

Devolution and the Greater London Area - Guidance

Please note: if you live within the greater London Area and want to study at Thurrock Adult Community College, you may be affected by these changes.

Background

In 2015 to 2016, the government agreed a series of devolution deals between central government and local area Mayoral Combined Authorities (MCAs) in England.

As part of the devolution deals, certain adult education functions, in the **Apprenticeships Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009**, which are funded by the Adult Education Budget (AEB), have been transferred to MCAs in relation to their respective areas. For neighbouring London boroughs, these functions have been delegated to the Mayor of London under section 39A of the Greater London Authority Act 1999.

As part of their new responsibilities the devolved authorities will need to ensure that learners aged 19 and over in their area, who are eligible for funding, have access to appropriate education and training.

The AEB is now split into devolved and non-devolved budgets with the ESFA no longer accountable for administering the AEB in devolved areas. The ESFA continues to be responsible for funding learners in England that are resident outside of the devolved areas.

For further information please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/adult-education-budget-aeb-devolution>

The devolved authorities within England from 1 August 2021 are:

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
Greater Manchester
Greater London
Liverpool City Region
North of Tyne
Sheffield City Region
Tees Valley
West Midlands
West of England
West Yorkshire



For a full list of London Boroughs, all of which are affected by devolution, please visit:
<https://directory.londoncouncils.gov.uk/>

Locally to Thurrock, the main areas affected are: **Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Hornchurch, Rainham, Romford and Upminster.**

Provision for Learners in Devolved Areas

Thurrock Adult Community College aims to support learners who are resident in devolved areas. Whilst we will be unable to provide learners in these areas with funding, they will still be able to enrol but will need to pay a full cost recovery fee, as outlined in our current fee policy. We understand some learners might not be able to pay these rates, instead, we have provided a list of Colleges close to Thurrock where learners can access funding for courses:

Havering

Havering Adult College (Romford) T: 01708 434955
Havering College of Further and Higher Education T: 01708 455011

Hornchurch

Havering Adult College (Romford) T: 01708 434955
Brittons Centre (Havering Adult College) T: 01708 554016
Havering College Of Adult Education (Upminster) T: 01708 434954

Barking & Dagenham

Adult College of Barking and Dagenham T: 020 8270 4722

Rainham

Havering College Of Adult Education (Gaynes Centre) T: 01708 434954
Havering Adult College (Bower Park Centre) T: 01708 434955
Brittons Centre (Havering Adult College) T: 01708 554016

Upminster

Havering College Of Adult Education (Upminster) T: 01708 434954
Havering Adult College (Romford) T: 01708 434955

Romford

Havering Adult College (Romford) T: 01708 434955

This list is not exclusive, if your area is not above you can contact the National Careers Service on 0800 100 900 or visit: <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>