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Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers (RoATP) and Lifetime Skills Guarantee

**Update for Swindon and Wilts LEP Skills and Talent Sub-Group
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RoATP context

- The Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers has been closed to most providers since April 2020.
- It was announced in the White Paper published in January 2021 that a refresh would commence:
- We will undertake a full refresh of the Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers... and adopt more stringent entry criteria for both new and existing providers, to better determine whether providers have the capability and capacity to be able to deliver these higher-quality apprenticeships.

RoATP Refresh May 2021 - What has changed

- The register will only open to existing providers and a limited number of new providers. Any new applicants must be:
 - Employer providers who employ critical workers.
 - Main and Supporting Providers endorsed by an employer to confirm they will deliver to critical workers and stating that the provision addresses the skills needs currently of greatest priority.

RoATP Refresh May 2021 - What has changed (continued)

- We have improved the application questions to make them more robust and to gather more information from providers in key areas.
- Providers will need to evidence their capacity and expertise to deliver high quality apprenticeships.
- This has allowed us to also make the clarifications process more robust:
 - Due to the evidence we now request from providers this will ensure only high-quality applications are successful.

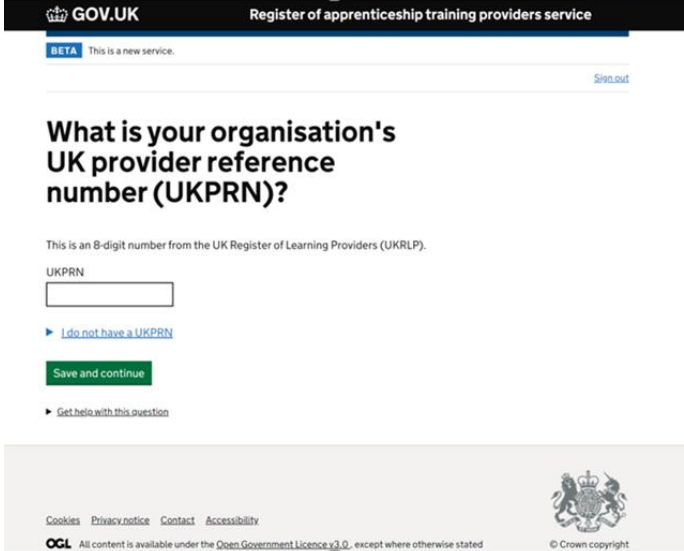
Conditions of Acceptance

- The Conditions of Acceptance have been reviewed and updated to ensure only providers who deliver training remain on the register.
- Providers who do not deliver for a period of 6 months or more may be removed from the register.

Digital

The digital system has been designed to improve the quality of applications received as:

- It is more user friendly and easier to use than the previous system.
- The new application questions are designed to be less ambiguous and gather more information from the provider to evidence their answers.
- This uses the gov.uk branding and should be familiar to providers.



The screenshot shows a web form on the gov.uk platform. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the 'GOV.UK' logo and the text 'Register of apprenticeship training providers service'. Below the header, a 'BETA' badge indicates 'This is a new service.' and a 'Sign out' link is visible in the top right. The main heading of the form is 'What is your organisation's UK provider reference number (UKPRN)?'. A sub-heading explains: 'This is an 8-digit number from the UK Register of Learning Providers (UKRLP)'. There is a text input field for the UKPRN. Below the field, there is a link: '▶ I do not have a UKPRN'. A green 'Save and continue' button is positioned below the link. At the bottom of the form area, there is a link: '▶ Get help with this question'. The footer of the page contains links for 'Cookies', 'Privacy notice', 'Contact', and 'Accessibility'. It also features the 'OGL' logo and the text 'All content is available under the Open Government Licence v3.0, except where otherwise stated' and the Royal Coat of Arms with the text '© Crown copyright'.



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For more information

Visit the website

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-of-apprenticeship-training-providers>

ESFA Update further education: 10 February 2021

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esfa-update-10-february-2021/esfa-update-further-education-10-february-2021#information-changes-to-the-register-of-apprenticeship-training-providers>

Lifetime Skills Guarantee

- The Lifetime Skills Guarantee will offer adults in England a free, fully-funded college course – providing them with skills valued by employers, and the opportunity to study at a time and location that suits them.
- The courses, ranging from engineering to healthcare to conservation, will be available to adults without a full qualification at Level 3 (A-level equivalent) from April 2021 to help them gain in-demand skills and open up further job opportunities.
- The offer is backed by £95 million from the £2.5 billion National Skills Fund, which is financing programmes that both support the immediate economic recovery and help meet future skills needs.
- Alongside the new Level 3 offer, the Lifetime Skill Guarantee will also include a Lifelong Loan Entitlement which will allow adults and young people to space out their study across their lifetimes and take high-quality courses in both further education colleges and universities.



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Lifetime Skills Guarantee - for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/adults-to-gain-new-skills-on-400-free-courses>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/qualifications-in-new-funded-offers>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-skills-fund>