

# Basic & Workplace Skills Bulletin

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## News

- 1 Counting the cost of assessment**  
Changes to assessment this year may have cost colleges in England an additional £50 million overall according to The Association of College's counting the cost survey.

- 3 Sector response following the lifting of education restrictions after 19 July**  
Responses from around education to the Government's lifting of restrictions next week.

## Conference

- 4 Simon Lebus at the Apprenticeships conference 2021**  
Simon Lebus, the interim Chief Regulator at Ofqual, spoke at the Inside Government Apprenticeship Conference about the reform of vocational and technical qualifications and Ofqual's role in the reforms; quality in Apprenticeship end-point assessments and the current transition of External Quality Assurance to Ofqual and Functional Skills qualifications.

## Policy papers

- 7 Policy papers published last week**  
Policy papers from government and parliament.

## Consultations

- 8 Consultations published last week**  
There were no relevant education consultation outcomes published last week.

## Delegated legislation

- 8 Statutory instruments issued last week**  
There were two relevant education statutory instruments issued last week.

## Parliament - Debates

- 11 The Armed Forces**  
Oral questions to the Ministry of Defence covered education and training for the Armed Forces.

- 12 Nuclear sector skills**  
Craig Whittaker (Con, Calder Valley) asked the Secretary of State, what plans there were to ensure that skills in the nuclear sector were maintained between the building of new power plants.

## Civil Service skills and training

During Cabinet Office oral questions, Bob Blackman (Con, Harrow East) asked what steps the Government was taking to improve skills and training within the civil service.

- 13 Skills & Post-16 Education Bill in committee**  
The committee stage of the Skills & Post-16 Education Bill was taken on the floor of the House of Lords. We report on the first day of the committee stage.

## Parliament - Questions

- 15 Answers to written questions**  
Answers to written questions to the Department for Education, the Department for Transport, H M Treasury, the Department for Work and Pensions and the House of Lords.

## Publisher information

- 24 Subscription rates**  
Publisher, writers and subscription details.

**This issue will be the last one before we break for the academic summer holidays. Our next issue will be in September.**