

Funding for Apprenticeships Micro Credential pilot 2025-26

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Summary:

This publication sets out the arrangements and timing for additional funding of **£272,559** to be provided from Medr to Apprenticeship Contract Holders for the WBL Apprenticeships Micro Credential Pilot in financial year (FY) 2025-26.

The Welsh Government has allocated this funding to Medr in FY 2025-26, and it directly aligns to the commissioned apprenticeship programme for 2025-26. This additional funding will be paid monthly in arrears and will align with existing contractual requirements.

Additional funding amounts and timings

A WBL allocation of **£272,559.47** will be allocated to Apprenticeship Contract Holders (ACH) for the delivery of short Micro Credential courses to existing apprentices as shown in the table below. The allocations have been agreed following an expression of interest process as implemented by Medr.

ACH	Contribution for the delivery of Micro Credential courses
Associated Community Training Ltd	£10,000.00
B-wbl Pembrokeshire College	£66,360.00
Cardiff and Vale College	£43,330.00
Coleg Cambria	£18,352.40
Gower College Swansea	£41,805.00
Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	£53,487.07
Skills Academy Wales at NPTC Group of Colleges	£39,225.00
Total	£272,559.47

Key requirements and eligibility

This funding relates to the period 21 October 2025 to 31 March 2026. This additional funding will be paid monthly in arrears and will align with existing contractual requirements.

Learner eligibility must fully align with the criteria set out in the main apprenticeship programme specification as published on the Medr website. No exceptions to this will apply.

Apprenticeship Micro Credentials Course List

The following document sets out the courses eligible for funding (with funding values). The course list has been aligned to the Personal Learning Account (PLA) programme and has been developed following consultation with the ACH, industry bodies and key stakeholders.

No courses will be funded above the £1,500 per person cap or if they are not included in the enclosed approved qualification and courses list at Appendix 1 of **Annex A**, 'Apprenticeship Micro Credentials Pilot Guidance'. There will be no exceptions to this requirement.

Courses can potentially be added or removed from the list, and the process for requesting new courses has been shared with the ACH. All qualifications and courses

must be approved by Medr and funding values agreed before courses are delivered to learners. No exceptions to this will apply.

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