

Department for Education consultation questions on proposals for flexi-job apprenticeship schemes

1. Do you agree with government's vision for flexi-job apprenticeship schemes?
2. How should flexi-job apprenticeships demonstrate that they are meeting the needs of employers?
3. What expectations should we set of flexi-job apprenticeship schemes in providing a high-quality experience for apprentices?
4. What challenges and opportunities are relevant to flexi-job apprenticeship schemes achieving financial sustainability? How might they balance a fee-based model with other income streams?
5. Does the name flexi-job apprenticeship scheme accurately describe our vision for these organisations and the role they will play? Would you propose any alternative names?
6. Do you have any views on our proposals for portable apprenticeships, including on how portable apprenticeships and flexi-job apprenticeship schemes can complement each other?
7. Do you agree that we should create a register of approved flexi-job apprenticeship schemes?
8. What entry criteria do you think we should establish for admission to this register in order to ensure that approved flexi-job apprenticeship schemes meet our vision 2?
9. How do you think the performance and quality of approved flexi-job apprenticeship schemes should be monitored and assured after admission to the register?
10. To assure the quality of flexi-job apprenticeship schemes, should schemes' entry to the register set out the standards they can offer to apprentices? What process should we develop to enable schemes to change the standards they offer?
11. Do you have any concerns about the closure and withdrawal of the dormant register of ATAs?
12. Do you agree with the parameters we have proposed for how any funds awarded should be used?
13. Are there any capital costs that a new or expanding flexi-job apprenticeship scheme might require funding for?
14. Should there be a difference in how new or existing organisations are permitted to use the fund?
15. Should any additional parameters to the fund be added to encourage employer engagement – for example, pledged levy funds or matched co-funding for set up or expansion costs?
16. Do you have any views about the implications of the proposals set out in this consultation on people with protected characteristics, as defined in section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010? What evidence do you have on these matters? Is there anything that could be done to mitigate any impacts identified?