



# SKILLS ACCOUNTS

**Take control  
of your learning  
and working  
life today**

**Our  
future.  
It's in  
our hands.**



## What is a Skills Account?

A Skills Account is a new way of taking control of your learning and working life, allowing you to directly access careers advice, details about your eligibility for government funding for training, information on local courses and providers in your area, and much more. Skills Accounts have been designed with you in mind, and are tailored to give you greater choice and support as you learn.

Skills Accounts are currently being trialled in two regions – the South East and the East Midlands. As the trials develop, more and more services and functions will be available through your Skills Account.

## How do I get a Skills Account?

You can open your Skills Account via the online portal at [www.direct.gov.uk/skillsaccounts](http://www.direct.gov.uk/skillsaccounts). Additional assistance is available through the Careers Advice Service (0800 100 900), your careers adviser or your local **nextstep** office to help you open and manage your Skills Account and to help you make the most of it.




## What do I get in a Skills Account?

Skills Accounts bring together all the information and services you need in order to make informed decisions about your learning and working life. Through your Skills Account you will be able to access:

- a **Skills Voucher**\* that allows you to see whether you are eligible for government funding towards the cost of learning; it can then be taken to an accredited provider and redeemed against the cost of an eligible course
- a **Course Finder** that enables you to view what courses are available in your area so that you can choose the provider, course and time that suit your needs
- a **Skills and Interest Assessment Tool** that helps you to identify the skills you need to manage your career
- a **Qualifications Calculator** that shows your current level of learning to help you plan your next steps
- **Careers Advice Job Profiles** that allow you to search across a range of information about the types of occupation you are interested in.

\* For eligible adults in the East Midlands and South East England.





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## **Skills Accounts – taking the protection of your data seriously**

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) takes the protection of your personal details very seriously. As a data controller registered with the UK Information Commissioner, the LSC assures you that the personal details you provide will be used only to create a Skills Account.

The Skills Account system meets existing data protection requirements. When you register and open a Skills Account you will receive information about how your data will be stored and used.

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