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The new direction



What do we know?

Labour's 2024 manifesto put a spotlight on breaking down barriers to opportunity, with a particular focus on:

Creating a comprehensive strategy for post-16 education

Establishing Skills England to coordinate business, training providers, unions, and government to ensure a highly trained workforce. – should be operational by April 2025

Devolving adult skills funding to Combined Authorities

Transforming FE colleges into specialist Technical Excellence Colleges

Reforming the Apprenticeship Levy into a flexible Growth and Skills Levy which will allow for up to 50% to be spent on training other than apprenticeships

Guaranteed training, an apprenticeship, or help to find work for all 18- to 21-year-olds

What do we know?

Funding guidance for apprenticeships has been released – some minor changes but no definitive updates to EPA funding

Funding remains under national control – no devolution

Pilots disbanded

Proposed introduction of Foundation Apprenticeships

Axing of English and Maths functional skills exit requirements for adult apprentices with immediate effect (optional)

Minimum duration of apprenticeships will be shortened from 12 to 8 months from the next academic year

Trailblazers

Three “trailblazer apprenticeships” in shortage occupations (in green energy, healthcare and film/TV production) to “pioneer” new shorter apprenticeship approach

The three standards are: Level 2 dual fuel smart meter installers, Level 2 healthcare support workers, Level 3 production assistants - screen and audio

Aim to help SMEs fill skills gaps quicker

So, What is next for End-Point Assessment?

Tough world to be in
as an EPAO!

All party support for
Apprenticeships –
key to the skills
system

English and maths
for 16-18 is still a
challenge

What will the
Foundation
Apprenticeship
framework look like?

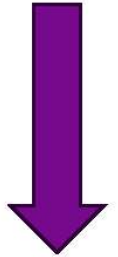
What is deemed to
be 'High Value
training'?

How will the
changes impact
starts on
Apprenticeships?

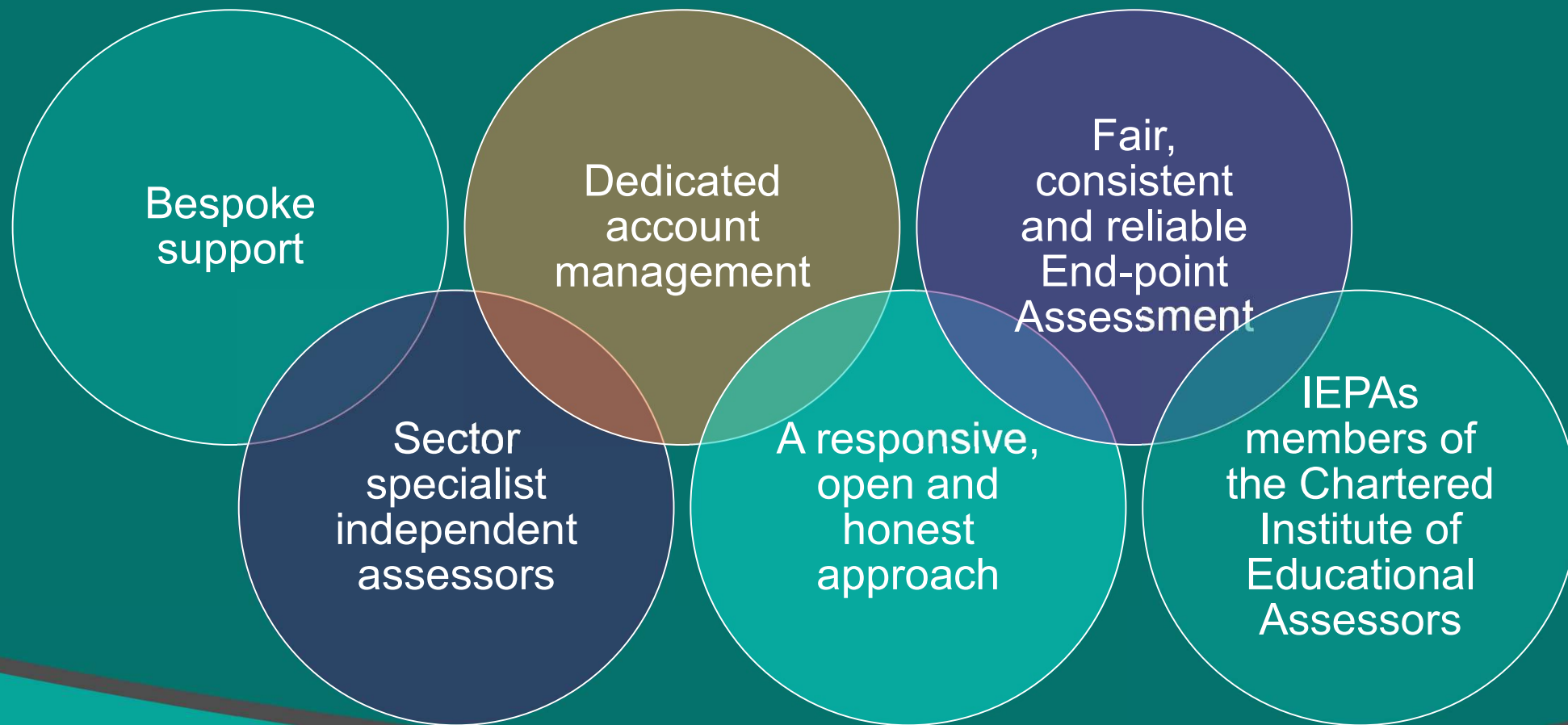
Embrace the
changes and ensure
quality is maintained

Indicative Timeline of Key Events

• Get Britain Working White Paper	November 2024
• Skills England “Consulting” on Flexibilities and Level 7	by the end of December 2024
• English Devolution White Paper	December 2024
• Skills England Recommendations	“Early 2025”
• Education Select Committee Inquiry into FE and Skills	January 2025
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• Ofsted Consultation on EIF and Inspection (pilots to follow)	January / February 2025
• DfE Post-16 Vision Paper	February 2025
• Adult Skills Fund and 16 to 19 Allocations for FY25/26	March / April 2025
• DfE/ESFA Integration: ESFA Closed	By April 2025
• Full Skills England: IfATE Closed	Target April 2025 (potentially Summer 2025)
• Youth Guarantee Regional Trailblazers Pilots	April 2025
• Apprenticeship Levy Flexibilities (High-Value Training)	Potentially phased from April 2025, more likely the Autumn
• Post-16 White Paper	Late Spring 2025
• Multi Year Spending Review Outcome	11 th June 2025
• Curriculum and Assessment Review (CAR)	Summer 2025
• New Devolution Deals x 3 (East Mids, York & North Yorkshire and Cornwall)	August 2025
• Foundation and Shorter Duration Apprenticeships	August 2025 onwards
• Potential Apprenticeship System Evolution / Restrictions	Autumn 2025 onwards
• Revised Ofsted EIF Implemented	September 2025



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