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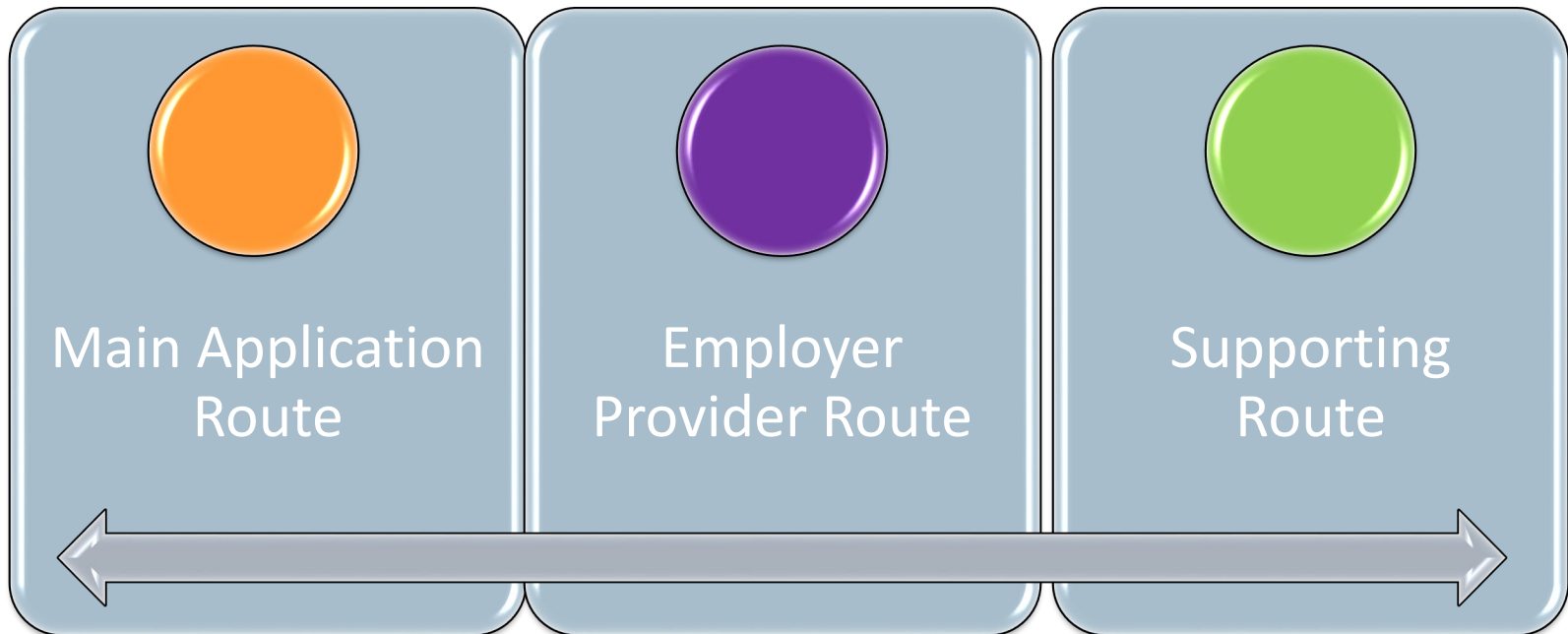
# Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers (RoATP)

# Purpose



# Application routes

**There are three application routes to facilitate delivery of apprenticeship training. *Organisations can only apply for one route***



# The register – high quality, financially stable and skilled apprenticeship providers

- **all** organisations wanting to access ESFA funding to deliver apprenticeship training must be on the register, including all subcontractors
- the register will be always open for applications so that providers can apply when they are ready to start delivery
- providers already on the register will be invited to reapply in phases, over the next 12 months
- the three application routes will be maintained and clear information will be available to applicants
- providers solely wanting to be a subcontractor must apply to the supporting route only
- the application questions will test applicants on their readiness to deliver apprenticeship standards
- providers with recent Ofsted 'good' or 'outstanding' grades will not need to complete the full application
- providers must deliver apprenticeship training within 12 months of being listed if they want to remain on the register



# HIGH QUALITY, FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE & SKILLED APPRENTICESHIP PROVIDERS, TRUSTED BY EMPLOYERS

## WHY CHANGE IS NEEDED

To ensure we have a higher quality, more financially sustainable and more skilled set of providers available to deliver apprenticeships

Evidence from Ofsted indicates that some new apprenticeship providers are not fit for purpose

Over 750 main and employer-providers on register not yet delivering apprenticeships.



## KEY CHANGES AND ROADMAP

Keeping the register always open for applications

Revised our application questions to reflect the IFA's quality proposals, including setting a higher quality bar and applicants tested on readiness to deliver standards

All providers wanting to deliver apprenticeships must be on the register, including smaller subcontractors. A maximum £500,000 delivery limit per year will be in place for subcontractors

More vigorous removal of unsuitable providers from the register

The 750 providers who are not delivering have been invited to re-apply (if they are ready to deliver). Providers who are already delivering will be invited to reapply in phases over the course of 2019

Only providers actively delivering will be allowed to remain on the register



## BENEFITS OF THE CHANGES

### For employers

Confidence that providers are ready to deliver high quality apprenticeship training

### For apprentices

Confidence that they will receive high quality training and they can remain with the same provider for the duration of their apprenticeship

### For ESFA

Confidence that the public funds are with high quality providers and that the register works for both providers and employers

### For providers

Confidence in the process, even when unsuccessful. A better understanding of the ESFA's requirements before application and ability to apply as and when they are ready to



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# Main application route

**The main application route is for organisations that:**

- want to be eligible for selection on “find apprenticeship training” and the digital apprenticeship service
- are a levy paying employer and want to train staff in their own supply chain, or apprentices in other organisations
- have the capacity and capability to deliver most of the frameworks and standards that they offer
- direct delivery and subcontracting (not subcontracting only)



# Employer provider route

**The employer provider route is for levy paying employers that:**

- want to provide training to their own staff
- want to deliver training directly and act as a subcontractor to their appointed main provider, delivering training to their own staff.

**Organisations that apply to this route cannot:**

- deliver apprenticeship training to other organisations, including their supply chain.



# Supporting route

**The supporting route is for any organisation that:**

- want to deliver as a subcontractor **only**
- are new to the apprenticeship arena
- do not have the capacity to be a main provider.

***All subcontractors, including those previously exempt, must now apply***

**Organisations that apply to this route cannot:**

- deliver more than £100,000 in their first year or £500,000 in following years
- deliver apprenticeship training directly to employers.



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# Interested in applying?

- Will you be delivering apprenticeship training?
- Have you been trading as a business for at least 12 months?
- Have you been awarded an Ofsted grade 4 for your 'effectiveness of apprenticeship provision' within the last three years?
- Have you been awarded an Ofsted grade 4 for your 'overall effectiveness' within the last three years?
- Are you financially sound?



# Re-applications

- Every provider listed on the current RoATP will need to re-apply
- The ESFA will invite you to re-apply using Bravo – ***remember to make sure that your Bravo contact information is up-to-date!***
- Re-applicants will have up to two months to prepare their new application
- If you are unable to meet the deadline given, contact the RoATP team at ESFA
- Assessment of applications begins on the first working day of the month following submission.
- Assessment can take up to 12 weeks, and may take longer.



# If you are applying -

- familiarise yourself with the Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers application guidance to learn more about our requirements. This can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-of-apprenticeship-training-providers>

- on-line application
- registrations – UKRLP, ICO, Bravo
- any questions, please email [RoATP.MAILBOX@education.gov.uk](mailto:RoATP.MAILBOX@education.gov.uk)



# Ofsted grade exemptions

Application question that leads to exemption	PR-1	PR-4
Ofsted grade	Apprenticeship	Overall Effectiveness
Full inspection exemption criteria	Provider is awarded a good or outstanding apprenticeship grade and inspection has been published within last three years.	Provider is awarded a good or outstanding overall effectiveness grade and inspection has been published within last three years.
Short inspection exemption criteria	Provider has been awarded a good or outstanding apprenticeship grade at their last full inspection. A short inspection report has been published within the last three years and confirms no change.	Provider has been awarded a good or outstanding overall effectiveness grade at their last full inspection. A short inspection report has been published within the last three years and confirms this status has been maintained.
Other comments on inspection grade	A provider must have an apprenticeship grade for apprenticeships, these were introduced from 2016. This must be under the remit of FE and Skills	This must be under the remit of FE and Skills
Exempt from 'Your apprentices welfare' section on application	Yes	Yes
Exempt from 'Your leaders and managers' section on application	Yes	No, must answer questions LM-7 to LM-22



# Common mistakes when making an application

- applying for an exemption to which you are not entitled
- not reading the application guidance in sufficient detail
- failing to upload financial statements if not exempt
- not proof-reading an application
- not answering fully questions that require a written answer
- rushing an application
- incorrect contact details on Bravo
- not ensuring that that policies and procedures are relevant to YOUR organisation and YOUR practices



# Questions?



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