

SDS COVID-19 Relief Grant

Briefing document

Skills Development Scotland, on behalf of Scottish Government, has launched a Grant Scheme for Modern Apprenticeship (MA) and Employability Fund (EF) training providers.

This grant funding is available through the Temporary Framework for State Aid Measures to Support the Economy in the Current Covid-19 Outbreak.

The funding support has been created to add value to existing UK and Scottish Government aid and is designed to assist eligible providers with the costs of providing continuity of contracted services for apprentices, learners and employers during the pandemic.

What does it provide?

The Grant-in-Aid scheme offers eligible SDS MA and EF contract holders a monthly grant payment from April to June calculated each month as 1/12th of the contract value, minus payments already made and paying 40% of the balance, capped at actual costs.

Some providers have already claimed over the calculated monthly payment and will therefore not receive any relief payment for the month concerned.

Who can apply?

Contracted MA and EF training providers who are continuing to deliver contracted and supported services for apprentices, employers and learners during the COVID-19 pandemic are eligible for the relief funding.

For the purposes of the grant eligibility this will be evidenced by at least one FIPS claim for each month and demonstration by providers – through completion of a template – that they are continuing to work with 60% or more of their apprentices or learners, and for MA providers also evidencing contact with 60% of available employers.

When is it available?

The application process will run until 30 June and payments will commence following a review and approval of the application.

How can I apply?

The Instruction document provides guidance and outlines the full process and requirements for each step.

The [Instruction](#) and [application form](#) can be accessed on [the provider area of apprenticeships.scot](#).

- [Relief grant application](#)
- [Relief grant instructions](#)
- [Terms and conditions](#)
- [Activity control sheet](#) (EF)
- [Activity control sheet](#) (MA)