



Net yourself a great funding opportunity during Wimbledon!

It's a winner!

We've just opened the new 2017-18 allocation of the Workforce Development Fund, a great way for you to save money on training costs.

Get into gear and be amongst the first to get a share of this fund - it doesn't last for ever...

Everyone applying must be part of a Workforce Development Fund partnership which in this area is the Care Alliance for Workforce Development <http://www.cawd.org.uk/>

See below for more details and if I can be of any help in supporting your claim, please let me know.

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There is also information on the CAWD website at <http://www.cawd.org.uk/funding/>

Read how others benefited

The Workforce Development Fund has published a series of case studies which demonstrate how different organisations have used the WDF to support the learning and development of their staff.

Take a look at them [here](#).

Workforce Development Fund 2017-18

What is the Workforce Development Fund?

The Workforce Development Fund (WDF) is funding from the Department of Health which is disbursed by Skills for Care. It's a limited pot of money which funds qualifications, units and learning programmes to support the ongoing professional development of staff across adult social care in England.

What is its aim?

Employers can claim back a contribution towards the costs of employees completing health and social care qualifications, units, Apprenticeships and learning programmes.

What's in it for my organisation?

There are over 400 units eligible for funding that make up adult social care qualifications. A list of eligible units, qualifications and learning programmes is available at www.skillsforcare.org.uk/WDFunits

WDF pays a contribution of £15 per QCF credit, with a maximum of 60 credits per learner per funding year. How much you can claim back will depend on the qualification, the units selected and how many credits make up those units. Learning programmes and RQF qualifications are funded to the value advertised on completion.

Here are some examples of what could be claimed:

- Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care (Adults) (46 credits) - up to £690
- Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care (58 credits) - up to £870
- Level 4 Diploma in Adult Care (minimum 70 credits) - up to £1050*
- Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services, adult pathways (minimum 80 credits) – up to £1200*
- RQF Level 4 Certificate in Principles of Leadership and Management in Adult Care - £400
- 'Lead to Succeed' learning programme - £350

*A maximum of 60 credits per learner, per funding year can be claimed so qualifications larger than 60 credits will need to be claimed over more than one funding year. Funding years run from 1 April to 31 March. For a list of funded adult social care qualifications and learning programmes visit

www.skillsforcare.org.uk/WDFqualifications

What can I claim for?

You can claim for units and qualifications completed between 1st January 2017 and 31st March 2018.

Employers can make claims for WDF to support the cost of course fees (or employer contributions) and for associated costs, such as employees' salaries while they are undertaking training, coaching and mentoring costs, venue costs for the training and if required backfill (wage replacement costs).

Can I apply?

To access the funding employers must meet certain criteria:

- You must be an adult social care employer operating in England.
- You must join a WDF partnership, or be part of a large national organisation that has a WDF grant with Skills for Care.
- You must have a National Minimum Data Set for Social Care (NMDS-SC) account, which has been fully completed or updated in line with the requirements for funding between the advertised dates.

How to apply

Set out below is a summary of the Workforce Development Fund and how to apply. But if you have any questions about the fund, eligibility and the application process, you might find the answers in this document:

<http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Documents/Learning-and-development/Funding/Workforce-Development-Fund/WDF-2017-18-overview-leaflet.pdf>

Skills for Care has asked us to ensure that applicants please use the summary sheets from the correct funding year.

You can find resources to help under the How to Claim WDF 2017-18 section here:

<http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Learning-development/Funding/Workforce-Development-Fund/How-to-claim-funding-through-a-partnership.aspx>

If you are claiming a single unit, you can use this link; <http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Documents/Learning-and-development/Funding/Workforce-Development-Fund/Unit-summary-sheet-interactive-final.pdf>

Or for multiple units, use this link: <http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Documents/Learning-and-development/Funding/Workforce-Development-Fund/Multiple-unit-summary-sheet-interactive-final.pdf>

NEW for this year are interactive versions which open in Excel:

<http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Documents/Learning-and-development/Funding/Workforce-Development-Fund/Multiple-unit-summary-sheet.xlsx>

Please can employers ensure they fill out and send this covering form with all grant submissions:

<http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Documents/Learning-and-development/Funding/Workforce-Development-Fund/Employer-WDF-claim-submission-form-2017-18-interactive-final.pdf>

If in doubt, don't hesitate to get in touch and we'll make sure you have the correct forms.



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