

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	National Training Fund
Name of the instrument - English translation	National Training Fund (NTF)
Scheme ID	109
Country	 Ireland
Reporting year	2015
Type of instrument	Training fund
Type of entry	Single instrument

Short description	Employers are obliged by law to contribute a fixed share of payroll (0.7%) to a training fund. The fund provides for expenditure on training for those seeking employment, training for persons in employment, literacy and numeracy, training for those in the community and voluntary sector and also provides funding for the identification of existing and future skills needs for the economy.
Short description of the related instruments	nap

Level of operation	National
Name of a part of the country	nap
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	nap
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	nap
Legal basis	National Training Fund Act 2000
Objective(s) and target(s)	To support the training of those in employment and those who wish to take up employment. It also is used to provide funding of research into existing and future skills requirements of the economy.
Year of implementation	1999

Year of latest amendment	2010
Operation/management	The Department for Education and Skills assumed responsibility for the Fund in 2010. The fund provides for expenditure on training for those seeking employment, training for persons in employment, literacy and numeracy, training for those in the community and voluntary sector and also provides funding for the identification of existing and future skills needs for the economy.
Eligible group(s)	those seeking employment, employees, persons that need training in literacy and numeracy, those in the community and voluntary sector.
Group(s) with preferential treatment	None
Education and training eligible	Depending on the programme/initiative.
Source of financing and collection mechanism	The fund is mainly resourced by a compulsory levy on employers of 0.7% of reckonable earnings of employees in certain employment classes, which is collected through the PAYE/PRSI system.
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	Depending on the programme/initiative. Allocation: The department of Education and Skills decides training support policies and allocation of NTF funds to different agencies/programmes. Then, typically, a system of annual calls and competing proposals from companies/groups of companies is applied. It is also used to fund programmes such as Skillnets and MOMENTUM. Grants are allocated to companies which best meet pre-defined criteria (specified through top-down procedures).
Volumes of funding	na
Beneficiaries/take up	na
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Department for Education and Skills (audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General).
Monitoring/evaluation reports available	na
Most relevant webpage - in English	https://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Corporate-Reports/Financial-Re...
Most relevant webpage - local language	https://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Corporate-Reports/Financial-Re...
Sources	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2000/en/act/pub/0041/ https://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Corporate-Reports/Financial-Re...

