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Skills England

Skills England is a new arms-length body that will bring together key partners to meet the skills needs of the next decade.

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Skills England will play a critical part in the government's mission to drive growth across the country, supporting people to get better jobs and improve their standard of living.

Setting up

Skills England is currently set up in shadow form within the Department for Education with plans to be fully established next year.

The Education Secretary has appointed [Richard Pennycook CBE](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/people/richard-pennycook>), former chief executive of the Co-operative Group and lead non-executive director at DfE, as the interim Chair.

Aims of Skills England

Skills England will:

- work to form a coherent national picture of where skills gaps exist and how they can be addressed, working closely with the Industrial Strategy Council and the [Migration Advisory Committee](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/migration-advisory-committee) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/migration-advisory-committee>)
- unify the skills landscape to ensure that the workforce is equipped with the skills needed to power economic growth, by bringing together Mayoral Combined Authorities and other key local partners, large and small businesses, training providers and unions
- shape technical education to respond to skills needs, including identifying the training accessible via the Growth and Skills Levy
- advise on the highly trained workforce needed to deliver a clear, long-term plan for the future economy

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Reports

Skills England's first report includes:

- the role of Skills England
- skills challenges limiting economic growth and barriers to opportunity
- an initial analysis of current and future skills needs, including which occupations are high in demand

Skills England report: driving growth and widening opportunities

[\(/government/publications/skills-england-report-driving-growth-and-widening-opportunities\)](/government/publications/skills-england-report-driving-growth-and-widening-opportunities)

24 September 2024 Policy paper

Occupations in demand

Skills England has developed a new metric to rank the demand for each occupation across the UK labour market.

Occupations in demand in 2024

[\(/government/publications/occupations-in-demand-in-2024\)](/government/publications/occupations-in-demand-in-2024)

19 September 2024 Research and analysis

Unit for Future Skills

The Unit for Future Skills is now part of Skills England.

Unit for Future Skills

[\(/government/groups/unit-for-future-skills\)](/government/groups/unit-for-future-skills)

8 June 2023

Background to the organisation

Information about the set up of Skills England.

Skills England to transform opportunities and drive growth

[\(/government/news/skills-england-to-transform-opportunities-and-drive-growth\)](/government/news/skills-england-to-transform-opportunities-and-drive-growth)

22 July 2024 Press release

PM's remarks at the Farnborough Airshow: 22 July 2024

(/government/speeches/pms-remarks-at-the-farnborough-airshow-22-july-2024)

22 July 2024 Speech

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