

# The Apprenticeship Levy – FAQs



## **How can I spend/utilise the levy fund?**

It must be spent on the external apprenticeship training provided to a specified individual registered on an approved apprenticeship standard.

## **Can I use the fund to pay for apprenticeship training for apprentices that I have on placement with me but employed by SEAC?**

Not until April 2018 but we have a cost effective solution in the meantime that will save you money – read more; <http://www.se-apprenticeship.co.uk/news-working-with-seac-the-apprenticeship-levy-89>

## **Can I use the fund for CPD training for professional staff?**

No – it can only be used for Government published apprenticeship standards and the training included within that.

## **Can the levy be spent to fund apprentices' wages?**

No it can only be spent on apprenticeship delivery and not on anything else such as internal training

## **How much does apprenticeship training cost?**

This varies considerably and is dependent on the framework level/ standard. SEAC is able to research this on your behalf

## **What if my apprenticeship training costs are more than the levy payments I have made?**

The proposal is that employers will be allowed to make further investment in order to top up their individual levy pot

## **Can I use multiple training providers or only one?**

Yes – you can use different training providers. SEAC are able to brokerage the training provision on your behalf as part of it's fully Managed Apprenticeship Service

## **Can my supply chain benefit and claim from the levy my organisation pays?**

Not currently but there may be changes ahead

## **How long do employers have to claim back their levy funds on apprenticeships training?**

Funds will expire 2 years after they enter your digital account. If you do not claim it back, the unused levy will revert back to HM Treasury.

## **Can I currently claim Government funding for apprenticeships training?**

Yes - funding is available now for apprenticeships and trailblazer apprenticeships. The apprenticeship must be delivered through an approved apprenticeship training provider to access this funding prior to the levy starting. SEAC are here to sort this out for you

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