrolments that will be flagged in the ILR.</p> <p>48. We will fully fund some Level 3 qualifications in addition to the statutory entitlement through the</p>	<p>44. 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 and maths for apprentices through the AEB. The full list of fundable English and maths qualifications is available via the ESFA List of Qualifications approved for funding on GOV.UK, or on the <i>Find a learning aim</i> service.</p> <p>45. From 2020/21, we will provide a 10% funding uplift (“London Factor”) to the weighted base rate of all AEB formula-funded qualifications up to and including Level 2. The funding uplift will be paid as an increase to the AEB grant funding baseline allocations for this funding year. Providers will be</p>

<p>London Recovery Flexibility for the 2020/21 academic year only. Further information on eligible qualifications and learner eligibility is provided in the Rules and Technical Guidance Note. Enrolments must be flagged in the ILR.</p> <p>49. All Delivery Area Monitoring (DAM) codes and mechanisms for implementing the GLA flexibilities and policy changes for 2020/21 will be published in a separate technical guidance note.</p> <p>50. GLA grant providers may use up to 10% of their AEB formula funded allocation for non-formula funded provision. Further information is provided in the Technical Guidance Note.</p>	<p>required to submit an aggregated claim for the additional earnings for all learners in scope for the uplift through the EAS. The amount claimed must be calculated by multiplying earnings generated by the national AEB funding formula in the <i>Occupancy Report</i> for eligible learning aims by 10%, to establish the amount of excess funding earned through the uplift.</p> <p>46. AEB procured providers will be able to claim the funding uplift as part of their actual earnings, and, where appropriate, will be able to seek a contract increase in line with the AEB Procured Funding Rules.</p> <p>47. We will continue to fully fund some Level 3 qualifications through the London Recovery Flexibilities in addition to the statutory entitlement for 19-23 year olds, and the <i>National Skills Fund Level 3 adult offer for learners aged 24 and over</i> . Further information on eligible qualifications and learner eligibility is provided in the Funding Rules and the Technical Guidance Note. Delivery through the London Recovery Level 3 flexibility must be coded DAM 035 in the ILR.</p> <p>48. As an additional London Recovery Flexibility, GLA grant-funded providers may use up to 10% of their AEB formula funded allocation to deliver non-formula funded provision. Further information is provided in the Technical Guidance Note.</p> <p>49. All Delivery Area Monitoring (DAM) codes and mechanisms for implementing the GLA flexibilities and policy changes for 2021/22 will be published in the separate Technical Guidance note.</p>
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New paragraphs 53-58 – National Skills Fund Level 3 Adult Offer

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58. You should use the Learning Delivery Monitoring (LDM) code 378 (Level 3 Adult Offer) in the ILR to indicate your learning aims that are eligible within this offer.

Removal of paragraphs relating to 2020/21 policies

Paragraphs relating to COVID-19 Skills Recovery Package, Skills for Londoners Innovation Fund and COVID-19 Response Fund have been removed.

New paragraph 87 – Non-standard contract types

You must use METHOD TBC to identify all learning aims delivered under non-standard contract types. This METHOD will distinguish AEB delivery under non-standard contract

types from procured or grant-funded AEB delivery, to identify the agreement under which payments will be made.