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Important information: Reminder – Skills Bootcamps Learner Age Eligibility Criteria

Dear Grant Funded Skills Bootcamps Supplier,

I am emailing to remind you of the requirements around the learner age eligibility criteria for Skills Bootcamps funding.

The Wave 6 guidance states:

Learner Eligibility

To be funded, the learners must:

- Be aged 19 or older, on or before 31 August within the ESFA funding year (01 August – 31 July)

Suppliers are reminded that, to receive payment, they must only enrol learners who are aged 19 or older, on 31 August within the ESFA funding year. This means:

Learners must be aged 19 or older:

on or before 31 August 2024 for bootcamps starting between 01 April 2025 and 31 July 2025

on or before 31 August 2025 for bootcamps starting between 01 August 2025 and 31 March 2026.

Please see below some examples on how the age eligibility rule applies to different learners who turn 19 at certain points in the year:

- Learner A is 19 on 23 June 2025, the Skills Bootcamp starts on 15 September 2025. Learner A is eligible for this Skills Bootcamp as Learner A turned 19 before 31 August 2025.
- Learner B is 19 on 02 September 2025, the Skills Bootcamp starts on 10 October 2025, unfortunately learner B is not eligible for the skills bootcamp. Learner B needed to be 19 on or before 31 August 2025. Learner B will be eligible for bootcamps that start from 01 August 2026 onwards.
- Learner C is 19 on 30 August 2025, the Skills Bootcamp starts on 20 August 2025, Learner C is eligible for this Skills Bootcamp as learner C will turn 19 before 31 August 2025.
- Learner D is 19 on 09 February 2025, the bootcamp starts on 10 May 2025, unfortunately learner D is not eligible for the Skills Bootcamp. Learner D needed to be 19 on or before 31 August 2024. Learner D will be eligible for bootcamps that start from the 01 August 2025.