

## Apprenticeship programme Examination Board and Government News Updates

6 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	<p><b>Government Guidance on learning arrangements and Wages</b></p> <p>Two key update documents have been issued that employers and apprentices will find useful sources of information. The key points from the learning arrangements documents are reproduced below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>encouraging training providers to deliver training to apprentices remotely and via e-learning as far as is practicable</i></li><li>• <i>allowing the modification of end-point assessment arrangements, including remote assessments wherever practicable and possible</i></li><li>• <i>clarifying that apprentices ready for assessment, but who cannot be assessed due to COVID-19 issues, can have their end-point assessment rescheduled. Apprentices whose gateway is delayed can have an extension to the assessment timeframe</i></li><li>• <i>enabling employers and training providers to report and initiate a break in learning where the interruption to learning due to COVID-19 is greater than four weeks</i></li><li>• <i>clarification on how to record breaks in learning so that funding is not unnecessarily disrupted</i></li><li>• <i>confirming that, where apprentices are made redundant, it is our ambition to find them alternative employment and continue their apprenticeship as quickly as possible and within 12 weeks</i></li></ul> <p>Wigan &amp; Leigh College has updated staff that is your key contact and will work closely with awarding bodies to ensure that you benefit from the flexibilities available. If you have not heard from your trainer assessor or customer service contact recently or have a specific query concerning any of the current remote support learning that is being implemented please email <a href="mailto:employerengagement@wigan-leigh.ac.uk">employerengagement@wigan-leigh.ac.uk</a> so that we can ensure that your programme of learning is disrupted a little as possible.</p> <p>The full source documents can be found: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wage-costs-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wage-costs-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme</a> <a href="#">apprenticeship learning arrangements because of COVID-19.</a></p>
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