

New apprenticeship programme 2027 – key dates

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Response by: No response required

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Summary:

The key next steps on the development and implementation of the new apprenticeship programme 2027.



Introduction

1. The key next steps on the development and implementation of the new apprenticeship programme 2027 are:

Date	Activity
17 February 2026	Publication of the report on the outcomes of the consultation on the new apprenticeships programme
16 April 2026 and 22 April 2026	Engagement sessions with tertiary education providers on the new apprenticeship programme funding model
13 May 2026 14 May 2026 20 May 2026	Regional events to test the design of the new apprenticeship programme: North Wales Mid Wales South Wales
11 May 2026 – 19 June 2026	New apprenticeship programme funding model consultation
3 June 2026	New apprenticeship programme funding model consultation online event
w/c 3 August 2026	Publication of the outcomes of the new apprenticeship frameworks funding model consultation report
1 September 2026 – 31 December 2026	Publication of the apprenticeship programme grant and submission of applications and bids (further information will be published on this process in due course)
April 2027	Grant Award Letters issued
1 August 2027	New apprenticeship programme commences

Further information

2. Any queries regarding this circular should be directed to Heather Davidson, Head of Apprenticeships (apprenticeships@medr.cymru).

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