

Adult Skills Fund Funding Rates and Formula

For the 2026 to 2027 funding year (1 August 2026 to 31 July 2027)

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Introduction and purpose of the document

This document sets out the principles and features of our funding system for the 2026 to 2027 funding year (1 August to 31 July) for Lancashire Combined County Authority (LCCA) funded adult skills fund (ASF) delivery. We may make changes to these principles and features during the funding year.

The funding rates and formula applicable to LCCA ASF delivery aligns with those of the Department for Education (DfE) except for a few exceptions.

Please refer to the DfE Funding Rates and Formula document. It can be found here: [Adult skills fund: funding rates and formula 2026 to 2027 - GOV.UK](#)

Exceptions to DfE funding rates and formula

This section details the LCCA ASF funded provision where the funding methodology deviates from that used by the DfE.

Please refer to the 26/27 LCCA ILR Coding guidance for detailed instructions for claiming such activity.

1. Referral incentive for Connect to Work and Skills Bootcamps

LCCA have introduced a £200 incentive payment for providers when an ASF learner subsequently starts on either

- Connect to Work: Must have formally started programme
- Skills Bootcamp: Must have achieved milestone 1

Only **one** incentive per learner may be claimed even if they start both.

LCCA will cross-match participation data and supply providers with a list of eligible learners for whom an incentive payment can be claimed.

Incentive payment trigger:

Programme	Payment trigger
Connect to work	Formally started programme
Skills Bootcamps	Achieved milestone 1

2. Click (only applicable if a provider has successfully bid for this initiative)

Click is Lancashire's community-based digital inclusion and essential digital skills programme, delivered under Lot 1A (Skills for Life) of the Adult Skills Fund (ASF). It is designed to support adults with low or no digital confidence, helping them build the skills needed to benefit from everyday digital life and progress into further learning.

Delivery Type	Unit Rate	Notes
Outreach Digital Activities	£150 per learner	One funded Outreach per learner
Substantive Digital Skills Provision	£400 per learner	Up to two funded Substantive per learner; requires initial assessment

A learner may only be claimed once per delivery strand. Providers may submit one funded claim for an Outreach activity and up to two funded claims for a Substantive activity for the same individual.

3. Essential Digital Skill Qualifications (EDSQ) rate change

As a consequence of the Click programme referred to above, the EDSQ rate for academic year (AY) 26/27 will be increased to £800 to ensure coherence across digital skills provision. This enhanced rate will be automatically calculated by the ILR for LCCA residents.