

Access for companies of all sizes to £65 million to train workforce and maximise business performance

Employers in the science, engineering and manufacturing technologies sector based in England can access £65 million of Train to Gain funding to invest in skills with the help of Semta sector experts.



What is the new Semta Train to Gain Sector Compact offer?

The new offer gives companies the opportunity to identify areas for improvement and help to access funding to support the training needs of their workforce.

This is available for companies in ENGLAND in the following sectors:

Aerospace, Automotive, Bioscience, Electrical and Electronics, Marine, Mechanical, Metals

In addition to the new Semta Train to Gain Sector Compact offer there are a range of other funding offers available on a regional basis.

Which qualifications are eligible for funding?

Companies of all sizes are able to access funding for the following:

- ▶ All first NVQ Level 2 qualifications
- ▶ Second NVQ Level 2s in identified priority qualifications
- ▶ All first NVQ Level 3 qualifications
- ▶ Second NVQ Level 3s in identified priority qualifications
- ▶ Apprenticeships for people of all ages
- ▶ Skills for Life qualifications to improve for example, numeracy and literacy skills

Companies with 10 – 250 employees can also access funding for a range of management and leadership training needs for a key employee.

Support for Level 4 qualifications will be available in 2009.

What is the process for accessing the funding?

We will help analyse the needs of your business and provide assistance with:

- ▶ Creating a plan to improve business performance through skills development
- ▶ Accessing Train to Gain funding and other funding opportunities
- ▶ On-going expertise to help address further skills needs and exploring the benefits of signing the Skills Pledge, a voluntary public commitment which shows that your company invests in training to help staff develop basic skills and work towards relevant, valuable qualifications to at least Level 2

Why is skills development so important?

Our evidence shows that a more skilled workforce is a more productive workforce.

Peter Guttridge, Managing Director of Guttridge Limited, a specialist manufacturer of machinery has invested in Business-Improvement Techniques (B-IT) NVQ for employees and explains; “The Level 2 B-IT NVQ programme is the key to a range of improvements to processes, systems and procedures and has had a real impact on my business. The work of NVQ candidates has brought about estimated annual savings of nearly £130,000. I’m committed to extending the B-IT NVQ to more of the workforce at Guttridge.”

Contact us

Return the faxback overleaf or call Semta on **0845 643 9001**

Email **customerservices@semta.org.uk** or visit **www.semta.org.uk**

Or call Train to Gain on **0800 015 55 45** or visit **www.traintogain.gov.uk**

FAXBACK FORM

To find out more about accessing funding for skills investment simply tick the relevant box(es) below then add your contact details and fax this form to Semta on **01740 644799**

- Please send me more information on the new Semta Train to Gain Sector Compact offer
- Please arrange for a Semta sector expert to contact me
- Please arrange for a Train to Gain broker to contact me

My contact details are:

Title _____ First name _____ Surname _____

Position _____

Business name _____

Business sector (please tick one)

- Aerospace Automotive Bioscience Electrical and Electronics
 Marine Mechanical Metals

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Tel _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Website _____ No. of employees _____

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