

Adult Education Budget (AEB) devolution explained

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Devolution of adult education functions

In 2015-16, the government agreed a series of devolution deals between central government and local areas, also known as Mayoral Combined Authorities (MCAs) in England.

As part of the devolution deals, certain adult education functions will be transferred from the Secretary of State for Education to the MCAs. This means that the MCAs will take on responsibility for the AEB so the approach to this budget will now be based on each particular region's education and training needs for learners aged 19 and above.

Overview of devolution process

2015-16 -
government agreed
series of devolution
deals between
central government
and local areas.

Central government
to transfer certain
adult education
functions from the
Secretary of State for
Education to MCAs.

The combined authorities will
take on responsibility for the
AEB to make sure learners
aged 19+ who are eligible for
funding from that budget,
and reside in their areas, have
appropriate education and
training.

From the 2019-20 academic
year, the government will
devolve the AEB to the 6
MCAs and through a
delegation agreement to
the Mayor of London for the
Greater London Authority.

What does AEB support?

AEB supports a set of 4 statutory legal entitlements:

- English and maths (ages 19+)
- First full level 2 (ages 19-23)
- First full level 3 (ages 19-23)
- New digital entitlement

Devolved AEB will not support:

- Apprenticeships/19-23 Traineeships and related provision
- Adult offender learning and related provision
- 16-18 provision.

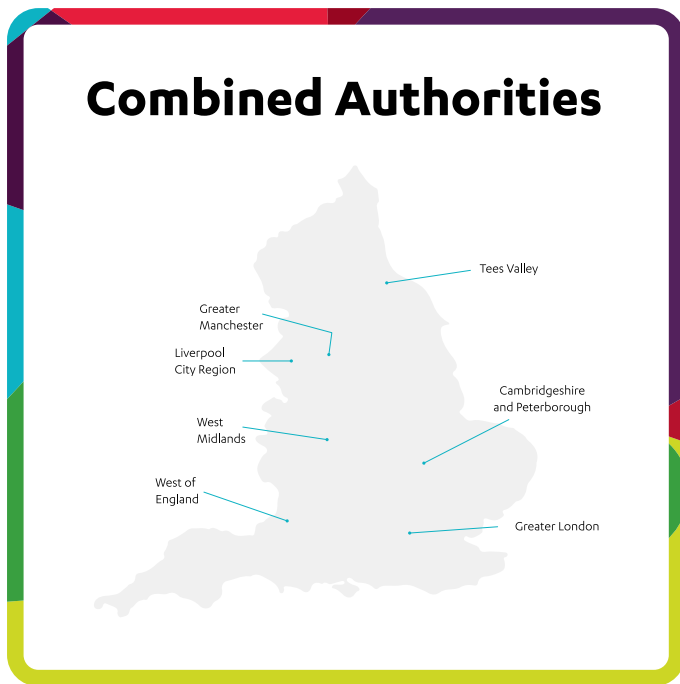
AEB supports learners in the following categories:

- 19-23 year olds**
Fully funded English and maths, learning to progress up to and including first full level 2 and/or level 3.
- 24+**
Unemployed and receiving Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Universal Credit (UC), Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), including those who receive National Insurance credits only.
- ESOL**
Fully funded if unemployed, otherwise co-funded.
- Learning Aims**
Up to and including level 2, if level 2 or above has already been achieved.

Mayoral Combined Authorities (MCAs)

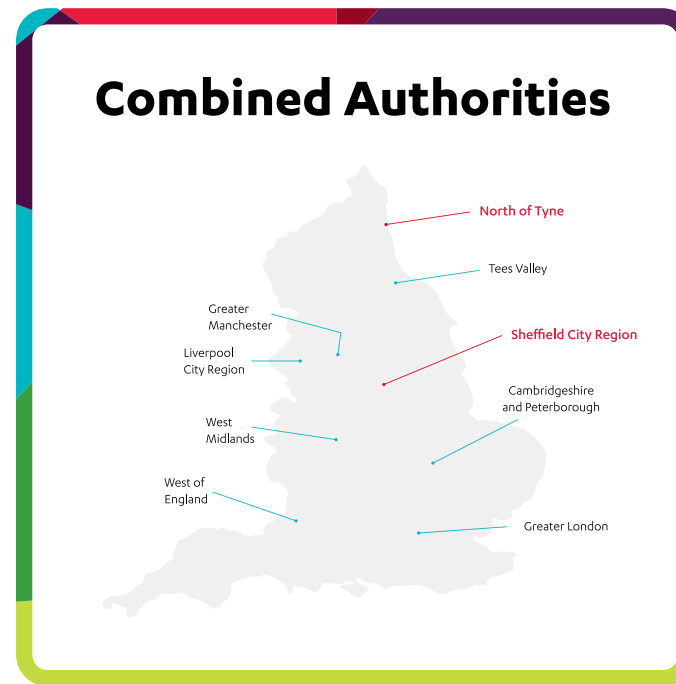
2019 - 20

From 2019-20 the AEB will be devolved to the following 6 MCAs and through a delegation agreement to the Mayor of London for the Greater London Authority (GLA):



2020-21

From 2020-21, a further 2 MCAs will have their funding devolved, making a total of 9:



Growth sectors

Growth Sector	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Greater Manchester	Liverpool City Region	West of England	West Midlands	Tees Valley	Greater London Authority
Life Sciences							
Health and Social Care							
IT and Digital							
Logistics							
Education							
Professional Services							
Agri-Tech							
Business and Finance							
Manufacturing							
Construction							
Low Carbon and Energy							
Maritime							
Visitor Economy							
Advanced Engineering inc Aerospace							
Retail							
Social Enterprise							
High Tech							
Process and Chemicals							

Non priority provision

It's universally accepted across all of the devolved localities that they don't want to buy:

- generic employability provision that doesn't move people nearer to employment, with learners cycling through provision on a regular basis.
- provision that they can already access from elsewhere, funded by others.
- provision that doesn't address local priorities.

Grant amounts for 2019-20

The grant amount for 2019-20 is split into 2 amounts. The first grant amount is 62.65% and the second is 37.25% of the full amount.

The grant amount for 2020-21 will be confirmed in January, with the allocation percentages matching the 2019-20 pattern.

Combined Authority	1 August 2019 to 31 March 2020 (£m)	1 April 2020 to 31 July 2020 (£m)	Total (£m)
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	7,212,927	4,300,125	11,513,052
Greater London Authority	191,987,714	114,457,161	306,444,875
Greater Manchester	58,013,818	34,586,051	92,599,868
Liverpool City Region	32,189,715	19,190,516	51,380,231
Tees Valley	18,448,244	10,998,275	29,446,518
West of England	9,234,233	5,505,165	14,739,398
West Midlands	78,712,985	49,926,257	125,639,242