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This is a special newsletter from City & Guilds **for England** following the announcement of Phase 3 Trailblazers on 23 October by HM Government.

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Apprenticeships: City & Guilds Trailblazer Offer and Support.

In October 2013, Matthew Hancock MP, UK Minister for Skills and Enterprise, announced the Government's plans to implement Apprenticeship reform in England in response to the Richard Review of Apprenticeships.

The Implementation Plan sets out how Apprenticeships should be developed, undertaken and assessed in the future.

'Trailblazers' projects are leading the way in implementing these new apprenticeship reforms by developing new Apprenticeship Standards and assessment approaches.

They are led by employers and involve large and small business, professional bodies and trade organisations.

Please follow the link below to the brochure we have developed to summarise the content of the reforms and the City & Guilds' trailblazer offer and support for employers, colleges and training providers during the development and implementation phases.

http://cdn.cityandguilds.com/ProductDocuments/Transport_Maintenance/Automotive/9420/CG_Trailblazer_Offer_and_Support.pdf

The Future of Apprenticeships in England, by HM Government.

This document provides guidance for developers of apprenticeship standards and related assessment plans.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/366063/bis-14-p194b-Guidance-for-developers-of-apprenticeship-standards-and-related-assessment-plans.pdf

Please note that although it is aimed at employers, it also provides providers with the following e-mail address to be part of the trailblazers groups:

trailblazers@aoc.co.uk

This is monitored by: Association of Colleges (AoC), Association of Employer and Learning Providers (AELP) and University Vocational Awards Council (UVAC).

The main topics explained in the document are:

- Summary of reforms.
- How to apply to develop an apprenticeship standard if you are an employer and when.
- Development of the apprenticeship standard upon approval – guidance and templates.
- How and when to submit the draft standard for informal feedback and for formal approval.
- Criteria for approval of standards.
- Development of an assessment plan and preparation for delivery.
- Criteria for approval of apprenticeship assessment plans.
- Allocation of funding caps to apprenticeship standards.
- Working with education and training organisations – delivery.

Employers involved in Trailblazers (Phases 1, 2 and 3).

The following link contains a list of all trailblazers groups currently under way and what lead employers were involved in the original submission of the expression of interest.

<http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/~media/Apprenticeship-standards/Employers%20involved%20in%20trailblazers.ashx>

Obviously through their development more and more organisations are taking part in the consultation process.

Briefing: Trialling the new Apprenticeship funding model on starts based on new standards in the 2014/15 Academic Year.

This document provides a summary of the funding model for new standards in the 2014/15 Academic Year.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/324526/Apprenticeship-Funding-Reform-Briefing.pdf

The main areas covered are:

- Employer's contribution.
- Government's contribution.
- The five funding caps.
- Additional funding provision: for 16-18, for SMEs and upon completion.
- Funding for English and maths training.

Trialling the new Apprenticeship funding model – summary and FAQs for employers.

Very useful FAQs available at the following address:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/336036/BIS-14-975-Trialling-our-new-apprenticeship-funding-model.pdf

The main areas covered are:

- Reform principles.
- The AY14/15 Funding Model.
- Coverage of the AY14/15 trial.
- Core Government Contribution (CGC) caps.
- Allocation of standards to CGC caps.
- Employer co-investment.
- Incentive payments.
- Direct Grant employers/funding for in-house training.
- English & maths.
- Establishing the price of an Apprenticeship.
- VAT.
- Other support services.
- Funding model after the AY14/15 trial.
- Other issues and contact details at the Skills Funding Agency.

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All About Logistics/Passenger Transport is a monthly newsletter (sometimes even more frequent!) that brings together all of the key developments from City & Guilds relevant to automotive skills learning across England, Northern Ireland and Wales. It contains updates on the range of teaching and learning resources we offer, plus relevant public policy or other information we think you might be interested in.

Each edition is numbered, so we can refer back to previous issues or tell you when information has been superseded.

If there's anything else you'd particularly like us to cover or explain more fully in future issues of *All About*, please feel free to drop us a line to **patricia.santos@cityandguilds.com**

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