# **MAYOR OF LONDON**

# Adult Education Budget Technical Guidance Note

2021/22 Academic Year

Version 2



### COPYRIGHT

#### Greater London Authority May 2022

Published by Greater London Authority City Hall Kamal Chunchie Way London E16 1ZE **www.london.gov.uk** enquiries 020 7983 4000 minicom 020 7983 4458 Copies of this report are available from www.london.gov.uk

Issue date	May 2022
Review date	July 2022
Senior owner	Michelle Cuomo Boorer, Assistant Director, Skills and Employment
Document owner	Caroline Jackson, Skills Funding Systems Manager, Skills and Employment

# CONTENTS

About this document	2
Guidance for all GLA funded providers	3
Core coding of all GLA funded learning delivery	3
Recording full funding of GLA initiatives	3
Low Waged learners	3
British Sign Language qualifications	4
Upskilling of staff delivering specialist provision to SEND learners	5
London Level 3 flexibility	6
Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs (NSF)	7
London Factor – 10% funding uplift	8
London recovery programmes	9
Sector-based work academy programmes (SWAP)	9
High value courses for 19-year-olds	10
LDM 368 COVID-19 Temporary or Permanent Withdrawals	10
GLA reporting of delivery earnings	10
Additional guidance for Academy Hub providers	11
Additional guidance for Grant-funded providers	13
London recovery flexibilities – non-formula funding	13
Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs (previously National Skills Fund)	14
Skills for Londoners Innovation Fund	14
Skills for Londoners COVID-19 Response Fund Strand 1	14
Additional guidance for Grant-funded providers paid on actuals	15
Earnings Adjustment Statement coding	15
Additional guidance for Procured providers	16
DAM code for Procured provision	16
Flexible Allocation	16
Supplementary Data Collection advisory note	16
Interpretation of data for ESF results	17

## About this document

This document provides technical guidance to GLA Adult Education Budget (AEB) providers on monitoring codes in the ILR that can be applied to GLA funded learning delivery, and how they should be used, for those who prepare data returns, implement data specifications and design systems.

This technical guidance should be read in conjunction with other published guidance documents, including:

- ILR Specification, validation rules and appendices 2021 to 2022; and
- Provider Support Manual for 2021 to 2022; and
- GLA guidance documents published on the Information for AEB Providers portal:
  - GLA AEB Funding Rates and Formula 2021/22
  - GLA AEB Funding and Performance Management Rules for Grant-funded Providers 2021/22
  - GLA AEB 2019-23 Funding and Performance Management Rules for Procured Providers 2021/22

This guidance note relates to the 2021/22 academic year and applies to GLA funded AEB and National Skills Fund (NSF) delivery.

The Learning Start Date Postcode for GLA funded delivery must record the postcode of the learner at the start of the learning aim. To be eligible for GLA AEB or NSF funding this must be listed in the national Devolved AEB postcode dataset published on .GOV as a London postcode which is valid for the learning delivery period.

This guidance outlines how Devolved Area Monitoring (DAM) codes should be used for GLA funded delivery in the 2021/22 academic year. Up to six DAM code fields will be available to be used for each learning aim, to enable monitoring of delivery of specific GLA priorities, initiatives or funding flexibilities in a similar way to the Learning Delivery Monitoring (LDM) codes used for ESFA funded learning. Any circumstances where national Learning Delivery Monitoring codes must be used are also described.

Additional guidance has been included for AEB Procured providers, describing how ILR data coding is interpreted in relation to the ESF target delivery element of their contract.

# Guidance for all GLA funded providers

#### Core coding of all GLA funded learning delivery

All providers must code all GLA funded learning delivery as follows:

ILR field	ILR code	Notes
FundModel	35 or 10	Adult Skills; or Community Learning or non- formula funded
SOF	116	Source of Funding is GLA
LSDPostcode	Learner postcode	London postcode listed as eligible for GLA funding

#### **Recording full funding of GLA initiatives**

DAM code 023 enables providers to selectively bypass specific ILR validation rules, to enable them to be funded for learning delivery that would otherwise be co-funded or unfunded.

Using DAM code 023 and FFI code 1, in combination with other DAM coding to monitor specific initiatives, will generate full funding for the applicable GLA initiatives listed in this guidance.

If DAM code 023 is used outside of this guidance the GLA will not pay for any associated learning activity, and a data validation error report will be generated.

#### Low Waged learners

All providers who fully fund employed learners earning a low wage need to code learning delivery with

DAM code 010 Devolved AEB Low Wage Pilot

This DAM code can be used for learners with evidenced low wage, who are:

- Employed or self-employed; and
- Eligible for co-funding; and
- Earning less than the London Living Wage on their learning start date; and
- Enrolled to learning up to and including level 2.

The ILR must be coded as follows:

ILR field	ILR code	Notes
EmpStat	10	Employment Status at the start of the learning aim
FFI	1	Fully Funded learning aim
DAM	023	Prevents ILR validation error
DAM	010	Low Waged learner earning less than London Living Wage

The London Living Wage threshold is updated annually in November. For starts between August 2021 and the end of October 2021, the 2020/21 threshold of £10.85 will continue to apply. For starts from November 2021 onwards, the threshold is £11.05.

#### British Sign Language qualifications

All providers who fully fund learners using the British Sign Language entitlement need to code learning delivery with

DAM code 009 Devolved AEB British Sign Language Entitlement

This DAM code can be used for learners with evidenced:

- First or preferred language of British Sign Language (BSL), or
- Who cannot access spoken language because of their deafness and would benefit from BSL.

This entitlement applies to study of BSL qualifications up to and including level 2:

- Entry level award in BSL (accredited by iBSL or ABC);
- Level 1 certificate in BSL (accredited by Signature, iBSL or ABC); and
- Level 2 certificate in BSL (accredited by Signature, iBSL or ABC).

The ILR must be coded as follows:

ILR field	ILR code	Notes
FFI	1	Fully Funded learning aim
DAM	023	Prevents ILR validation error
DAM	009	Devolved AEB British Sign Language Entitlement

#### Upskilling of staff delivering specialist provision to SEND learners

The SEND funding flexibility enables providers to apply to the GLA for permission to fully fund delivery of learning that upskills teaching and learning support staff to deliver improved specialist provision for adult learners with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

All providers who fully fund learners using the SEND funding flexibility need to code learning delivery with

DAM code 038 Upskilling of staff delivering to SEND learners

ILR field	ILR code	Notes
FFI	1	Fully Funded learning aim
DAM	023	Prevents ILR validation error
DAM	038	Upskilling of staff delivering to SEND learners

Formula-funded delivery must be coded in the ILR as follows:

Non-formula funded delivery must be coded in the ILR as follows:

ILR field	ILR code	Notes
Funding Model	10	Non-formula funded delivery
DAM	038	Upskilling of staff delivering to SEND learners
LearnDelFAMType.ASL	1	Community Learning provision type: personal and community development learning

The SEND flexibility was made available in 2020/21 as a two-year pilot. Provider approved learning aims will remain eligible through the 2021/22 academic year.

Only learning aims approved by the GLA in advance of enrolment will be fundable within this flexibility. To add a learning aim to this list of eligible learning aims, providers must use the GLA AEB SEND Flexibility Application Form to submit a short business case to their GLA Provider Manager via the AEB Inbox AEB@london.gov.uk. A list of the learning aims for which each provider has been approved will be published on the GLA website.

#### London Level 3 flexibility

The London recovery flexibility for level 3 was introduced to support London recovery in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic. The flexibility enables providers to fully fund Adult Skills fundable level 3 vocational qualifications beyond the legal entitlements, on learning programmes which are designed to provide progression into work.

All providers who fully fund level 3 qualifications using the London recovery flexibility need to code learning delivery with

DAM code 035 Level 3 expansion initiative

This DAM code can be used for learners who are:

- Unemployed; or
- In receipt of a low wage; and
- Enrolled to level 3 qualification that meets the definition described in the GLA Funding Rules.

The ILR must be coded as follows:

ILR field	ILR code	Notes
FFI	1	Fully Funded learning aim
DAM	023	Prevents ILR validation error
DAM	035	Level 3 expansion initiative

Qualifications delivered through the level 3 flexibility must be listed on the *Find a learning aim* service as Adult Skills fundable in the 2021/22 academic year. Learning must start within the 2021/22 academic year, or be continuing from the 2020/21 academic year. The level 3 flexibility does not include Access to HE Diplomas.

Providers may apply for permission to deliver qualifications that fall outside the above arrangements, where exceptional circumstances may apply, for example, to meet local employment priorities. Permission will not be granted for qualifications which are confirmed as, or scheduled to be, withdrawn under the Review of post-16 qualifications at level 3 and below in England, or for qualifications which have reached or are approaching their Operational End Date as recorded on the Ofqual Register of Regulated Qualifications. Providers must submit a short business case, including learning aim(s) and planned delivery hours, to their GLA Provider Manager via the AEB Inbox AEB@london.gov.uk.

The GLA level 3 flexibility is available in conjunction with the legal entitlement to a fully funded first full level 3 qualification for 19-23 year olds, and the National Skills Fund level 3 adult offer.

#### Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs (NSF)

The Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs offer (previously National Skills Fund Level 3 Adult Offer) entitles any adult aged 24 and over to be fully funded for a first full level 3 eligible qualification.

Providers will be paid a funding uplift for each eligible learning aim in the national offer, which will vary in rate based on published Guided Learning Hours (GLH) for the qualification. Qualifications of 360 GLH or more will receive a funding uplift of £600, with an uplift of £150 for qualifications of 359 GLH or less. GLH of individual learning aims can be checked in the *Find a learning aim* service on GOV.UK.

The ILR must be coded as follows:

ILR field	ILR code	Notes
FFI	1	Fully Funded learning aim
LDM	378	Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs offer

Learners aged 19-23 continue to be eligible for full funding under the existing legal entitlement to a first full level 3 but will also be eligible to be funded for any additional qualifications made available through the Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs offer.

Qualifications in the offer that are delivered to 19-23 year old learners are funded out of AEB allocations. Only GLA funded providers with an AEB allocation may deliver qualifications in the offer to 19-23 year olds.

The GLA may apply to the Department for Education (DfE) for qualifications of importance to London to be added to the national list of eligible Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs qualifications, where the qualification meets the criteria for approval. Providers who identify qualifications of particular importance, for example, to meet local employment priorities, can submit a short business case to their GLA Provider Manager via the AEB Inbox AEB@Iondon.gov.uk.

Adding new qualifications to the national list of eligible qualifications is at the discretion of the DfE. Permission will not be granted for qualifications which are confirmed as, or scheduled to be, withdrawn under the Review of post-16 qualifications at level 3 and below in England, or for qualifications which have reached or are approaching their Operational End Date as recorded on the Ofqual Register of Regulated Qualifications.

#### London Factor – 10% funding uplift

For funded starts from the 1 August 2021, AEB Adult Skills formula-funded learning aims at level 2 or below are eligible for the London Factor funding uplift. All AEB formula-funded learning aims coded Funding Model 35 are in scope for the uplift, including non-regulated formula-funded aims.

The London Factor is an uplift of 10% to the weighted base rate of any eligible qualification, excluding any Learning Support, which can be claimed through the Earnings Adjustment Statement (EAS).

Learning delivery records eligible for the London Factor uplift are:

- Funded starts on or after 1 August 2021, on
- AEB formula-funded qualifications, i.e. coded Funding Model 35, at
- Level 2 or lower.

The London Factor claim amount must be calculated for eligible learning aims by multiplying earnings generated by the national AEB funding formula in the *Occupancy Report* data, excluding any Learning Support, by 10%, to establish the aggregate amount of uplift funding which can be claimed, e.g. (*Total earned cash - Total learning support earned cash*) x 0.1

London Factor uplift funding claimed through the EAS must be recorded with the appropriate *AdjustmentType* for your funding agreement or contract type:

GLA funding agreement type	EAS AdjustmentType
AEB Grant	MCA/GLA Defined Adjustment 1
AEB Grant paid on actuals (Good Work for All)	MCA/GLA Defined Adjustment 4
AEB Procured	MCA/GLA Defined Adjustment 1

The timing of making EAS claims towards the London Factor uplift category is for providers to decide. Providers must ensure that the total amount claimed by the final R14 EAS return matches the total claimable amount calculated from the final R14 *Occupancy Report*.

The London Factor funding uplift replaces the English and mathematics uplift which applied in 2020/21 and must not be claimed for qualifications continuing from the 2020/21 academic year.

The London Factor does not apply to learning delivery funded through Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs (NSF) allocations, as this is already subject to a nationally-applied funding uplift, or to non-formula funded AEB delivery coded Funding Model 10.

#### London recovery programmes

London recovery programmes must be focussed on supporting unemployed Londoners, or Londoners at risk of becoming unemployed, to undertake skills that will support them into employment.

All providers need to code London recovery programme learning delivery with

DAM code 040 Devolved Area Skills Projects

#### Sector-based work academy programmes (SWAP)

Sector-based work academy programmes (SWAP) are short employability focussed programmes coordinated by Jobcentre Plus (JCP), which have 3 main components:

- pre-employment training
- work experience placement
- a guaranteed job interview

AEB learning providers can expect to be informed of when to expect referrals and how many as part of a JCP coordinated local SWAP design process. JCP fund most SWAP components and other costs, such as travel or childcare.

Providers will only be AEB-funded for delivery of the pre-employment training element of a SWAP, for eligible learners who have been referred by JCP. SWAP can be of up to 6 weeks in duration, with the employment training element normally lasting 2-3 weeks.

All providers need to code learning delivered as part of a SWAP with

LDM code 375 Sector Based Work Academies pre-employment training

ILR field	ILR code	Notes
FFI	1	Fully Funded learning aim
LDM	375	Sector Based Work Academies pre-employment training

The ILR must be coded as follows:

BSI	1, 4 or 5	JCP claimant in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance (BSI 1), Universal Credit (BSI 4) or Employment and Support Allowance (BSI 5)	
		Planned duration of learning must not exceed 6 weeks, and is expected to have a minimum duration of 2 weeks	

The GLA expects the majority of delivery of London recovery and SWAP programmes to be of Adult Skills formula-funded learning aims. Providers may apply for permission to deliver qualifications or non-formula funded provision that fall outside the above arrangements, where exceptional circumstances may apply, for example, to meet local employment priorities. Providers must submit a short business case, including learning aim(s) and planned delivery hours, to their GLA Provider Manager via the AEB Inbox AEB@Iondon.gov.uk.

Recovery-related delivery can only be coded for one of these programme types, i.e. either LDM 375 or DAM 040.

#### High value courses for 19-year-olds

This one year offer for 2020/21 academic year closed to new starts from 1 August 2021, but learners continuing on High Value Courses (HVC) learning delivery which started in 2020/21 need to remain coded with

LDM code 376 High Value Courses one year offer for 19-year-olds

Learners must complete before 31 March 2022.

#### LDM 368 COVID-19 Temporary or Permanent Withdrawals

LDM code 368 is available for providers to identify learners who are currently unable to continue their learning as a direct result of COVID-19 and who take a Break in Learning or are Withdrawn. This code is not limited to ESFA-funded learning delivery and so can be used for GLA funded provision, although the GLA is not mandating its use.

#### **GLA reporting of delivery earnings**

Introduction in 2021/22 of the Good Work for All (GWfA) funding agreement requires the GLA to process monthly *Occupancy Report* data received from the ESFA after each Return, to ensure that GWfA records are allocated to the correct project in the GLA OPS system for payment purposes.

To enable providers to understand the how their data has been processed, GLA-specified versions of the *Funding Summary Report* and *Occupancy Report* have been created. Reports will be released to providers on a monthly basis, through the GLA Skills Gateway.

# Additional guidance for Academy Hub providers

Providers who are both approved members of a GLA Mayor's Academy Hub and hold a current AEB Adult Skills grant or contract with the GLA are eligible to claim Outcome Payments for job outcomes which meet the requirements described in the Mayor's Academies Programme (MAP) Evidence Handbook.

Providers need to report eligible outcomes in the next ILR return after the outcomes have been realised, by adding a learning delivery record to their ILR data for each learner who has achieved an eligible outcome, using one of the priority sector-specific Academy Hub Outcome learning aims developed for the GLA Mayor's Academies Programme:

Learning aim	Learning aim title			
Z0009553	Green Sector Academy Hub Outcome Payment			
Z0009554	Creative Sector Academy Hub Outcome Payment			
Z0009555	Digital Sector Academy Hub Outcome Payment			
Z0009556	Hospitality Sector Academy Hub Outcome Payment			
Z0009557	Health Sector Academy Hub Outcome Payment			

The ILR learning delivery record must be coded as follows:

ILR field	ILR code	Notes
Learning Aim	Z000955*	Sector-specific Academy Hub Outcome learning aim
Learning Start Date Postcode	Postcode	Must match the Learning Start Date Postcode of the last finishing AEB-funded learning aim linked to Academy Hub activity for the learner
Delivery Location Postcode	ZZ99 Z99	Generic postcode, to ensure area cost uplift is not generated
Learning Start Date	YYYY-MM-DD	Employment start date (must be within 6 months of completion of the last finishing learning aim)

Learning Planned End Date	YYYY-MM-DD	Employment start date (must be within 6 months of completion of the last finishing learning aim)
Learning Actual End Date	YYYY-MM-DD	Employment start date (must be within 6 months of completion of the last finishing learning aim)
Completion Status	2	Completed
Outcome	1	Achieved
FFI	1	Fully funded
Funding Model	35	Adult Skills

The Learning Start, Planned End and Actual End dates must match, and be the Employment Start Date of the eligible job outcome.

Depending on the funding agreement type for the learning that led to the job outcome, providers may also need to use a DAM code:

GLA funding agreement type for learning that led to job outcome	Learning delivery DAM code
AEB Grant	Not applicable
AEB Grant paid on actuals (Good Work for All)	022
AEB Procured	002

For each Academy Hub Outcome, providers must also complete a Destination and Progression Outcome (DPO) record, which must be coded as follows:

ILR field	ILR code	Notes
Outcome Type & Outcome Code	EDU-1 EDU-2 EDU-3 EMP-1 EMP-4 EMP-2* EMP-5*	Traineeship Apprenticeship Supported Internship In paid employment for 16 hours or more per week Self-employed for 16 hours or more per week In paid employment for less than 16 hours per week* Self-employed for less than 16 hours per week*

		*Hours and pay must meet good work requirements outlined in GLA AEB Mayor's Academies Programme (MAP) Hub Provider Guidance If needed, two records may be returned for one learner (for example, if a learner were in paid employment part-time and self-employed part-time).
Outcome Start Date	YYYY- MM-DD	Must be within 6 months of completion of the last finishing learning aim
Outcome End Date (if applicable)	YYYY- MM-DD	Employment must meet the minimum length required, as set out in GLA AEB Mayor's Academies Programme (MAP) Hub Provider Guidance.
Outcome Collection Date	YYYY- MM-DD	Must be on or after employment start date

Academy Hub Outcome learning delivery and destination and progression outcome records should be reported in the Academic Year in which the employment started. For example, records relating to employment that starts on 31 July 2022 should be reported in the 2021/22 ILR. Records relating to employment that starts on 1 August 2022 should be reported in the 2022/23 ILR.

If the eligible employment starts in the academic year after the last finishing AEB-funded learning aim linked to Academy Hub activity, the learner's ULN and Learner Reference Number used to report the Academy Hub Outcome must match those reported in AEB-funded learning delivery data in the previous year's ILR.

Earnings for Academy Hub Outcomes will be paid annually through the end of year reconciliation process, based on R14 Final ILR data.

# Additional guidance for Grant-funded providers

Providers with a GLA Grant funding agreement for delivery of AEB and/or Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs (NSF) are paid for their learning delivery on the AEB block grant standard national profile (see Annexe 4 Table 1 of the GLA AEB Funding and Performance Management Rules for Grant-funded Providers for details).

#### London recovery flexibilities – non-formula funding

This London recovery flexibility enables Grant funded providers to use up to 10% of their AEB formula funded allocation for delivery of non-formula funded provision which supports London recovery in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic. Learning programmes should be

designed to respond to local skills needs, such as short courses to enable Londoners to progress into work.

All providers who use the non-formula funded London recovery flexibility need to code learning delivery with

DAM code 028 Category of Adult Education: Employability

The ILR must be coded as follows:

ILR field	ILR code	Notes
Funding Model	10	Non-formula funded learning delivery
DAM	028	Category of Adult Education: Employability
LearnDelFAMType.ASL	1	Community Learning provision type: personal and community development learning

The GLA expects providers to be able to demonstrate good value for money when applying this flexibility. Funding Claims for costs of delivery must be attributable to eligible learners reported in ILR data, with claims expected to be broadly aligned with Single Activity Matrix banded funding rates for evidenced delivery hours.

#### Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs (previously National Skills Fund)

Grant funded providers who wish to deliver level 3 adult offer qualifications funded through the Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs (NSF), i.e. to learners aged 24 or older, must have a GLA NSF allocation. This allocation can be used to fund both learning delivery of NSF qualifications, and any associated Learning Support or Learner Support.

#### **Skills for Londoners Innovation Fund**

This two-year initiative closed to new starts from 1 August 2021, with all learning delivery expected to be completed by 31 July 2021. Any learners remaining in 2021/22 ILR data, for example to enable collection of achievement or destination outcomes, must remain coded

DAM code 003 Devolved AEB Innovation Fund

#### Skills for Londoners COVID-19 Response Fund Strand 1

This two-year fund closed to new starts from 1 August 2021, with all learning delivery expected to be completed by 31 July 2021. Any learners remaining in 2021/22 ILR data, for example to enable collection of achievement or destination outcomes, must remain coded

LDM code 369 COVID-19 new programme starts

# Additional guidance for Grant-funded providers paid on actuals

This additional guidance applies to providers who successfully bid for a *Good Work for All* grant funding agreement for delivery of AEB or Level 3 Free Courses for Jobs (NSF), or a combination of both, and to a small number of ITPs being grant-funded for delivery of NSF provision only.

These grant-funded providers are paid for the value of their actual earnings for learning delivery. Where the provider's allocation for either AEB or NSF includes Learner Support, funding for this element will be paid on profile (see Annexe 4 Table 2 of the GLA AEB Funding and Performance Management Rules for Grant-funded Providers for details).

Payments for this delivery is made through the *AEB Good Work for All* project on GLA-OPS (GWfA).

All providers paid through the *AEB Good Work for All* project on GLA-OPS must record learning delivered under their funding agreement using

DAM code 022 Non-standard contract management

If this code is not used, or if DAM code 002 is used, delivery records will come through in the GLA *Funding Summary* and *Occupancy* reports with an incorrect *Funding Line Type*. This will result in the learning delivery records generating a data validation error, and the GLA will not pay for any associated learning activity.

*Good Work for All* funding can only be used to deliver Adult Skills formula-funded AEB learning, coded as Funding Model 35. Non-formula funded AEB delivery is not eligible to be funded.

#### Earnings Adjustment Statement coding

For providers to match Earnings Adjustment Statement (EAS) claims to the appropriate GLA OPS project type, *MCA/GLA Defined Adjustment* fields must be used as follows:

EAS FundingLine field	Adjustment Type description	EAS AdjustmentType field
Adult Education -	Authorised Claims	MCA/GLA Defined Adjustment 2
Eligible for MCA/GLA	Excess Learning Support	MCA/GLA Defined Adjustment 3
funding (non-procured)	London Factor	MCA/GLA Defined Adjustment 4
National Skills Fund – Eligible for MCA/GLA	Authorised Claims	MCA/GLA Defined Adjustment 2
funding (non-procured)	Excess Learning Support	MCA/GLA Defined Adjustment 3

# Additional guidance for Procured providers

Procured providers with a GLA contract for delivery of AEB are paid for the value of their actual earnings for learning delivery. Where a provider's allocation includes a ringfenced amount for Learner Support, funding for this element will be paid on profile (see Annexe 4 of the GLA AEB 2019-23 Funding and Performance Management Rules for Procured Providers 2021/22 for details).

#### DAM code for Procured provision

All AEB Procured providers must record learning delivered under their contract using

DAM code 002 Procured Devolved Adult Education

If this code is not used, or if DAM code 002 is used, delivery records will come through in the GLA *Funding Summary* and *Occupancy* reports with an incorrect *Funding Line Type*. This will result in the learning delivery records generating a data validation error, and the GLA will not pay for any associated learning activity.

DAM code 022 must not be used. Where a provider holds only a Procured contract, and learning delivery is either not coded with DAM 002, or is incorrectly coded with DAM 022, a data validation error will be generated and the GLA will not pay for any associated learning activity.

#### **Flexible Allocation**

Providers may assign learning delivery, which is eligible for AEB funding, but which does not also fully meet ESF or contractual eligibility requirements, to their 15% 'Flexible Allocation'.

Learning delivery which is assigned to the Flexible Allocation needs to be coded with

DAM code 004 Devolved AEB flexible allocation provision

#### Supplementary Data Collection advisory note

The GLA is aware that national changes to ILR Prior Attainment codes mean that current ILR coding requirements are no longer aligned with those required for the GLA Supplementary Data Collection template.

The GLA will retain its existing approach to Prior Attainment coding for Supplementary Data returns to minimise the impact on providers of having to recode data for learners whose first learning aim started prior to AY 2021/22.

Please ensure that all Prior Attainment codes used in the Supplementary Data align with the definitions in the Supplementary Data Collection template. This may mean that Prior Attainment codes for learners whose first learning aim started during or after AY 2021/22 need to be recoded from the current ILR codes to those specified in the Supplementary Data Collection template.

#### Interpretation of data for ESF results

For learning delivery to count in ESF-match statistics, the learner must have funded AEB Procured learning aims in the ILR and be included in the Supplementary Data return.

Data from all academic years within the contract is used when counting ESF results.

A learner may be excluded from all ESF-match statistics in one of these four scenarios:

#### No valid contract

• The provider does not have a contract with the GLA to deliver the Investment Priority reported for the learner in the Supplementary Data.

#### A mismatch between employment status on starting and Investment Priority

- The learner is reported as Investment Priority 1.1 or 1.2 in Supplementary Data but is shown in the ILR as 'in paid employment' when they started the AEB Procured learning aim with the earliest start date; or
- The learner is reported as Investment Priority 2.1 in Supplementary Data but is not shown in the ILR as 'in paid employment' when they started the AEB Procured learning aim with the earliest start date.

#### A mismatch between age on starting and Investment Priority

• The learner is reported as Investment Priority 1.2 in Supplementary Data but is shown in the ILR as aged 25 or older when they started the AEB Procured learning aim with the earliest start date.

#### A record(s) dropped from Supplementary Data

• The learner appears in Supplementary Data returned in a previous academic year, has not been reported as having left the ESF Programme, and does not appear in the current academic year's Supplementary Data.

Each learner may count towards only one of the ESF destinations below:

#### Learners progressing into job search within 4 weeks of the ESF leave date

- The learner is reported as Investment Priority 1.1 in Supplementary Data; and
- The learner's employment status is shown in the ILR as 'not in paid employment, not looking for work and/or not available to start work' when they started the AEB Procured learning aim with the earliest start date; and
- The learner has left the ESF programme, according to Supplementary Data; and
- Learner destination and progression outcome data in the ILR shows that they were 'not in paid employment, looking for work and available to start work' on or up to 4 weeks from the ESF leave date reported in Supplementary Data.

#### Learners progressing into employment within 4 weeks of the ESF leave date

- The learner is reported as Investment Priority 1.1 or 1.2 in Supplementary Data; and
- The learner's employment status is not shown in the ILR as 'in paid employment' when they started the AEB Procured learning aim with the earliest start date; and
- The learner has left the ESF programme, according to Supplementary Data; and
- Learner destination and progression outcome data in the ILR shows that they were in paid employment, including apprenticeships, on or up to 4 weeks from the ESF leave date reported in Supplementary Data.

#### Learners progressing into education or training within 4 weeks of the ESF leave date

- The learner is reported as Investment Priority 1.2 in Supplementary Data; and
- The learner is reported as having left the ESF programme in Supplementary Data; and
- The learner is reported in Supplementary Data as progressing into education or training as an ESF result, with a start date that shows the learner is in education or training on or up to 4 weeks from the ESF leave date reported in Supplementary Data.

A single learner may be counted under more than one of the Gaining Skills results below, but each Gaining Skills result can be counted only once per learner:

#### Learners gaining basic skills

• The learner is shown in the ILR as having achieved a basic skills qualification that is at a level higher than their highest attainment in that basic skills subject (literacy/ESOL or numeracy) at the ESF start, as reported in Supplementary Data.

# Learners gaining a level 2 or below or a unit of a level 2 or below qualification (excluding basic skills)

• The learner is reported as Investment Priority 2.1 in Supplementary Data; and

• The learner is shown in the ILR as having achieved a non-basic skills learning aim at level 2 or below.

#### Learners gaining a level 3 or below or a unit of a level 3 or below qualification

- The learner is reported as Investment Priority 2.1 in Supplementary Data; and
- The learner is shown in the ILR as having achieved a learning aim at level 3.

## Other formats and languages

For a large print, Braille, disc, sign language video or audio-tape version of this document, please contact us at the address below:

Greater London Authority City Hall Kamal Chunchie Way London E16 1ZE

# Telephone 020 7983 4000 www.london.gov.uk

You will need to supply your name, your postal address and state the format and title of the publication you require.

If you would like a summary of this document in your language, please phone the number or contact us at the address above.