

Who is eligible for Skills Funding Agency apprenticeship funding?

Learners are eligible for funding if the learning is taking place in England and they:

- ☐ 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 the Right of Abode in the UK,

and

- ☐ 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.**

Non-EEA citizens are eligible for funding if they:

- ☐ have permission granted by the UK government to live in the UK, which is not for educational purposes,

and

- ☐ have been ordinarily resident in the UK for **at least the previous three years before the start of learning.**
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Other cases for eligibility

Any individual with any of the statuses listed below is eligible to receive funding **and are exempt from the three-year residency requirement rule.** You must have seen the learner's immigration permission in these circumstances.*

- ☐ Refugee Status.
- ☐ Discretionary Leave to Enter or Remain.
- ☐ Exceptional Leave to Enter or Remain.
- ☐ Indefinite Leave to Enter or Remain.
- ☐ Humanitarian protection.
- ☐ Leave Outside the Rules.
- ☐ The husband, wife, civil partner and child of any of the above.

*The learner's immigration permission in the UK may have a 'No recourse to public funds' condition. Public funds do not include education or education funding, so this does not affect a learner's eligibility, which must be decided under the normal eligibility conditions.

Asylum seekers

Asylum seekers are eligible to receive funding if:

- ☐ they have lived in the UK for six months or longer while their claim is being considered by the Home Office, and no decision on their claim has been made

or

- ☐ they are in the care of the local authority and are receiving local authority support under section 23C or section 23CA of the Children Act 1989 or section 21 of the National Assistance Act 1948

Family members of EU and EEA nationals

The table below displays eligibility for individuals who,

- ☐ are now ordinarily resident in England,

but

- ☐ have not been ordinarily resident in the EEA for at least the previous three years before the start of learning,

and

- ☐ a principal has been resident within the EEA for the last three years.

The 'principal' is the European Union (EU) or EEA national. The 'family' or 'family member' is the learner, and must be the **husband, wife, civil partner, child, grandchild, dependent parent or grandparent** of the 'principal'.

		Principal ordinarily resident in the EEA for three years		
		EU (including the UK) citizen	Non-EU EEA citizen	Non-EEA citizen
Family member not ordinarily resident in the EEA for three years	EU (including the UK) citizen	Eligible	Eligible	Not eligible
	Non-EU EEA citizen	Eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible
	Non-EEA citizen	Eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible

Learners in the armed forces

- ☐ Ministry of Defence (MoD) personnel or civil and crown servants are eligible, where the learning takes place in England. Members of the British armed forces on postings outside of the European Union (EU), including their family members, are treated as ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom.
- Members of other nations' armed forces stationed in England, and their family members, aged 19 and over, are eligible for funding if the armed forces individual has been ordinarily resident in England for three years. Family members that remain outside of England are **not** eligible

Learners temporarily outside of England

- ☐ If someone ordinarily resident in England works outside of England as part of their job, they are eligible for funding as long as some of the learning takes place in England. You cannot claim for the additional expense of delivering learning outside of England.

Learners who live in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland

Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland have their own funding arrangements, which may affect learners who live there.

- ☐ Funding is available for individuals who do not live in England, if specialist skills training is not available other than in England and they want to travel to, or live in, England to study or learn.
- For learning delivered at an employee's workplace, funding is available to individuals whose main employment or normal place of work is in England.
- ☐ If an employer, based in the UK, bases their training provision only in England and this would include non-English residents, we will fund these individuals. We do not expect these numbers to be significant. Providers who are close to the borders can deliver learning to non-English residents who fall within their catchment area.

Individuals who are not eligible for funding

Funding cannot be claimed for individuals who do not meet the eligibility criteria set out above. This includes:

- ☐ those who are in the UK illegally.
- ☐ those who are resident in the United Kingdom on a Tier 4(general) student visa unless they are eligible through meeting any other of the categories described above.
- ☐ non-EEA citizens who are in the United Kingdom on holiday, with or without a visa.

- ❑ non-EEA citizens who are a family member of a person granted a Tier 4 visa, have been given immigration permission to stay in the UK and have not been ordinarily resident in the UK for the previous three years on the first day of learning.
- ❑ individuals who are ordinarily resident in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, unless they are also ordinarily resident within England.
- ❑ those whose biometric residence permit or residence permit imposes a study prohibition or restriction on the individual.