

Bitesize Briefing Framework for Excellence (December 2008)

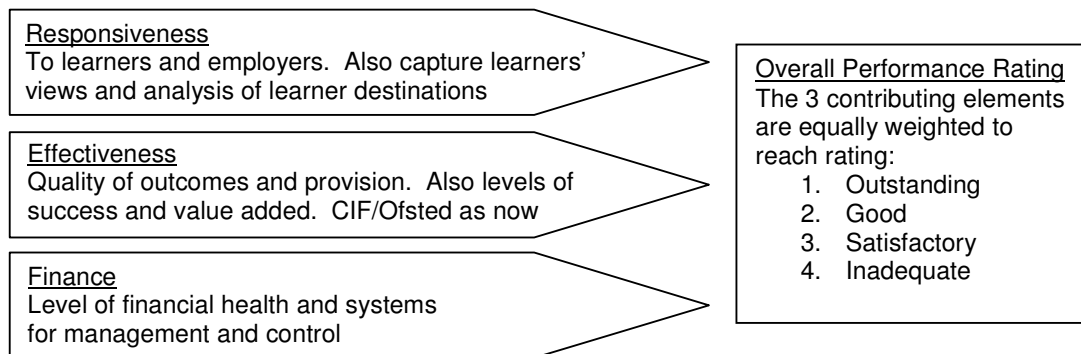
Rationale

The Learning Skills Council's (LSC) Framework for Excellence (FfE) sits alongside frameworks applied to other sectors, such as the police and the NHS.

Performance ratings will be published so that learners can take these into consideration when choosing courses. Performance ratings will also inform purchasing decisions by the LSC. It is, therefore, designed to provide information as part of the demand-led approach to learning that is intended to drive quality improvement through the introduction of market forces.

Overview

Three elements contribute to a provider's rating:



Rather than replacing or duplicating the CIF, it is intended that the FfE will enhance CIF. Where the CIF provides the evaluation of an organisation's performance improvement framework, the FfE provides performance measures and an annual reporting structure on the results of these measures.

How does this affect my organisation?

It only applies to **direct** contractors with the LSC who have contracts worth more than £30,000. Organisations falling into this category will have to comply according to the type of contract they have with the LSC, as shown below.

Version 1	Version 2	Version 3
June 2008	June 2009	June 2010
Colleges (FE & 6 th Form) Train to Gain providers	Version 1 plus Local Authorities PCDL (incl NLDC) Offender Learning	Versions 1 & 2 plus ESF

More information

How the Framework will work (LSC June 2007)

Putting the Framework into Practice (LSC June 2008)

Provider Guidance (LSC)