

Individual Training Account

Frequently Asked Questions

April 2019

When will ITAs open for 2019?

ITAs will reopen to new applications on Monday 15 April 2019. We will accept up to 3,700 applications, with priority being given to those who expressed an interest in the scheme between its closure last year (December 2018) and the end of March. On 22 April, the scheme will open to all potential learners until all places are filled.

Why is the scheme limited to 3,700 applications this year?

The scheme will initially be made available to ensure that those who expressed an interest in ITAs between the scheme closing in December 2018 and March 2019 will have the chance to get access to funding towards a course. During this period, Scottish Government and SDS will work together to explore options that will ensure the scheme can continue to deliver within the available budget.

How will those who expressed an interest in the scheme be notified?

Individuals who registered their interest in ITAs for 2019, and who gave us permission to contact them, will have received an email with information on Tuesday 2 April.

I didn't register my interest. Can I still apply for funding?

From 15 to 21 April, priority will be given to applicants who registered their interest. From 22 April onwards, we will process all other applications. Funding will be issued on a first come, first served basis so we would advise that you submit your application as soon as possible.

Will the scheme be extended for 2019?

We at SDS are currently working with Scottish Government to explore our options for the year ahead, subject to budget.

Why did ITA close early last year?

In the year 2018-19, we met the target of 18,500 ITAs ahead of schedule, meaning the fund closed to new applicants in December.

Will the fund close early this year?

The fund will close following the receipt of 3,700 applications or by 30 June 2019, whichever comes first.