

## **122. E- Learning Credits (06-07)**

1. Funding is aimed at increasing the usage of digital learning resources which research has shown can make a major difference in transforming teaching and learning. This investment will add to the £330m of e-Learning Credits (eLCs) that schools have already received. This will rapidly expand the availability and classroom use of products and services bought through the innovative Curriculum Online web catalogue. Authorities should therefore use their judgement to make sure that funding achieves maximum effectiveness.
2. Local Authorities should calculate and issue allocations to individual institutions. A baseline figure of £1000 must be given to all maintained (government funded) institutions within the authority that directly provide nursery, primary or secondary education. Private, voluntary and independent nurseries are not entitled to the baseline figure.
3. Local authorities must also calculate and issue a per pupil allocation to all institutions within the authority that directly provide nursery, primary or secondary education. Local authorities will need to take into account any local circumstances and may need to adjust the DfES allocation figure of £6.58 per eligible pupil to take account of their latest data on eligible pupils.
4. Local authorities must also ensure that the DfES Alternative Provision Policy is followed when making allocations for institutions and pupil numbers. In practice, this means that Pupil Referral Units, Traveller Education Service, Hospital Schools and other education authority funded education providers are eligible for eLC allocations

### **Basis of allocation**

5. The ring fenced £75m of e-Learning Credit (eLC) for 2006-07 is funded at 100%. The allocations are calculated using PLASC data which has been supplemented with data on the number of eligible three and four year olds who are in receipt of the Nursery Education Grant and information on the number of Traveller Education Service centres within each authority. The number of eligible three and four year olds has been taken from the National Statistics First Release - Provision for children under five years of age in England: January 2005 (Provisional).

Further information on this grant will be available at [www.dfes.uk/ictinschools](http://www.dfes.uk/ictinschools)

## **Grant 122 (07-08): E- Learning Credits**

1. Funding is aimed at increasing the usage of digital learning resources which research has shown can make a major difference in transforming teaching and learning. This investment will add to the £430m of e-Learning Credits (eLCs) that schools have already received. This will rapidly expand the availability and classroom use of products and services bought through the innovative Curriculum Online web catalogue. Authorities should therefore use their judgement to make sure that funding achieves maximum effectiveness.

2. Local Authorities (LAs) should calculate and issue allocations to individual institutions. A baseline figure of £1000 must be given to all maintained (government funded) institutions within the authority that directly provide nursery, primary or secondary education. Private, voluntary and independent nurseries are not entitled to the baseline figure, however they may be entitled to the per pupil amount if certain criteria are met.

3. LAs must also calculate and issue a per pupil allocation to all institutions within the authority that directly provide nursery, primary or secondary education. LAs will need to take into account any local circumstances and may need to adjust the DfES allocation figure of £3.42 per eligible pupil to take account of their latest data on eligible pupils.

4. LAs are reminded that they should continue to allocate funding to academies on the same basis as they would their maintained schools. Detailed guidance will be available from November/December 2006 explaining how to treat Academies with an independent predecessor school (including CTCs), or a new Academy with no predecessor school and Academies scheduled to open in September 2007.

5. LAs must also ensure that the DfES Alternative Provision Policy is followed when making allocations for institutions and pupil numbers. In practice, this means that Pupil Referral Units, Ethnic Minority Achievement Centres, Traveller Education Service, Hospital Schools and other education authority funded education providers are eligible for eLC allocations.

### **Basis of allocation**

6. The ring fenced £50m of eLCs for 2007-08 is funded at 100%. The allocations are calculated using PLASC data which has been supplemented with data on the number of eligible three and four year olds who are in receipt of the Nursery Education Grant and information on the number of Traveller Education Service centres within each authority. The number of eligible three and four year olds has been taken from the National Statistics First Release - Provision for children under five years of age in England: January 2006 (Final).

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