

Table 1 – Amendments to 2023-24 GLA AEB Grant Funding Rules

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| Residency eligibility | EEA/Swiss “frontier workers” (those who work in the UK but formally reside in another EU country) will now be eligible for funding. |
| Traineeships (new section) | <p>Work preparation and work placements for 19 to 24 year old learners – core elements of the national Traineeship Programme – will be integrated for new starts.</p> <p>Any learner who enrolls on a work preparation or work placement learning aim should also concurrently be enrolled on an Adult Skills core offer funded learning aim.</p> <p>The work placement, work preparation and Adult Skills core offer funded learning aim must be completed between a minimum of 6 weeks and a maximum of 12 months.</p> |
| London Factor | <p>To support a renewed focus on lifelong learning and progression from lower levels up to level 3 and beyond, a ‘London factor’ 15 per cent funding uplift will be applied to the weighted base rate of all AEB-fundable qualifications up to and including level 2. This additional investment at lower levels of learning will support providers to offer more holistic and targeted support for learners. This support could include greater pastoral care, additional tailored support, employment coaching, and other delivery that ‘wraps’ around learning and addresses the challenges many learners with lower level skills face in progressing in education and training. This funding uplift also recognises the rising costs of delivery for skills training incurred by providers in London.</p> <p>The ESFA is in the process of refreshing the national funding rates in time for the 2024-25 academic year. The GLA will review the London Factor and the level of uplift prior to the start of the 2024-25 and therefore the 15 per cent uplift will only apply to the 2023-24 academic year.</p> |
| Mayoral Skills Academies | An Academy job outcome is defined as a job entry of a learner who was either not in employment and/or outside benefit arrangements or was in work that did not meet the definition of good work upon their enrolment to an adult skills funded (Funding Model 35) learning aim, to a job which relates to a priority sector, is a minimum of 16 hours/week and is expected to last at least four consecutive weeks. |

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| Free Courses for Jobs | GLA-funded providers will have the flexibility to use up to 50 per cent of their Free Courses for Jobs allocation to fund level 3 qualifications which are not part of the national offer. A list of the qualifications which can be used will be published on the GLA website. |
| Annex 4 – Standard National Profiles | The Contract for Services Standard National Profile will be used for AEB grant providers paid on actual levels of delivery. |