

Guidance for accessing funding for the Principles of Commissioning for Wellbeing level 5 qualification

The Learning and Development Support Scheme (LDSS) for the adult social care workforce is offered by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) for 2025/26. The LDSS is administered by NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA). The below guidance refers specifically to how to access the LDSS to support undertaking the Principles of Commissioning for Wellbeing level 5 qualification. Find more general information [about the LDSS on our website](#).

Eligible adult social care employers in England can claim staff training costs from the LDSS in the financial year 2025/26. The Principles of Commissioning for Wellbeing level 5 qualification is listed in the eligible courses and qualifications for funding, which has been published on the [Government website](#). The maximum reimbursement amount for the qualification is £2,890*. The overall funding pot is limited. Once this has been exhausted, claims submitted will not receive reimbursement.

Step 1

Staff in a commissioning role wanting to undertake the qualification have the support of their employer and line manager.

Step 2

Employer checks they are eligible to claim by referring to the [guidance](#).

The organisation has an up-to-date [ASC-WDS account](#).

Step 3

Sign up to the claims service by completing an [onboarding form](#).

Step 4

Your employer is contacted by the NHSBSA to book an onboarding appointment, where you will be supported to set up an account.

Step 5

Your employer is ready to claim.

The LDSS must be claimed on an employer-led basis, and any training must be paid for before reimbursement through LDSS.

We work with two Skills for Care endorsed learning providers; [Hasca](#) and [BCE](#) who deliver the qualification with co-trainer input from people with lived experience of accessing care and support or their families, and from commissioners working within health and social care.

To apply for the qualification, please contact your preferred learning provider directly:

BCE: info@bcelearn.co.uk

Hasca: lynda@hascaltld.co.uk

Your employer will need to book and pay for your qualification and keep hold of [evidence](#) needed to claim.

The [claims process](#) differs depending on whether you are claiming for a training course or a qualification.

For qualifications, employers can claim 60% reimbursement within three months of the qualification being started/paid for (whichever is the later date), then claim the remaining 40% within three months of completion.

*Accurate information as of date of publishing. The reimbursement rate was increased at the start of the 2025/26 financial year; there are no plans to change further at this time, but DHSC always encourages employers to review the advertised rates when booking qualifications and submitting claims.