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Information: **EFA 16-19 funding guidance**

We have published the 2013/14 funding rates and formula document on our [EFA 2013/14 funding guidance](#) page. The documents for 2012/13 also remain available on our website.

The funding regulations document in Section 3 includes advice for institutions on the eligibility of young people who are lawfully residing in the UK for EFA public funding.

Information: **16-19 Bursary Fund update**

The [16-19 Bursary Fund Guide](#) for the 2013/14 academic year is now available on our website along with a number of supporting guides and good practice examples.

Institutions will receive 16-19 Bursary Fund allocations for discretionary bursaries only. The Learner Support Service will centrally hold funding for vulnerable student bursaries. Institutions will be able to draw down this funding on demand, whenever they need it, throughout the academic year.

We will explain the full process on how you will be able to draw down the funding in the e-bulletin in early June.

The guide also highlights the phased introduction from 2013 of two new benefits:

- Universal Credit, which will replace both Income Support and Employment Support Allowance; and
- Personal Independence Payments, which will replace Disability Living Allowance.

Questions about the fund should be sent to: [1619bursaryfund.efa@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:1619bursaryfund.efa@education.gsi.gov.uk).

**16-19 Bursary Fund allocations from 2014/15 – public consultation**

The Department for Education is launching a consultation on the method used to allocate the discretionary element of the 16-19 Bursary Fund.

The current method used to allocate discretionary bursary funding is becoming out of date. The Department will be introducing a new method from 2014/15.

It is proposing to use the number of students previously eligible for the pupil premium to estimate disadvantage. The Department is also proposing to attach an extra weight to disadvantaged students who live in rural areas to reflect the higher transport costs often incurred by those students.
You will be able to access the consultation through the Department’s website from 16 May 2013 to 12 July 2013.

**Information: Residential Bursary Fund, Residential Support Scheme, Care to Learn update**

We have updated information about a number of the learner support funds that we administer.

**Residential Bursary Fund**

Young people can receive help with the cost of accommodation for certain specialist provision through the Residential Bursary Fund (RBF).

RBF is available at a number of designated institutions where the provision requires the young person to be resident. This could be because the provision is not available locally, or the student must be available at unsociable hours on a regular basis.

Allocations for 2013/14 were confirmed to institutions in March. We have updated the Residential Bursary Fund Guide for 2013/14. Further details of the scheme can be found on our residential support page.

Any questions about the Residential Bursary Fund should be sent to residentialsupport.EFA@education.gsi.gov.uk.

**Residential Support Scheme**

The Residential Support Scheme (RSS) supports students aged 16-18 with the costs of living away from home in order to study because the provision is not available locally. RSS can provide annual support of up to £3,458 (up to £4,079 in the London area) towards living costs. Students must meet the eligibility criteria for the scheme in order to receive RSS support.

We have updated the Residential Support Scheme Guide for the 2013/14 academic year. You can get further details about the scheme, how to get an application pack or ask a question at our residential support page.

**Care to Learn**

Care to Learn provides financial support with the costs of childcare to help young parents who may not otherwise be able to complete their education. Students must apply for Care to Learn in each academic year to continue to receive support.

We have updated the Care to Learn Guide for the 2013/14 academic year. You can get further details about the scheme, how to get an application pack or ask a question at our Care to Learn page.
Information: **Governors’ handbook published**

The Department for Education has published the **Governors’ Handbook** for academy as well as maintained school governors. It replaces the Governors’ Guide to the Law, which applied only to maintained schools. It is also of interest to sixth-form colleges.

The handbook sets out essential information on academy governors’ strategic roles and responsibilities. The Department welcomes any feedback by email to **School.Governance@education.gsi.gov.uk**.