



APPRENTICESHIP LEVY

HOW YOUR COMPANY CAN BENEFIT

DATE: 28TH JUNE 2016

VENUE: ETC VENUES, 1 DRUMMOND GATE, LONDON SW1V 2QQ

EVENT OBJECTIVE:

The Apprenticeship Levy launches in the 2017-18 tax year, with all employers obliged to pay **0.5% of their total payroll costs** above **£3M, into the levy fund**. All companies, irrespective of size, will have the opportunity to access the levy fund to contribute to the funding of their own apprenticeship programme. If companies do not engage in apprenticeships, they will not receive any return for their contribution to the levy fund.

ESCO, the sector council for the electrical and electronic industries and its association members, BEAMA, GAMBICA, NMI and techUK, have developed a strategy to assist their member companies to use the levy funds for appropriate apprenticeships.

This seminar and workshop programme will outline the opportunities for companies, the role of ESCO and the need for industry collaboration. Most important, it will allow company representatives to influence the development of the ESCO apprenticeship service.

The planned outcomes will include the establishment of a specific apprenticeship task force of companies and a delivery roadmap agreed between industry, ESCO and the BIS civil servants.



PROGRAMME

9.30	Registration
10.00 – 11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introduction – Peter Brooks, Chief Executive – ESCO • The objectives of the Apprenticeship Levy (invited) Nick Boles, Minister of State – Department of Business Innovation & Skills • What the industry thinks? Two Industry Speakers • ESCO the challenge for industry Graeme Philp, CEO GAMBICA, and TBC
11.00	Break
11.30 – 12.45	<p>Workshop sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop 1 – How will the levy work? Speaker: Member of the BIS/Skills Funding Agency – Helen Pickering. What will companies see on their balance sheet? How will the proposed digital wallets work? What happens to the money if a company does not use it? How do SMEs utilize funding? • Workshop 2 – How will apprenticeships look in 2017? Speaker: Trailblazer team of SFA What is the current apprenticeship landscape? How will the proposed definition of ‘Apprenticeship’ change these? What are the proposed new categories and what relevance for the electrical and electronics industries? • Workshop 3 – What are the key requirements for the industry? Facilitated by ESCO CEO, Peter Brooks What are the key needs for the industry? Craft, technician, higher, graduate/ what is the mix between traditional and new skills? Are there common areas that all apprentices should cover?
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch
13.45 – 14.00	What we learnt this morning – what are the key requirements from industry
14.00 – 14.20	The role of ESCO and industry groups – Howard Porter, BEAMA CEO, and Derek Boyd, NMI CEO. Both ESCO council members.
14.20 – 15.30	<p>Workshops sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop 1 – Craft /Apprenticeships (Levels 2/3) – Maureen O’Mara/John Bowman (apprenticeship technical authors) • Workshop 2 –Technician apprenticeships (Levels 4/5) – Maureen O’Mara/ John Bowman • Workshop 3 – Graduate apprenticeships (Levels 6/7) – Graeme Philp
15.30	Break
16.00	The future plans: Howard Porter and Peter Brooks

The cost to attend the one day seminar and workshop is £100 + VAT for association member companies and £125 + VAT for non-members.

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