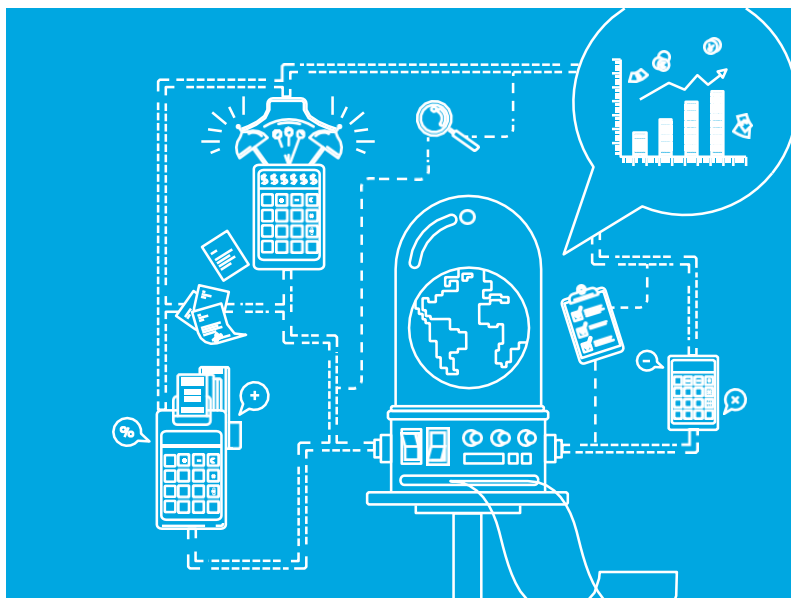


# Post May 2017 Apprenticeship review



## Adapting your existing controls to meet the new requirements

From May 2017 the funding approach to apprenticeships was radically transformed with the introduction of the Apprenticeship Levy, formal contracting with employers, 20 per cent off the job training requirement, mandatory employer contributions for certain apprentices along with a whole range of data changes in the ILR and the way provision is actually funded.

In response to this, providers have had to amend and adapt their existing controls to meet the new requirements. The question for any provider after significant change is always “have we addressed all the changes in design of our controls and how effectively have we implemented them?”

### How can RSM help?

#### Framework

Our approach is designed to review your controls framework and its implementation to identify levels of compliance and non compliance with the new funding rules. Our review will examine the critical areas and can include:

- contracts between provider and employer;
- negotiated price;
- co investment;
- 20 per cent off the job;
- small employer waiver;
- Maths and English requirements;
- monitoring of activity;
- completion and achievement; and
- data compliance including PDSATs and Hub reports.

Following the review, we will provide a detailed report on your level of compliance and agreed management actions to ensure your controls framework is compliant with the funding rules and has appropriate evidence to support funding claims.

### Funding assurance

As part of the service we can also carry out a funding assurance review of your post May 2017 apprenticeship provision. Using the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) prescribed assurance approach we carry out a detailed review of a sample of your apprentices for compliance with the funding rules. Being one of the firms under contract to the ESFA, we have a detailed understanding of the approach and what the expectations of the ESFA actually are when reviewing ILR data and underlying evidence.

We will complete a sample size of your choosing, which can also be flexed if there are budgetary constraints along with full PDSAT review and samples if that is also required. Once the review is completed we will provide you with detailed feedback on the errors identified and a management report that includes agreed management actions to resolve errors and issues identified.

### What do I do next?

Any of these packages can be tailored to your requirements and can include question and answer options, training for senior management and governors and attendance at Audit Committee.



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