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# Adult Education Budget for 2017 to 2018

Learner eligibility, legal entitlements  
and local flexibility



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# Purpose

- **Adult education budget (AEB) webinar - July 2017**
- The aim of this ‘bite size’ webinar is to give an overview of:
  - Learner eligibility to AEB funding
  - Legal entitlements
  - Local flexibility
  - Interaction between legal entitlements and local flexibility



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# Who we fund



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# Eligible Learners

- Three groups, those aged:
  - 19 to 23, including unemployed
  - 24+ who are unemployed
  - 24+ other\*

**NB - all of the above must meet residency requirements to be eligible for government funding**

\*Other would include individuals who do not meet the definition of unemployed, or are employed



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# Unemployed learners

- For AEB funding purposes a learner is defined as unemployed if one or more of the following apply, they receive:
  - Jobseekers Allowance, including those only receiving National Insurance credits
  - Employment and Support Allowance in the work-related activity group (WRAG)
  - Universal Credit
  - Provider discretion for individuals receiving state benefits not listed above



# Government contribution table

Provision	19- to 23-year-olds	24+ unemployed	24+ other
English and maths (Must be delivered as part of the legal entitlement)	Fully funded* (up to and including Level 2)	Fully funded*	Fully funded*
Level 2 (First full Level 2 must be delivered as part of the legal entitlement)	Fully funded* (first and full)	Fully Funded	Co-funded
Learning to progress to Level 2	Fully funded^ (up to and including Level 1)	Fully funded	Co-funded
Level 3 (First full Level 3 must be delivered as part of the legal entitlement)	Fully funded* (first and full)	Loan-funded	Loan-funded
	Loan-funded** (previously achieved full Level 3 or above)		
Traineeship#	Fully funded (including 16- to 24-year-olds###)	N/A	N/A
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) learning up to and including Level 2	Co-funded	Fully funded	Co-funded
	Fully funded – unemployed		
Learning aims up to and including Level 2, where the learner has already achieved a first full Level 2 or above	Co-funded	Fully funded	Co-funded
	Fully funded – unemployed		

\* Must be delivered as one of English and maths, and/or first full Level 2 or first full Level 3 qualifications required in the legal entitlement

^ Must be delivered as entry or level one provision from local flexibility

# Excludes flexible element where funding depends on age and level

### 16- to 18-year-old learners must be eligible under the [ESFA's young people's residency requirements](#)

\*\* Availability of loans at Level 3 does not replace the legal entitlement to full funding for learners aged 19 to 23 undertaking their first full Level 3



# Government contribution table - examples

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**Learner A:** aged 22, exercising entitlement to first full Level 2 qualification, therefore, fully funded

**Learner B:** aged 52, unemployed, already has L2, wants to enrol on another L2 to re-train, therefore, fully funded

**Learner C:** aged 34, employed, wants to enrol on ESoL course, therefore, co-funded



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# Legal entitlements





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# Legal entitlements

English  
& maths

Aged 19+

First full  
Level 2

Aged 19-23

First full  
Level 3

Aged 19-23

Learners eligible for legal entitlements have access to full funding – they **must not** incur course fees



# 2017 to 2018 legal entitlement offer

- Moved to single offer - 2016 to 2017 was a transition year
- No new changes other than those already announced in 2016
- A single offer means for all learners undertaking:
  - English and maths, one list of qualifications
  - their first full level 2 or first full level 3 qualification, a list focussed on technical and applied qualifications appearing in the 16 to 19 performance tables



# Legal entitlement – qualification offer

Level 2 and level 3	English and maths
<b>16 to 23 core offer*</b> – technical and applied qualifications in the 2018 and 2019 16 to 19 performance tables (tech levels, applied general, technical certificates), A-levels, AS-levels, Access to HE and GCSEs.	<b>English and maths core offer</b> – GCSE English language and maths, functional skills in English language and maths at entry level to level 2.
Certain qualifications in the 2017 16 to 19 performance tables	In addition, a limited number of other approved English language and maths qualifications from the RQF at entry level to level 1 (including Free Standing Maths).



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# Updating legal entitlement offer

- Both English and maths, level 2 and level 3 legal entitlements lists updated quarterly
- Level 2 and level 3 legal entitlement list – updated following publication of 2019 16 to 19 performance tables. New GCSEs, AS and A Levels, Access to HE diplomas will also be included.
- English and maths list – updated to include new GCSEs or Functional Skills in English and maths



# Legal entitlement qualifications list

- Qualifications part of English and maths and level 2 and level 3 legal entitlements offer can be found:
  - on qualifications list available on [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)
  - using learning aims search on [the Hub](#) by category under '+ Additional Filters' option

## + Additional Filters

Category:

Local Flexibility  
**Only for Legal Entitlement at Level 3**  
SFA Work Preparation  
Standalone  
Standalone and Licence To Practise

Category:

Early Years Educators 15/16 - 3 Year Loan  
Legal Entitlement-English and Maths  
**Legal Entitlement-Level 2**  
LEP-Solent LEP 14/15 Pilot  
Licence To Practise - Security

Category:

Early Years Educators 15/16 - 2 Year Loan  
Early Years Educators 15/16 - 3 Year Loan  
**Legal Entitlement-English and Maths**  
Legal Entitlement-Level 2  
LEP-Solent LEP 14/15 Pilot



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# Legal entitlements example

**Learner A**, 38 years old, employed, GCSE maths, would be fully funded as legal entitlement

**Learner B**, 20 years old, unemployed, Functional Skills maths Level 2, and Level 2 Diploma in Electrical Installation, both fully funded as both legal entitlement qualifications

English  
& maths

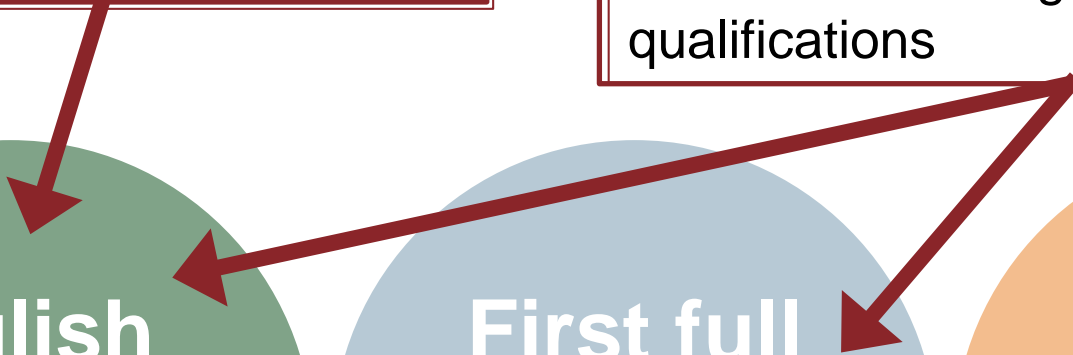
Aged 19+

First full  
Level 2

Aged 19-23

First full  
Level 3

Aged 19-23





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# Local flexibility



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# Local flexibility

## Non-regulated learning and/or Qualifications and units at Entry, Level 1 and Level 2

Eligible learners aged 19+ are either fully or co-funded, depending on their prior attainment and circumstances

From 1 August 2017, learners aged 19-23 progressing to their first full Level 2, can only undertake learning at Entry and Level 1 from local flexibility





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# What is local flexibility?

- Bespoke, locally designed programmes (qualifications and non-regulated learning) to support:
  - progression to first full Level 2, or,
  - retraining/upskilling for learners already in receipt of Level 2, or above
- **Qualifications** – regulated qualifications and their components at entry level, level 1 and level 2 – including ESOL
- **Non-regulated learning** - appropriate and robust quality assurance must be in place – e.g. [Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement framework \(RARPA\)](#)



# Regulated qualifications and components

- Minimal changes to local flexibility for 2017 to 2018
- Updated each quarter
- Regulated qualifications added to local flexibility only where they meet seven eligibility principles
- Components of regulated qualifications added to local flexibility only where the:
  - component is part of a qualification in local flexibility offer
  - awarding organisations confirm the component can be delivered in a standalone context
  - component meets certain eligibility principles



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# 2017 to 2018 local flexibility offer

- Qualifications and components part of 2017 to 2018 local flexibility are available on [the Hub](#)
- You can search for local flexibility provision by category under the '+ Additional Filters' option

## + Additional Filters

Category:

Loans length (not Tech Levels 2017/EYE)  
Local Enterprise Partnership Initiatives  
**Local Flexibility**  
Only for Legal Entitlement at Level 3  
SFA Work Preparation



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# Local flexibility examples

**Learner A**, 51 years old,  
unemployed, Level 1 ESoL -  
fully funded as unemployed

**Learner B**, 22 years old,  
employed, (previously achieved  
full Level 2), Level 2 in Dementia  
Care - co-funded as employed  
and previously achieved Level 2

Local  
flexibility

**Learner C**, 38 years old,  
unemployed, non-regulated  
independent living skills learning  
aim - fully funded as unemployed



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# Legal entitlements and Local flexibility interaction



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# Local flexibility and legal entitlements examples

**Learner A:** 21 years old, unemployed, Level 2 Diploma in Bricklaying and non-regulated time management course, because learner is exercising their Level 2 entitlement and learner is unemployed – both L2 Diploma and time management course would be fully funded

First full  
Level 2

English &  
maths

First full  
Level 3

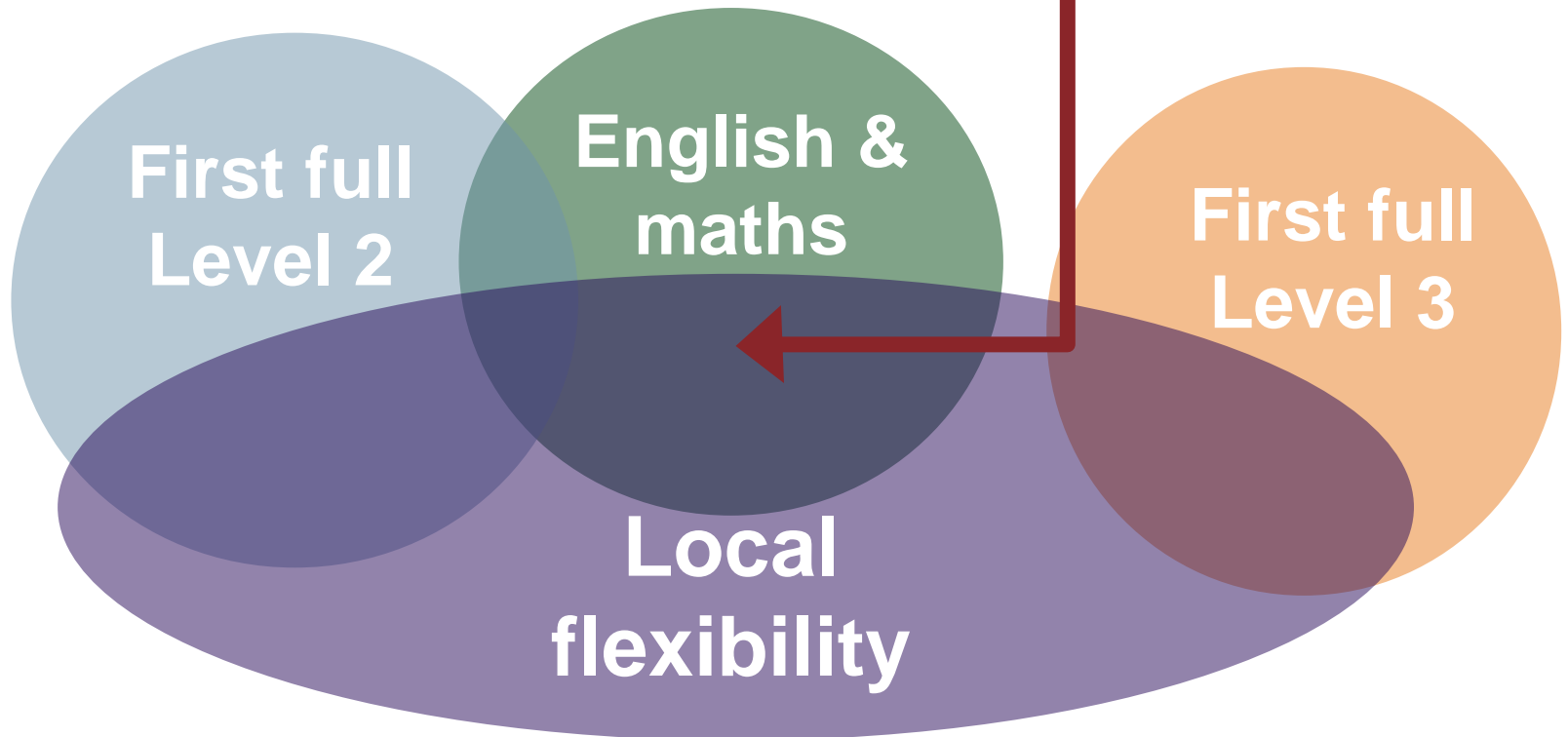
Local  
flexibility



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# Local flexibility and legal entitlements examples

**Learner B:** 28 years old, employed, GCSE maths, and Level 1 business studies qualification, because GCSE is legal entitlement qualification would be fully funded, and local flexibility Level 1 qualification would be co-funded for employed learners

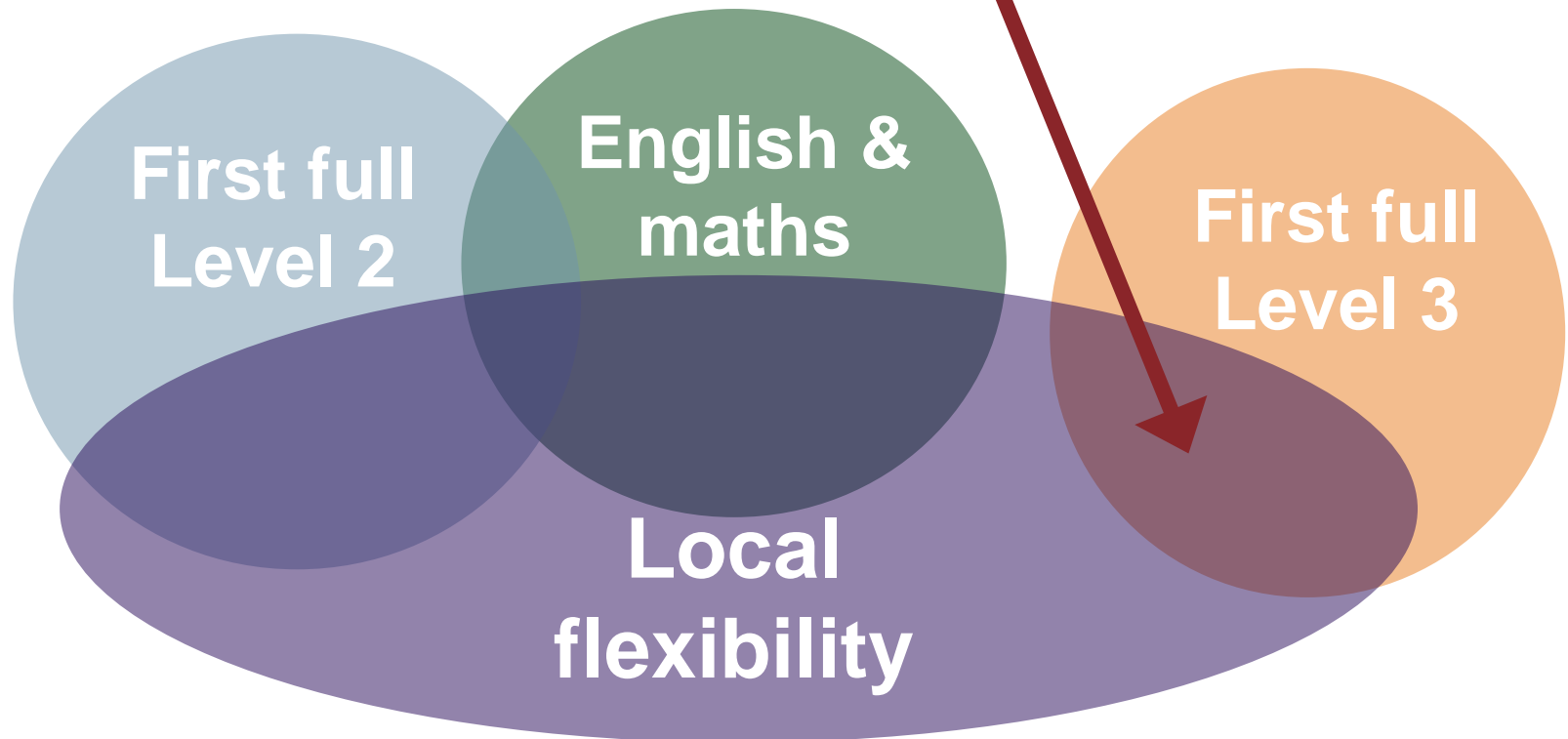




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# Local flexibility and legal entitlements examples

**Learner C:** 22 years old, unemployed, Level 3 Diploma in Art and Design and Level 1 retail knowledge qualification, because learner is exercising their entitlement to their first Level 3 and learner is unemployed, both qualifications would be fully funded







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# Resources

- 2017 to 2018 AEB funding rules - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-education-budget-funding-and-performance-management-rules-2017-to-2018>
- 2017 to 2018 Legal entitlements and Qualification Eligibility Principles document – <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/qualifications-getting-approval-for-funding>
- 2017 to 2018 AEB funding rates and formula - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adult-education-budget-funding-rates-and-formula-2017-to-2018>
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