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Funding and payments

Information: Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) applications

You can now view the [Condition Improvement Fund webinar](#) to hear answers to questions about CIF from EFA capital experts.

Applications for CIF open today. The deadline for completed applications is 3pm on 19 December. We have published a document with screen shots showing the [CIF online application](#) to help technical and other advisers who do not have access. The link to the online application and associated user guidance will be available shortly.

Sector news

Information: traineeships funding consultation published

The government response to the [traineeships funding consultation](#) has been published. This response sets out the changes to the 2015 to 2016 programme.

The changes are designed to ensure the best results for young people. EFA will be providing further guidance on the detail in due course.

Assurance and reporting

Information: 2014 to 2015 special post-16 institutions ILR field list

We have published the [2014 to 2015 Individualised Learner Record \(ILR\) field list](#). This is of interest to all special post-16 institutions.

The publication responds to requests raised by special post-16 institutions for a condensed list of ILR fields to be completed on the ILR during 2014 to 2015 academic year.

New guidance has been added for 2014 to 2015, and key changes are noted in paragraph 2 and 3 of the guidance.

The field list is based on information published by the Skills Funding Agency and additional notes are provided where available. Any queries on the ILR submission should be raised through the Skills Funding Agency service desk by contacting:

Telephone: 0370 267 0001

Email: servicedesk@sfa.bis.gov.uk

Information: Individualised Learner Record (ILR) R04 for 2014 to 2015 - opens 20 November 2014

The ILR R04 collection for the funding year 2014 to 2015 opens on Thursday 20 November and will close at 6pm on Thursday 4 December.

All returns must be made to [the Hub](#). EFA funded providers who return the ILR are expected to make a full data return at R04.

You can find [further information](#) on GOV.UK.

EFA news

Information: have you logged on to the EFA Information Exchange?

We have been adding a number of features to the EFA Information Exchange and thought it would be useful to remind you of the main elements.

The Information Exchange is developing into the secure, online way of carrying out online transactions with us.

Features are still being added, but at the moment you can:

- see an online calendar of important dates and deadlines
- receive and upload key documents about your institution through the Document Exchange
- access a wide variety of online forms to send information to us

These forms include the accounts submission cover, risk protection arrangements, and national non-domestic rates for academies.

Other forms include management information for the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund and Dance and Drama Awards.

If you want any help logging on to the EFA Information Exchange, please look at our [support guide](#), which also contains an introductory video.

Other news

Information: children and young people's mental health and wellbeing taskforce

The Department for Education is working with the Department of Health and NHS England on their [children and young people's mental health and wellbeing taskforce](#).

The taskforce, which is looking at how to improve the way children's mental health services are organised, commissioned and provided to make it easier for young people to access help and support, is keen to hear the views of people from schools, colleges, early years providers.

An [online consultation](#) asking for your views, experiences and suggestions is open until 5 December.

On GOV.UK

- [Protection of school playing fields and public land: advice](#)

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