

## Funding Rules

- 24 plus Advanced Learning Loans
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We have provided the following guidance on funding to help with your programme planning.

### **Education Funding Agency (EFA) 16-19 funded qualifications**

Visit the Learning Aims Reference Application (LARA) to check the latest funding position – please continue to check the ‘last date for registrations’ to confirm funding is still available for the qualification you are interested in for the current year and beyond.

Find more detailed information on [16-19 Education funding guidance](#)

For general information about their remit, visit the [Education Funding Agency’s website](#)

### **Skills Funding Agency (SFA) 19+ funded qualifications**

The SFA only applies funding rates for one academic year at a time with the academic year commencing from the 1 August and ending 31 July on LARA. This is in line with their contract year. All qualifications must now meet the new funding rules for Size, Purpose and Recognition for approval.

The SFA produce a Simplified Funding catalogue listing all provision which have been approved for public funding during the month, this is normally produced on the last few days of each month. Please check the [Simplified Funding catalogue](#) regularly to find the most up-to-date version of the catalogue.

It should be noted it can take up to 3 weeks before the information can be found on the [Learning Aims Reference Application \(LARA\)](#). This is important to understand, once confirmed as funded on the simplified catalogue, until loaded on LARA you will not be able to register any candidates on the ILR system. This is purely a time lag, therefore you should remain confident during this delay, if the qualification is on the catalogue, as approved, and it will be funded.

MORE DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON [SFA FUNDING RULES-GOV.UK](#)

### **Summary for adult provision:**

- View Simplified funding catalogue for newly approved provision each month.
- The inclusion of funding rules to support [24+ Advanced Learning Loans](#).
- Streamlined funding matrix for adult provision based on credit size – look for matrix information on LARS for funding values
- View Simplified funding rates for a ‘quick check’ for funded qualifications or units, the spreadsheet can be sorted by sector to find approved information relevant to your delivery

- New business rules for size – Entry to Level 1 the minimum funded size is 6 credits, the SFA will no longer fund smaller qualifications. The unit offer can be an alternative.
- New business rules for size – Level 2 to 4 (excluding QCF English and math's qualifications) a minimum threshold of 15 credits.
- Due to the funding rule changes, one key aspect is the need for City & Guilds to gain 'letters of support' as part of the approval process. We welcome your support as a provider, or direct connection with employers, to provide these letters when required

## **24+ Advanced Learning Loans**

The Simplified Funding rates catalogue also includes which qualifications are suitable for loans.

The following qualifications are eligible for loans:

- QCF Certificates at levels 3 and 4
- QCF Diplomas at levels 3 and 4
- A-levels (including AS, A2 and full A-levels)
- Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) Access to HE Diplomas

For further information, visit the [24+ microsite](#)