

Solicitor Apprenticeship Funding

The government apprenticeship levy is a tax paid by employers. It is then stored in a fund which can be accessed to help pay for apprenticeship training costs.

The Apprenticeship Levy is designed to put apprenticeship funding in the hands of employers and encourage them to invest in and create apprenticeships. Businesses with a payroll of £3 million or more make monthly deposits of 0.5% of their annual pay bill into the Apprenticeship Levy pot.

Apprenticeship Levy Transfers

Under present rules, businesses who operate an apprenticeship levy can donate up to 25% of it to a third partner organisation.

How to transfer Apprenticeship Levy funding?

In order to start the process, the "Levy Donor" needs to set up a "*connection request*" with the "Receiving Employer" via your [apprenticeship service account](#).

To do this they need to login to their account and go to **Your Finances** and then select **Transfers** and then they will be able to see the remaining transfer allowance and click **Connect to a receiving employer** to make the connection.

They will need the Account ID for the Receiving Employer. Once the *connection request* is set up between the Receiving Employer and the Levy Donor, the Receiving Employer will add in all the apprentice details including all the course and financial details, at which point the apprentice is linked to the training provider.

Following this, the Receiving Employer can send the donor firm a *transfer request* which will show the Levy Donor all the details of the apprentice and the request for fees, once the transfer is completed it will show on the government account of all three parties. At each stage, the parties will receive email notifications from the government apprenticeship account system.

The Apprenticeship Service withdraws the whole apprentice fee in a lump sum. This does not go directly to the training provider as is indicated on the online account but is held by the Apprenticeship Service and the training provider draws down an equal amount monthly throughout the course.

Please see Education & Skills Funding Agency guidance video at -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4jcUqiStyA4>

Please also see further guidance at -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/transferring-your-apprenticeship-levy-to-another-business>

Planning Gain & S.106 Funding

Planning obligations under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), commonly known as s106 agreements, are a mechanism which make a development proposal acceptable in planning terms, that would not otherwise be acceptable. They are focused on site specific mitigation of the impact of development. S106 agreements are often referred to as 'developer contributions' along with highway contributions and the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Section 106 and the Community Infrastructure Levy are presently subject to a formal review as part of the Government's "Levelling Up" agenda.

Section 106 is often used to fund apprenticeship and employment programmes. If an advice body enjoys a good relationship with their local authority then they may wish to discuss with them the possibility of S.106 funding of 'solicitor apprenticeships'.

Department for Education

Key stakeholder's within the Propel partnership may be able to persuade the DfE to fund our work on the Advice Workforce Programme in a similar way to the DfE's funding of TeachFirst and Frontline.

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