

# Skills Investment Will Create Brighter Future For Apprenticeship Schemes

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The announcement that the government is planning increased investment in further education skills over the course of 2010-11 spells a bright future for British apprenticeships according to Perspective, a leading provider of learning management (<http://www.perspective-uk.com/>) software for educational bodies.

The Skills Investment Strategy supports the plans that were outlined by the government earlier this week in the national skills strategy, Skills for Growth. The government has announced that a total of £3.5 billion will be spent on the implementation and development of adult training schemes, such as advanced apprenticeships, in order to facilitate the creation of a new technician class designed to be central to the economic recovery of the UK post recession.

This allocation follows the government's investment in the 14-19 agenda in recent times, which received a funds allocation increase of 53% compared to 1997.

The investment strategy seeks to promote the value of apprenticeships as the UK emerges from the recession, in the hope that both prospective learners and potential employers will see the benefit that such schemes can have on both their companies and the economy as a whole. Perspective has argued that investment on this scale will do wonders for the perception of apprenticeships to businesses, and also for its future as a viable business option.

Jim Davis, Chairman of Perspective, commented: "The UK workplace can benefit significantly from the increased investment in apprenticeship schemes. Not only can employers receive government benefits from taking on trainees, but they will also achieve a much better perception in the public eye as a result.

"The allocation of a large portion of the funds towards adult learning will be hugely important in the ongoing process of getting those who have been unlucky enough to be unemployed throughout the whole of the recession back to work, providing them with the opportunities that they need to acquire new skills relevant to areas of employment in demand."

Perspective's Sunesis software package is a unique apprentice training (<http://www.perspective-uk.com/sunesis.htm>) management system, which provides the skills sector with the electronic support that it needs to facilitate the strain of a strong government push on apprenticeships and work based learning.

The training monitoring (<http://www.perspective-uk.com/company.htm>) solution allows mentors to look at the progress and development of their learners on an individual basis, facilitating the creation of progress charts, landmarks and personal learning targets to optimise the efficiency of any given apprenticeship scheme.

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