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Introducing the Settlement System

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the Settlement System



What it is

The Settlement System will provide simple internet access to a range of account management and contracting functions

It will enable a single account to be allocated to each provider

Each account will be handled by one account manager

It will bring huge efficiency savings and ensure provider payments are dispatched swiftly and securely



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“The introduction of single accounts that can be managed electronically is a huge step forward for providers and the Skills Funding Agency. It will improve business efficiency, reduce bureaucracy and increase confidence that provision and funding can be delivered quickly and securely to meet demand.”

Jill Lowery

Skills Funding Agency Senior Responsible Officer for Account Management

What we have now

- Accounts are currently handled by awarding multiple contracts to training companies operating across geographical boundaries and offering different types of provision
- Providers operating in many areas and being paid through several funding streams have a different contract and account manager for each
- It is a cumbersome and inefficient way of working
- Largest providers have as many as 30 contracts for every funding stream and separate contracts for each geographical area in which they operate

What the Settlement System will do

- The new system will provide simple internet access to a range of services
- It will enable the Skills Funding Agency and potentially other funding agencies, to view account information through a single online access point
- It will allow them to manage accounts and contracts, monitor performance, make payments, and to trigger intervention and the reallocation of funding where required

Its benefits to others

- Employers will be better served by a single account manager with access to accurate and up-to-date information on their organisation
- Colleges, training companies and voluntary sector providers will work through a single account manager, which will replace current inefficient methods
- Providers will be able to manage their own businesses more effectively, to input and view their own information online, to plan ahead and to react quickly to meet evolving skills needs

The Settlement System will:

- Provide a single web access to multiple accounting, contracting, planning and payment services
- Be quick and simple to use – allow easy access for inputting, viewing and extracting information
- Contain one account for each provider covering all of their activities
- Provide improved management information to monitor performance
- Be cost effective – adapt existing IT systems
- Automate routine functions such as the allocation of agreed payments and unchanged contract renewals
- Provide clear information and tools to assist providers



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When it will do it

The Settlement System is being developed in four phases between 2008 and 2013. It is one of a number of web enabled programmes to simplify access and support and to streamline further education administration and working practices

Current roadmap

Capability 1 – Demand Led Funding (operational)

- The DLF system was implemented in August 2008
- It gives providers increased funding flexibility to respond to skills demands and react rapidly to changing priorities
- Funding arrangements are designed to fundamentally change the way school sixth forms, colleges and training providers are financed

Capability 2 – Account Management (April 2010)

- Second phase will be delivered by April 2010 and will allow the Skills Funding Agency to manage contracts through a central account management function
- It will improve control and management over funding rules, enhanced contract processing and provider approval, performance management and intervention.

Capability 3 – Contract Management (April 2011)

- Phase three will be completed by 2011 and will involve the retirement of current Allocations, Management and Payment Systems and the introduction of new improved contract management facilities.

Capability 4 – Events Management (optional April 2013)

- Phase four will be delivered by 2013 and will introduce systems that will react quickly to support the evolving needs of individuals as they progress through their chosen areas of education and training
- This will lead to core information about enrolment to be available almost instantly
- It will be a key element in enabling improved services to be offered to learners and employers.

What it might look like

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Account Manager Dashboard – April 2010

My Dashboard

My Accounts

My Reports

My Accounts

Funding Stream ▾

UKPRN	Provider Id	Provider Name	FFE Grade	Status	Expiry	Valid Funding	Risk Level
12344333	121234	Castlebridge College	O	Approved	01/01/2010	ER, ASL	High
20123111	235678	Redwing Training	N	Approved	06/01/2010	ER, ESP	Medium
12348222	444342	Learning Ltd	S	Approved	01/01/2009	ER	Medium
20123121	235678	Reading Training	N	Not Approved	06/01/2010	ER, ESP	Medium
12348223	444342	Jet Training	S	Approved	01/01/2009	ER	Low

My Contracts

Year ▾

Funding Stream ▾

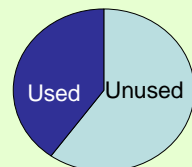
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20124	ER	Redwing Training	0.1	Draft	02/09/2010	06/01/2011	35000	0
12341	ASL	Pendleton College	1.2	Terminated	01/02/2008	01/01/2010	55000	45000
20125	ER	Joe Training	0.1	Draft	02/09/2010	06/01/2011	35000	0
12346	ASL	Johnson College	1.2	Terminated	01/02/2008	01/01/2010	55000	45000

My Tasks

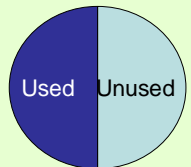
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Low	Approve Termination	Learning Ltd	454254	02/02/09
Low	Approve Contract Variation	Salthead College	345678	04/01/09
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My Portfolio Budget

Planned Yearly Budget to Date



Actual Yearly Budget to date



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Contracts:-

Castlebridge College

Year

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Contract: 1233F – ER – Castlebridge College:

View: Details

Details

Contract No: 1233f Status: Approved
 Programme: ER 2009/10 Contract Type: ER
 Start Date: 01/09/2009 Version: 1.01
 End Date: 31/08/2009

Financial Summary

Total Value: £2504500.00 Next Payment Due: 01/11/2009
 Payment Posted: £504500.00 Next Payment Amount: £54000.01
 Balance to Pay: £2000000.00 Payment Method: Profile
 Reconciliation Pattern: Quarterly Next Reconciliation: Nov 2009

Tolerances

Delivery (%) 10 Delivery (£) 4000 Finance (%) 4

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