

Developing learners' digital skillset



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qualifications



Today's webinar

Recap of Government policy

Digital legal entitlement

Barriers to participation in EDSQ/DFSQ

Explore the options

Funding policy

Next steps



Digital entitlement



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The National Context

National entitlement to fully fund eligible adults with no or low digital skills to enroll on specified digital qualifications at Entry level and Level 1 since August 2020

Only certain qualifications can be used for the adult legal entitlement

IT User Qualifications have been defunded

Essential Digital Skills qualifications are available at Entry 3 and Level 1 for both adults and 16-19 learners

Digital Functional Skills qualifications also available at Entry 3 and Level 1 for both adults and 16-19 learners since August 2023

National standards for Essential Digital Skills



Qualification Group	Digital Functional Skills (DFSQ)		Essential Digital Skills (EDSQ)	
Qualification Level	Entry Level 3	Level 1	Entry Level 3	Level 1
Duration	Between 90 minutes and 2hrs For AO to determine	Between 90 minutes and 2hrs For AO to determine	No time specified For AO to determine	No time specified For AO to determine
GLH	55	55	30 – 50	30 – 50
Legal Entitlement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marking Model	Centre Marked / AO Marked	AO Marked	Centre Marked / AO Marked	Centre Marked / AO Marked
What needs to be covered over time	All Subject Content Statements (including bracketed) over assessment series	All Subject Content Statements (including bracketed) over assessment series	All Skill Areas Not all skills statements within a skill area	All Skill Areas Not all skills statements within a skill area
Adaption Permitted	Yes	No	Yes	No
Funding approval for 14-16?	Yes	Yes	No	No
Funding approval for 16-19?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Funding approval for adults?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Barriers to EDSQ and DFSQ participation



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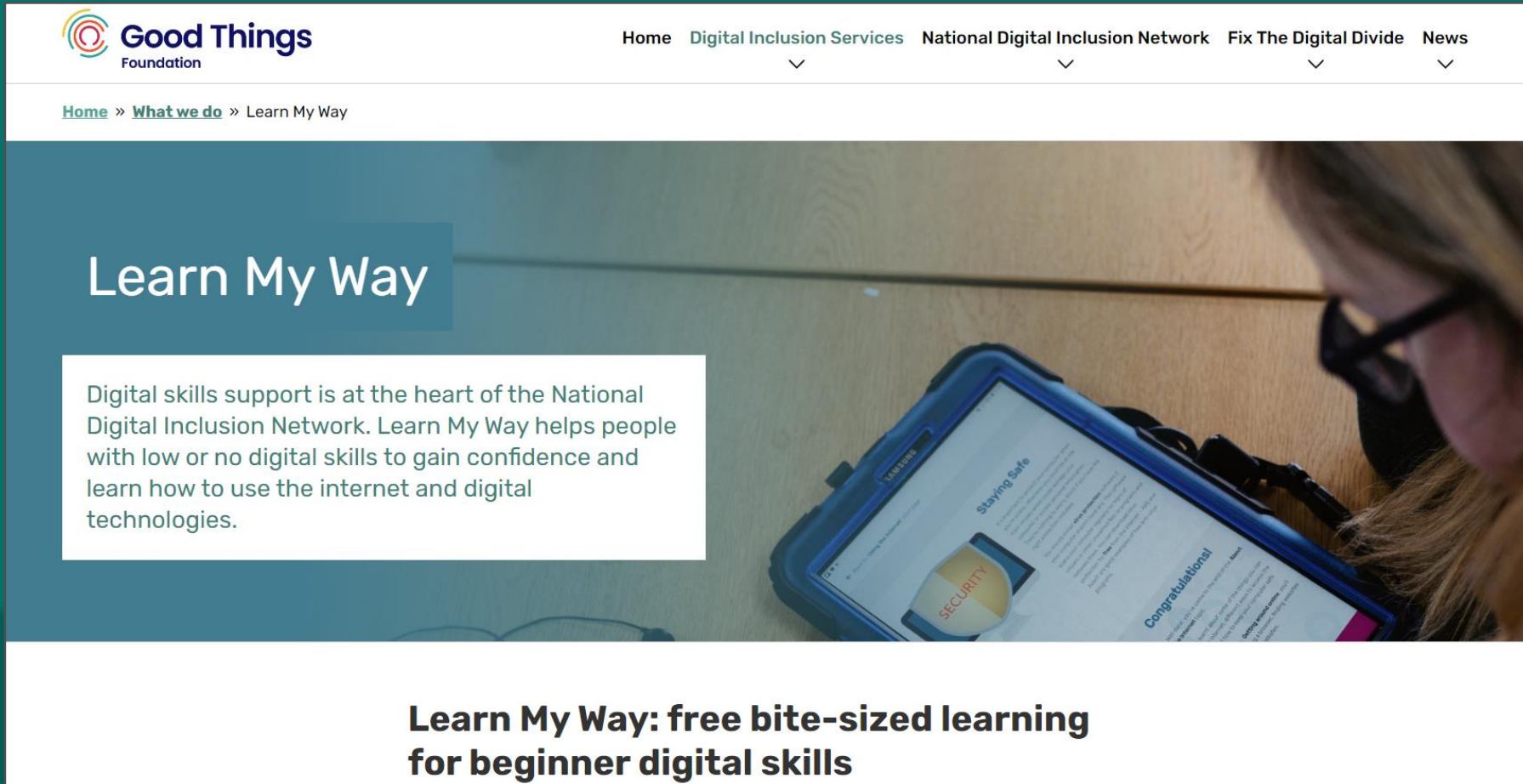
From your perspective, what are the barriers for learners to engage with digital literacy qualifications?

- Insufficient funding rates
- Assessment approach
- Lack of qualifications at lower levels
- Learners not ready for EDSQ and or DFSQ
- Other

A close-up photograph of a person's hands interacting with a laptop. One hand holds a blue pen, pointing towards the screen, while the other hand's index finger also points at the screen. The laptop is open on a dark wooden desk. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a window or another screen. The image is framed by a purple border with a white circle in the center.

Supporting learners

Supporting learners' digital literacy



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Learn My Way

Digital skills support is at the heart of the National Digital Inclusion Network. Learn My Way helps people with low or no digital skills to gain confidence and learn how to use the internet and digital technologies.

Learn My Way: free bite-sized learning for beginner digital skills

Tailored Learning - RARPA



“Where you are not delivering a regulated qualification you must ensure that you have appropriate and robust quality assurance processes in place. For instance **‘Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement’** (RARPA) that would be acceptable to Office of Standards in Education (Ofsted)”

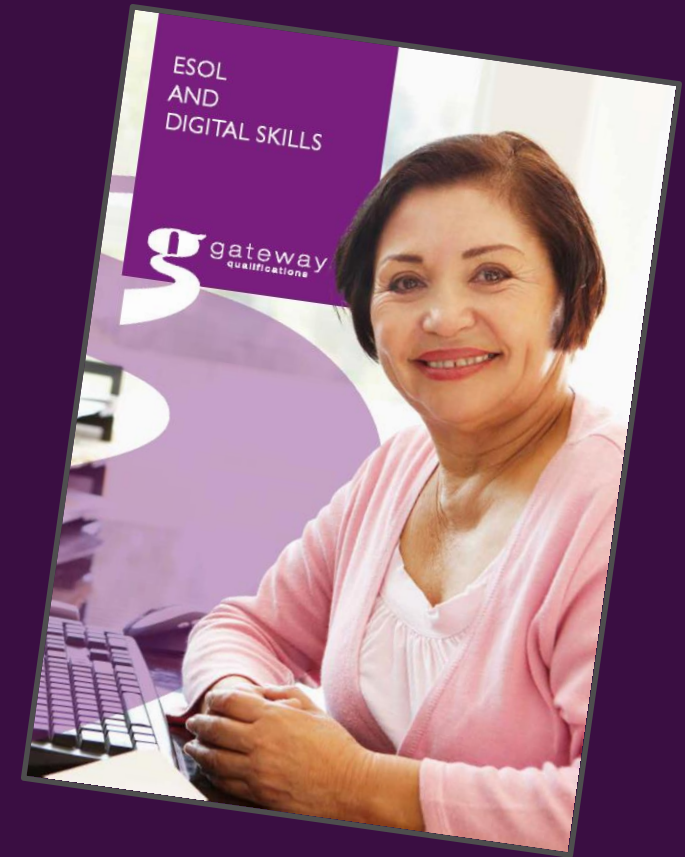
“This guidance may also be of interest to teachers using RARPA. While it has been developed and tested on provision for learners with learning difficulties, the process may also be used for any learning programmes and groups of learners, although some of the criteria may require minor modification.”

Supporting digital literacy with qualifications



As part of ESOL courses

Qualification Aim No.	Qualification	GLH	AEB
60329890	Award in Living and Working in the UK (Entry 1)	60	£300
60343746	Award in Personal and Social Skills (Entry 1)	60	£300
60154196	Award in ESOL Skills for Life (Speaking and Listening) (Entry 3)	120	£600



[Download ESOL and Digital Skills guide](#)

SWAPs

Qualification Aim No.	Qualification	GLH	AEB
60342304	Entry Level Award in Employability Skills (Entry 3)	60	£300

Unit Aim No.	Units	GLH
T6174158	Digital Skills for Work (Entry 3)	30
D6502211	Communication Skills for Work (Entry 3)	30

SWAPs

Qualification Aim No.	Qualification	GLH	AEB
60342304	Entry Level Award in Employability Skills (Entry 3)	60	£300
60364944	Level 1 Award in Health and Care	49	£336

Other qualification options

Qualification Aim No.	Qualification	GLH	AEB
60345196	Entry Level Certificate in Skills for Independent Living (Entry 2)	130	£724

Qualification Aim No.	Qualification	GLH	AEB
60100266	Entry Level Certificate in Vocational Studies (Entry 3)	82	£724

Qualification Aim No.	Qualification	GLH	AEB
60089118	Entry Level Award in Progression (Entry 3)	30	£150

Qualification Aim No.	Qualification	GLH	AEB
6008912X	Entry Level Certificate in Progression (Entry 3)	130	£724

Support and Resources

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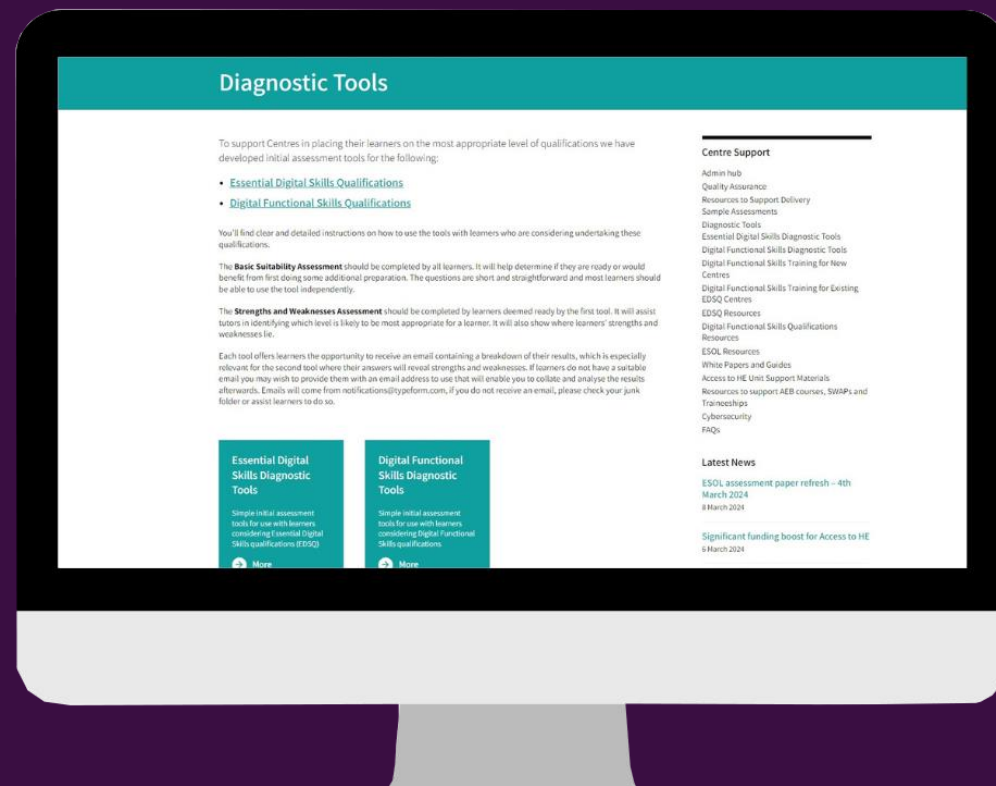
Diagnostic tools

For EDSQ and DFSQ

Includes:

Basic suitability
assessment

Strengths and weaknesses
assessment



Developing basic digital skills

Foundation skills for learners

Preparation for EDSQ and or DFSQ



Free resources for EDSQ and DFSQ

Guides for Centres and learners

Standardisation materials

Teaching resources cover all strands

Glossary for learners

Webinars and training

Dedicated EDSQ and DFSQ team



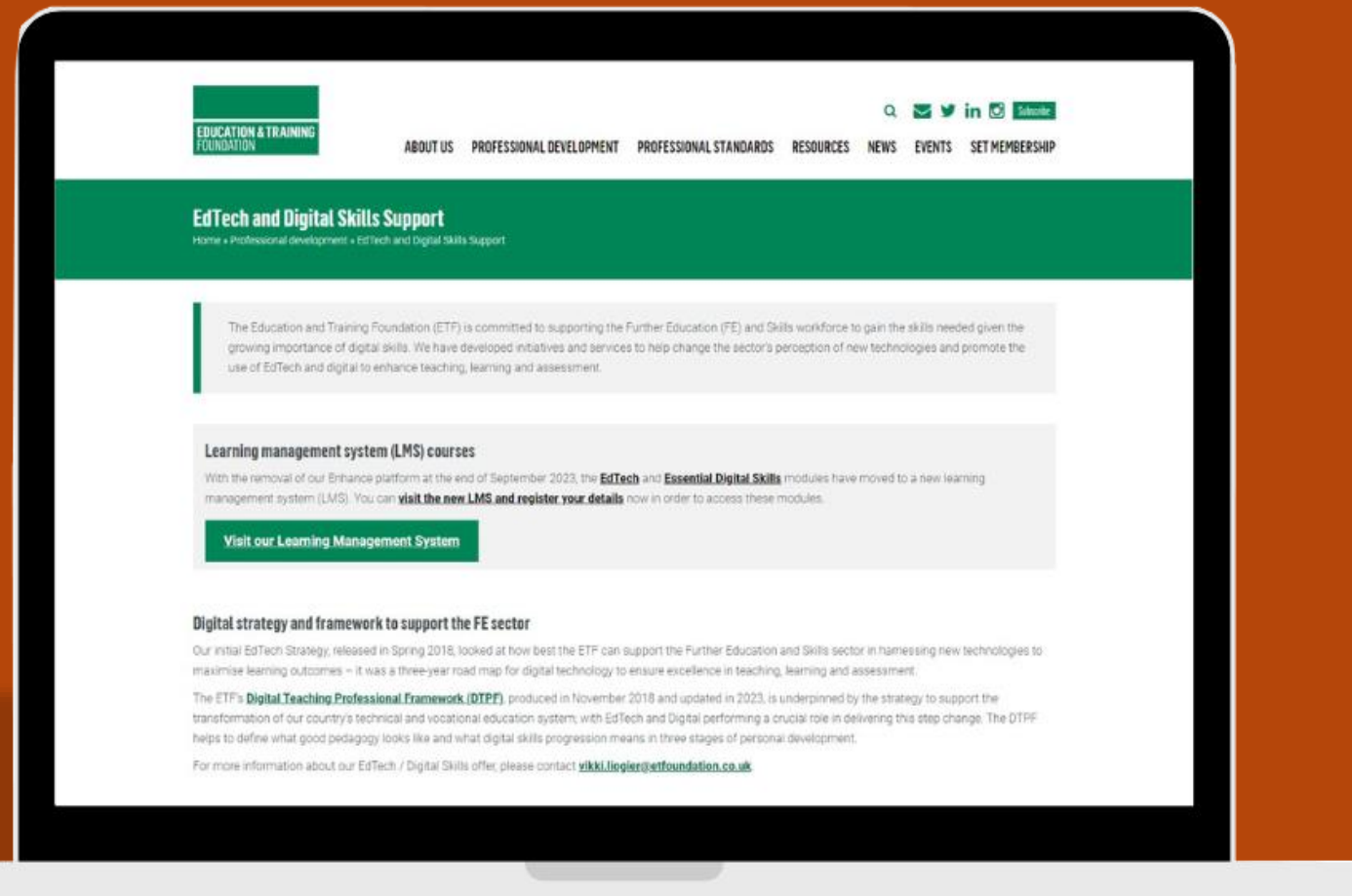
DFSQ resources



External support



CPD for staff



[Essential Digital Skills | Enhance Digital Teaching Platform](#)

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Funding



New Skills Fund

Funding bands

There will be 5 new skills funding bands, with sector subject areas (SSAs) at tier 2 level assigned to one of these bands

A simple calculation of multiplying the GLH x the relevant skills band hourly rate

New skills funding band	Base	Low	Medium	High	Specialist
New hourly skills funding rate	£6.00	£7.20	£8.40	£9.60	£12.00

New Adult Skills Fund

Skills Fund Adult Core

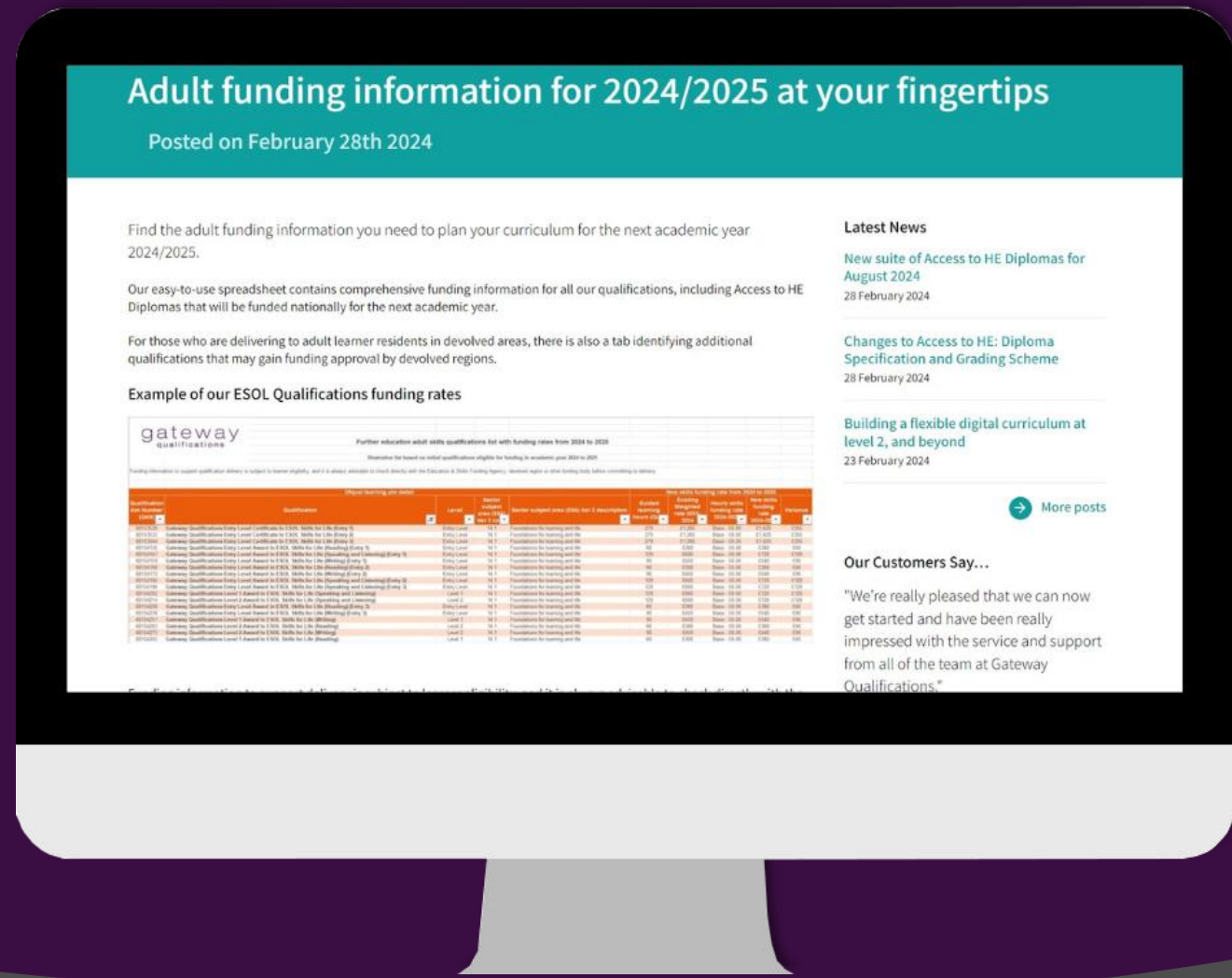
- Four legal entitlements
- Free Courses for Jobs
- Local flexibility

Skills Fund Tailored Learning

- Non-regulated provision
- What is currently Community Learning
- What is currently formular-funded AEB non-regulated learning
- Any new employer-facing innovative provision

Adult funding information 2024/2025

[Complete the form here to receive a free copy of the funding spreadsheet](#)



Subject Sector Area (SSA) update

Digital Technology – SSA6

- 6.1 Digital Technology (practitioners)
- 6.2 Digital Technology (users)

ESOL – SSA12

- 12.1 - Languages, literature and culture of the British Isles

New Skills Fund: EDSQ and DFSQ

GLH x Skills band hourly rate

Qualification	2023-2024	2024-2025				
	AEB	SSA	GLH	Hourly Rate	AEB	Variance
Entry Level 3 in Essential Digital Skills	£300.00	6.2	45	£8.40	£378.00	£78.00
Level 1 in Essential Digital Skills	£300.00	6.2	45	£8.40	£378.00	£78.00
Entry Level 3 in Digital Functional Skills	£336.00	6.2	55	£8.40	£462.00	£126.00
Level 1 in Digital Functional Skills	£336.00	6.2	55	£8.40	£462.00	£126.00

Department for Education webinar

.....the Adult Education Budget will be transitioning to the Adult Skills Fund in 2024/25. In the ESFA funded areas, the transition to the Adult Skills Fund will encompass new funding changes which will include the replacement of Community Learning with Tailored Learning and the new AEB funding rates.....

ESFA Update: 13 March 2024

Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams

Poll

Would you like a member of the Business Development team to contact you to support your curriculum planning?

- Yes please
- No thank you

Previous webinars

Available on demand

[bksb resources for DFSQ](#)

[bksb resources for EDSQ](#)

[Webinar mini-series with
DFSQ resources](#)

[Webinar mini-series with
EDSQ resources](#)

[Implementing EDSQ – hints
and tips from our panel of
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[Introduction to DFSQ](#)

[Essential Guide to EDSQ](#)

[The Education and Training
Foundation's CPD support
for delivering digital literacy
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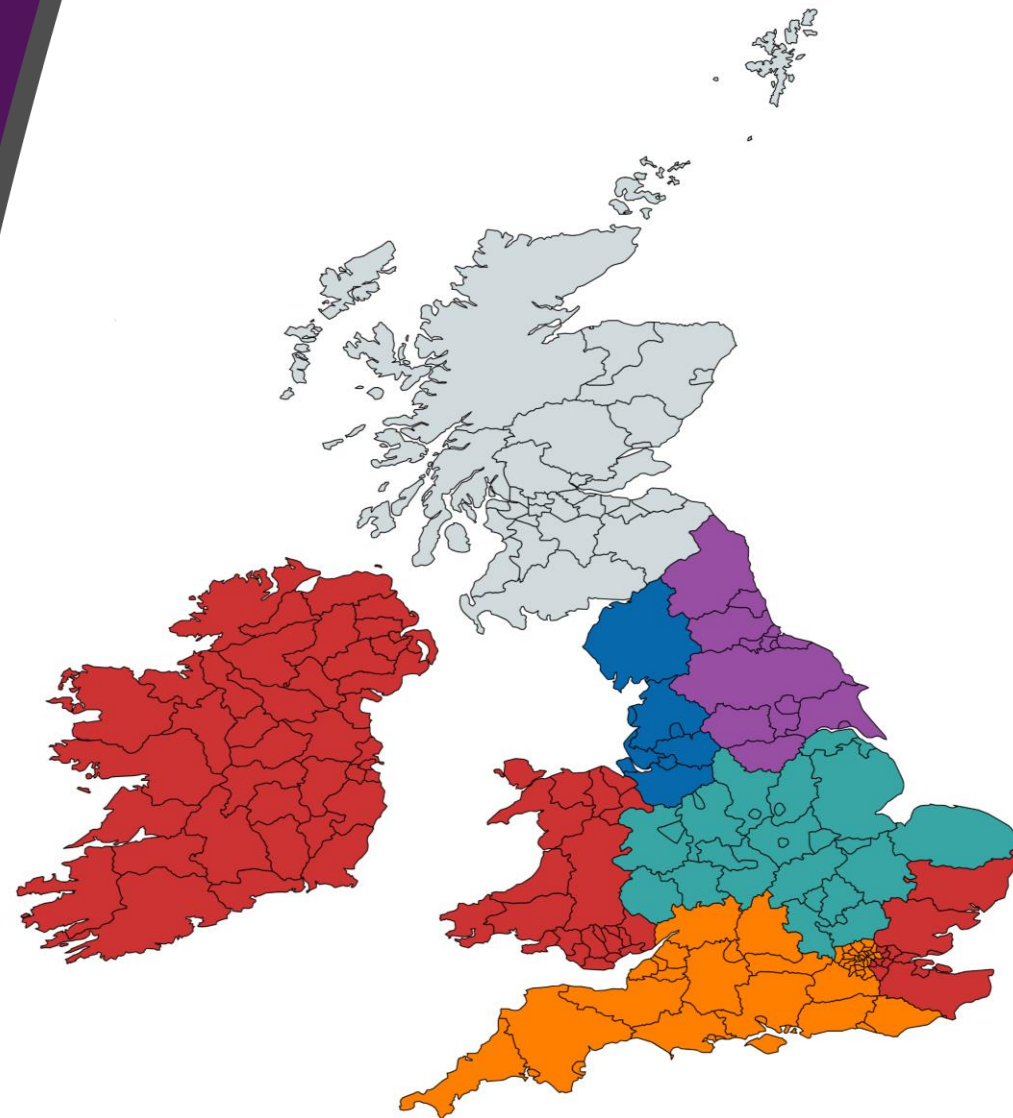
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