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Review of the Industrial Training Boards

Government Call for Evidence

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Introduction

A review of the Industrial Training Boards was announced by the Government when it published its skills plan for England in July 2016. This document is a call for evidence from stakeholders on the current effectiveness and the future role of the ITB's.

Who this is for

- Construction Industry Stakeholders – primarily those in scope of the existing **Construction Industry Training Board** (CITB) levy order.
- Engineering Construction Industry Stakeholders – primarily those in scope of the existing **Engineering Construction Industry Training Board** (CITB) levy order.

Issue date

The call for evidence was issued on the 21 February 2017.

Enquiries

If your enquiry is related to the policy content of the call for evidence you can contact the team on:

- 020 7215 5000 and ask for Terence Boniface

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If your enquiry is related to the DfE e-consultation website or the consultation process in general, you can contact the DfE Ministerial and Public Communications Division by email: Consultations.Coordinator@education.gov.uk or by telephone: 0370 000 2288 or via the [DfE Contact us page](#).

Additional copies

Additional copies are available electronically and can be downloaded from [GOV.UK DfE consultations](#).

About this call for evidence

This call for evidence requests stakeholder views on the current and future operation of the Construction Industrial Training Board (CITB) and the Engineering Construction Industrial Training Board (ECITB).

Evidence will be used to inform the current review of the Industrial Training Boards by the Department for Education and the relevance of such bodies post the introduction of the Apprenticeship Levy and the establishment of the Institute of Apprenticeships in 2017.

Government hopes to receive evidence from a wide variety of stakeholders. We would therefore be pleased to receive any information that any party with an interest in the subject wished to submit the review, however we would particularly welcome the views of those companies within the scope of either current levy order .

On-line response form

The on-line response form sets out a number of questions we would like respondees to address. These include:

Questions regarding the investment in skills in the sector and the impact of the Levy and Grant system.

- The impact of the levy system and alternate types of incentives.
- What is needed to overcome specific skills challenges?
- How should we encourage Innovation and new working practices?
- Clarity of the “Scope” of the existing ITB’s.

Questions regarding the operation of the existing Industrial Training Boards.

- Which ITB services, if any, are valued by the sector?
- Ease of access to support.
- Specific challenges and targeting of resource
- Their role in bringing new entrants to the industry.

Background

A review of the Industrial Training Boards was announced by the Government it published its Skills Plan for England in July 2016.

The skills plan announced major reforms to improve vocational education and establish clear routes to skilled employment. The report also acknowledged that there were particular areas of priority within the economy that are reliant on certain key skills being available, and the government would take action to address those challenges.

The Construction and Engineering Construction industries are vital to the UK's ambitious Homebuilding, Infrastructure and energy ambitions and the availability of a skilled productive workforce is key.

The Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and the Engineering Construction Industry Training Boards (ECITB) are funded by the industries they serve, not government, by way of a statutory training levy. The levy proceeds are redistributed by the industrial training boards chiefly in the form of grants to subsidise training costs in the sector.

The review is seeking to establish both the current effectiveness and future role of the ITBs.

Please note that this is not a review of the government's underlying policy on skills funding but of the structures for skills support within the construction and engineering construction sectors.

Respond online

To help us analyse the responses please use the online system wherever possible. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications> to submit your response.

Other ways to respond

If for exceptional reasons, you are unable to use the online system, for example because you use specialist accessibility software that is not compatible with the system, you may download a word document version of the form and email it or post it.

By email

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By post

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Deadline

The consultation closes on 21 March 2017.



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