

# Appendix A: A Summary of the Machinery of Government Changes

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Announced in 2008, in the Government Green Paper 'Raising Expectations: Enabling the System to Deliver', the Machinery of Government Changes reorganised the funding and organisation of FE colleges. The date of implementation is 1 April 2010.

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) will be dissolved and replaced by two new agencies for funding:

1. Young People's Learning Agency for 14 - 19 funding
2. Skills Funding Agency for 19+ funding

The **Young People's Learning Agency** will be an organisation with an independent board; the **Skills Funding Agency** will be an agency that forms part of its host government department.

Young People's Learning Agency will have both a planning and funding role, and have powers: to launch more significant reorganisations of 16 - 18 provision; have responsibility for provision for Learners with Learning Difficulties or Disabilities (LLDD); commission provision for young offenders in custodial institutions; work to create common funding arrangements for 16 - 18 learners in both schools and colleges; and work to introduce a common performance management framework across the 16 - 18 system.

Funding will be distributed from the Agency to local authorities for local decision making. Local authorities will be encouraged to work in sub-regional partnerships and in partnership with FE institutions for 16 - 19 provision in colleges.

The Skills Funding Agency will focus on 19+ learning, and will: manage the National Employer's Service; work with a new National Apprenticeships Service; work with a new England-wide Adult Advancement and Careers Service; be responsible for performance management in FE colleges; and be the point of intervention in ensuring minimum standards and levels of performance.

The majority of funding received by colleges will flow in direct response to customer choices through the Train to Gain initiative. The Skills Funding Agency will be a funding body, not a funding and planning body.

In further changes, legislation will be introduced to designate 6th form colleges as a separate category of college, based mainly on whether they focus on full time 16 - 19 education. They will be funded, regulated and performance managed by their home local authority.

Further details of the implementation of the machinery of government changes can be found at [www.dcsf.gov.uk](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk) and [www.bis.gov.uk](http://www.bis.gov.uk)

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