

Additional funding for National Insurance contributions in 2026-27

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Summary:

This publication sets out the arrangements and timing for additional mainstream funding of **£2,689,333.33** to be provided from Medr to further education (FE) institutions and **£458,333.33** to local authorities (LA) for National Insurance contributions in financial year (FY) 2026-27.



Introduction

1. This publication sets out the arrangements and timing for additional mainstream funding of **£2,689,333.33** to be provided from Medr to further education (FE) institutions and **£458,333.33** to local authorities (LA) for National Insurance contributions in financial year (FY) 2026-27.
2. The Welsh Government has allocated this additional funding to Medr in the FY 2026- 27 for National Insurance contributions. Additional funding for National Insurance contributions will be paid in full in one instalment in April 2026, in the FY 2026-27, and relates to AY 2025/26.

Additional funding amounts and timings

3. A FE mainstream allocation of **£2,689,333.33** will be allocated to FE institutions for National Insurance contributions for the AY 2025/26 in the FY 2026-27, as shown in the table below.

| Further education institution | FE Contribution towards increased NI costs |
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| Adult Learning Wales | £37,849.23 |
| Bridgend College | £148,258.02 |
| Coleg Cambria | £367,888.29 |
| Cardiff and Vale College | £315,000.70 |
| Coleg Sir Gâr | £190,124.63 |
| Coleg Gwent | £296,850.74 |
| Coleg y Cymoedd | £213,624.47 |
| Gower College Swansea | £261,722.03 |
| Grŵp Llandrillo Menai | £375,083.97 |
| The College Merthyr Tydfil | £59,551.88 |
| NPTC Group of Colleges | £244,113.54 |
| Pembrokeshire College | £123,341.98 |
| St David's Catholic Sixth Form College | £55,923.85 |
| Total | £2,689,333.33 |

4. A LA mainstream allocation of **£458,333.33** will be allocated to LA institutions for National Insurance contributions for the AY 2025/26 in the FY 2026-27, as shown in the table below.

| Local Authority | FE Contribution towards increased NI costs |
|--|---|
| Isle of Anglesey County Council | £11,338.33 |
| Gwynedd Council | £17,221.00 |
| Conwy County Borough Council | £23,599.67 |
| Denbighshire County Council | £16,886.33 |
| Flintshire County Council | £20,673.00 |
| Wrexham County Borough Council | £4,986.00 |
| Powys County Council | £19,868.33 |
| Ceredigion County Council | £15,922.00 |
| Pembrokeshire County Council | £13,125.00 |
| Carmarthenshire County Council | £29,099.67 |
| Swansea Council | £28,945.33 |
| Neath Port Talbot Council | £9,643.33 |
| Bridgend County Borough Council | £32,027.33 |
| Vale of Glamorgan Council | £34,534.67 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council | £38,725.67 |
| Cardiff Council | £72,651.67 |
| Caerphilly County Borough Council | £16,113.33 |
| Torfaen County Borough Council | £1,751.34 |
| Monmouthshire County Council | £17,435.00 |
| Newport City Council | £33,786.33 |
| Total | £458,333.33 |

5. This funding relates to the period 1 April 2026 to 31 July 2026. This additional funding for National Insurance contributions for AY 2025/26 will be paid in FY 2026-27 in one full instalment in April 2026.

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