

## SECTOR ROUND-UP



### November 2018

Welcome to this month's Sector Round-Up where we highlight policy updates and important news from across our sector.

### Top Stories



#### **ATEAG meets with Institute for Apprenticeships Route Panel Chair**

The latest meeting of the Apprenticeships & Technical Education Advisory Group (ATEAG), which leads the sector's response to UK government's technical education reforms, was hosted by Veolia at their Energy Recovery Facility.

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#### **Competence Management System obtains UKAS Accreditation**

The Competence Management System, developed by Energy & Utility Skills, and approved by Defra and the Welsh Government, is now accredited by UKAS, the UK's National Accreditation Body.

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### **New EUSR Registration System goes live in January**

We are investing in a new registration system, QuartzWeb, that will improve efficiency and the service we offer our customers. Details of the main changes and the impact they will have can be found on our website.

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### **Nick Ellins Blog: A Collaborative and Successful Year for Skills**

Nick Ellins, CEO of Energy & Utility Skills, summarises 2018 in our sector in his latest blog. Find out more about the key successes and progressive achievements of the year.

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## **Policy Updates**

### **Apprenticeship Levy Funding**

The amount of unspent apprenticeship Levy funds that can be transferred to supply chain organisations is increasing from 10% to 25%. [Read more.](#)

### **Budget Summary**

The Chancellor's autumn budget statement included key announcements for the sector on the apprenticeship Levy, T levels, the National Retraining Scheme and the National Infrastructure Commission's review of resilience. Recent announcements offer the opportunity for members to invest up to 25% of their unspent Levy funds in apprenticeships in their supply chain and to support the development of training provision.

[Read more.](#)

### **Industrial Strategy Anniversary**

The Industrial Strategy Council met for the first time this month, and Chancellor Philip Hammond confirmed funding for the plans in his autumn statement. It's a year since the Industrial Strategy launched and we will review the Strategy's progress against its objectives for our sector in the New Year. [Read more.](#)

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## **Reviews and Consultations**

### **Help Shape Waste National Occupational Standards and Qualifications**

Energy & Utility Skills' programme of Waste National Occupational Standards (NOS) Review will begin next month with focus groups in Solihull and Glasgow. Employers, Training Providers and Professional Associates are encouraged to attend in order to provide feedback to ensure the revised Waste NOS and Scottish Vocational Qualifications (SVQs) reflect industry practice. Please book your place below:

- Glasgow: [Click Here](#)
- Solihull: [Click Here](#)

### **Veterans Strategy**

UK government set out its principles and aims in continuing to support ex-military personnel with the publication of its Strategy for our Veterans this month. The strategy includes a section on how skills and education can be best aligned to the needs of veterans and employers, and the government has opened a consultation on this. We will contact members shortly with regard to responding to the consultation. [Read more.](#)

### **Developing a New Curriculum for Wales**

The Children, Young People and Education Committee at the National Assembly for Wales is seeking written evidence on the progress and development of a new curriculum for Wales. The deadline for responses is 7 December 2018 at 5pm. [Read more.](#)

### **Consultation on Ethnic Pay Reporting**

Views are being sought on how much information should be reported by employers to help address the disparities in pay and promotion opportunities between different ethnic groups that were found in an audit last year. The deadline for responses is 11 January 2019. [Read more.](#)

### Consultation to Innovation

The National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) is reviewing the long-term challenges for utilities regulation. The autumn budget statement announced policies to accelerate innovation and collaboration in utilities regulation. The government is consulting on how to do this. [Read more.](#)

## Other News

### Energy & Utilities Independent Assessment Service to Provide End-Point Assessment for EDF

EDF Energy, the UK's largest producer of low-carbon electricity, has appointed the Energy & Utilities Independent Assessment Service to provide end-point assessment for its apprentices on the Maintenance Operations Engineering Technician (MOET) apprenticeship standard. [Read more.](#)

### Register for Apprenticeships

At the Association of Colleges conference in Birmingham, skills minister Anne Milton confirmed that the Education and Skills Funding Agency would re-open the Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers for new applications with more rigorous entry requirements, and that all organisations currently on the register would have to re-apply. It was further announced this week that the register would re-open on 12 December. [Read more.](#)

### We welcome New Approved Training Providers

We extend a warm welcome to the training providers that are now approved to deliver schemes on our behalf. These are [Mackenzie Construction Ltd](#), [Barrett-Bell Ltd](#) and [Advantage NRG](#), [AES Smart Metering](#).

To find out how to become an approved provider, or to search for one, email [ayisha.khurshid@euskills.co.uk](mailto:ayisha.khurshid@euskills.co.uk) or call 0845 077 9922.

## Events

### 3 - 4 Dec 2018, Future Water Networks

The Future Water Networks 2018 takes place 3 and 4 December 2018. Energy & Utility Skills are proud to endorse this event, with this year's theme and explored challenge focusing on Managing Yesterday's Infrastructure Using Tomorrow's Technology. Our CEO, Nick Ellins, will be attending the event and form part of the judging panel for the Water Dragons session where companies with a focus on innovation in the 'Wastewater network' pitch their ideas to judges from across the sector. [Read more.](#)

### 10 Dec 2018, Utility Week Awards

Energy & Utility Skills and the Energy & Utilities Independent Assessment Service have been **shortlisted** in the Utility Week Awards. Energy & Utility Skills is in the running for the Utility Partner of the Year award and the Energy & Utilities Independent Assessment Service is a finalist for the Supply Chain Excellence award. Congratulations also to other finalists, which includes many of our members. [Read more.](#)

### 17 Jan 2019, Westminster Employment Forum

Priorities for Improving the Quality of Apprenticeships in England. [Dr Jacqueline Hall](#), Associate Director of the Energy & Utilities Independent Assessment Service, will be speaking. [Read more.](#)

### 4 and 28 March 2019, FE Week & AELP ACC Apprenticeship Awards

The deadline for entries is 21 December 2018. There will be two awards ceremonies in 2019: the first, on 4 March in Parliament, is hosted by the Rt Hon Robert Halfon MP. The second event, the national awards ceremony, will take place on 28 March at the Annual Apprenticeship Conference Gala Dinner at the ICC, Birmingham, where national award winners will be announced. [Read more.](#)

### 15 May 2019, Gas Industry Awards

Entries are now being invited before the 1 March 2019 deadline for the Gas Industry Awards, which will take place on 15 May 2019. [Read more.](#)

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