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CLAUSE NO.	DETAILS OF CLARIFICATION/AMENDMENT (ALL CHANGES HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW)	REASON FOR AMENDMENT
<p>Please note any agreement for variation to the EF Rules must be submitted for review on an annual basis. Any agreements currently in place will run to 31 March 2021 only, subject to review.</p>		
<p>Part 2 2 Eligibility</p>	<p>Effective from 5 October 2020 2.1 Subject to Rules 2.2, 2.5 and 2.6, a proposed Participant is eligible for the Employability Fund Services if they: (i) have been assessed as requiring interventions which fall within Stages 2 to 4 of the Strategic Skills Pipeline; and (ii) are within one of the following categories:</p>	<p>Reviewed in line with NTTF Guidance effective from 5 October 2020</p>
<p>Part 2 2 Eligibility</p>	<p>2.1.2 With exception for those referred to in Rule 2.6.2, those aged 18 and over who are in receipt of DWP benefit and have been unemployed for a period of 13 weeks or more but not, (for the avoidance of doubt) those in receipt of Universal Credit who are earning;</p>	<p>Reviewed in line with NTTF Guidance effective from 5 October 2020</p>
<p>Part 2 2 Eligibility</p>	<p>Effective from 5 October 2020 2.3 The Provider is responsible for ensuring that the Participant at all times meets the eligibility criteria and must notify SDS in the event that a Participant is no longer eligible in order to determine whether the individual may continue. SDS shall not be liable for any payments claimed in respect of any participant who was not eligible to participate in the Employability Fund programme for which any claim is made, except to the extent the SDS assigned Skills Investment Advisor has provided prior written approval (to be granted entirely at SDS' discretion). Eligibility under any of criteria 2.1 and 2.2 must be confirmed by the EF Referring Organisation and the Participant in the Participant's Eligibility Confirmation form (which shall be in the form set out at Appendix 2). The Eligibility Confirmation is a mandatory document. If the Participant is under threat of redundancy, the letter of redundancy (which must include the date of redundancy) must be stored with the Eligibility Confirmation form as supporting evidence.</p>	<p>Reviewed in line with NTTF Guidance effective from 5 October 2020</p>
<p>Part 2 2 Eligibility</p>	<p>2.6 Where the proposed Participant is aged 25 or over and has been assessed as requiring interventions which fall within Stage 4 of the Strategic Skills Pipeline and</p> <p>2.6.1 where the applicable criteria referred to in either rule 2.1.3 or 2.1.4 was met on or after 1 March 2020, and remains applicable, or</p> <p>2.6.2 the proposed Participant is in receipt of DWP benefit and is unemployed but not, (for the avoidance of doubt) in receipt of Universal Credit and is earning;</p> <p>the proposed Participant shall be eligible for EF Stage 4 National Transition Training Fund (NTTF) as described in the NTTF guidance available on the SDS Provider Web Pages.</p>	<p>New in line with NTTF Guidance effective from 5 October 2020</p>

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<p>Part 2 3 Employability Fund Services Content</p>	<p>3.1 In the table SSP Stage - Stage 4 has been updated to read Stage 4 (which includes National Transition Training Fund (NTTF))</p>	<p>Reviewed in line with NTTF Guidance effective from 5 October 2020</p>
<p>Part 2 3 Employability Fund Services Content</p>	<p>3.4.1 In cases where a Provider believes a qualification is suitable for a Participant and the qualification is not included on the Approved List for Stage 4 to attract an output payment, the Provider may request SDS to add the qualification to the Approved List via their SDS Skills Investment Adviser. The Provider must research the most cost-effective delivery method and submit this as part of their request.</p>	<p>Clarification</p>
<p>Part 3 2 Policies, Procedures and Systems</p>	<p>2.7 Other SDS Software/Systems 2.7.1 In the event that SDS requires you to use any other software/systems when performing the Services, you shall supply such information to SDS as we may reasonably require to facilitate access to the software/systems. In addition you shall ensure that (i) you promptly notify SDS of any changes where the information is no longer accurate (ii) you, your staff and agents who may have access to the software/systems comply at all times with any end user conditions that may be made available to you in relation to such software/systems, and (iii) you notify SDSQualityAssurance@sds.co.uk immediately in the event of any failure by you, your staff or agents to comply with any such conditions.</p>	<p>New</p>
<p>Part 3 4 Standard Conditions</p>	<p>4.1.12.6 any other end user terms and conditions relating to use by the Provider, their staff or agents, of any other software/systems that SDS requires the Provider to use in performing the Services;</p>	<p>New</p>
<p>Part 3 5 Warranties and Representations</p>	<p>4.1.12.7- 4.1.12.11 renumbered</p>	<p>Reviewed and updated</p>