FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions
Oil and Gas Transition Training Fund Pilot

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Q1. What is the Oil and Gas Transition Training Fund?

The Oil and Gas Transition Training Fund offers financial help for workers in the oil and gas sector to reskill and upskill for careers in the following sectors:

- clean/sustainable energy
- wider decarbonisation of the economy
- advanced manufacturing
- life sciences
- defence

Q2. Who can benefit from the Fund?

If you are currently working or have recently worked *(i.e. within the last 24* months)* in the oil and gas sector, then you could benefit.

However, you must also be resident in Scotland, and you must have the right to live and work in the UK.

***** Consideration will be given to career returners, which could result in an exemption to the 24-month criteria mentioned above. Reasons for an exemption might include (but are not limited to):

- Caring responsibilities
- Illness
- Disability
- Injury

In case of such an exception, all other fund criteria must still be met.

Q3. How much funding can I get?

The value of the funding provided will be detailed when you progress to the application phase.

Q4. How do I apply for Training?

Applications are made from the transitiontrainingfund.scot website.

- To get started, you need to register on that website by creating an account and checking your eligibility. .
- Once you have created an account, you can build your package of training and then submit your application for funding.

Q5. What training can be funded?

The training you apply for should be industry recognised and required by employers to access roles in all aspects of the identified sectors e.g. Offshore and Onshore Wind, Hydrogen, CCUS, Solar, EV Charging, Heat Pumps, Electricity Networks, Biomethane, High Value Manufacturing, Greenhouse Gas Removals, Life Sciences, Defence etc.

- The roles themselves are not necessarily restricted to technical roles but could include support function roles.

Q6. What cannot be funded?

Applicants who have received funded training from the Oil and Gas Transition Training Fund Pilot during the financial year 2025-26 **will not be funded.**

Funding would not be approved for 'recertification' of existing skills.

- Funding provided by the Oil and Gas Transition Training Fund covers course costs only, and any additional costs incurred due to travel/sustenance must be covered by you the Applicant - or by your employer if they contribute.

Q7. How do I prove my eligibility?

As part of your application, you must provide documentation to evidence your eligibility for the Fund.

Q8. Can I apply retrospectively?

No, funding can only be granted for training which hasn't yet started.

- For more details, please refer to the Applicant Journey flowchart and to the Fund Terms and Conditions.

Q9. I'm not sure what course to do. Can I speak to someone about options?

Yes, advisers are available in the SDS centres to support you:

- Visit www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/contact-sds for details.
- Or contact 0808 100 1855 to be signposted to an Adviser.

Q10. Can I book my training before I am approved?

No, training must be approved before you book it.

Q11. When do I have to complete my training by?

All training and any relevant assessments must be completed by 31st March 2027.

Q12. Will the Fund pay travel/accommodation expenses?

No, the Fund can only contribute to the cost of the actual training and does not cover travel/accommodation expenses.

Q13. Where can I undertake training – only in the UK or elsewhere?

Training must take place either in the UK or online.

Q14. Can I use my own / my employer's money to top up?

Yes.

Q15. Can I get funding for training to renew my existing skills/certificates?

No, funding would not be approved for recertification of existing skills.

Q16. When will I get the money for my training?

Payment is made directly to Training Provider(s) - on evidence of completion of training.

Q17. I'm not a UK national but I have been living and working here – can I apply for funding?

If you have the right to live and work in the UK and you meet the eligibility criteria regarding residency / relevant employment in pilot areas, then you can apply.

Q18. Can I apply under a temporary/family address outside of Scotland?

You need to be resident in Scotland, for more days of each UK tax year, than in any other place of residence.

Q19. I'm at risk of redundancy – can I apply?

Yes.

Q20. I'm self-employed – can I apply?

Yes.

Q21. I am dissatisfied and I want to complain. How do I do this?

By utilising the SDS complaints procedure. Speak to your adviser as to how to do this or visit this page:
https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/about/policies/complaints