

**Appendix 3 - Timetable (extract) - ESFA DSG: Operational Guide 2025/26 section 47.1 Timetable**

Date	Action
	<b>1.ESFA Activities</b>
January 2025	laying the annual Schools and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations
By 31 March 2025	confirmation of 2025 to 2026 general annual grant for academies open by 9 January 2025
	2025 to 2026 allocation statements issued to post-16 institutions, academies, and non-maintained special schools
	publication of 2025 to 2026 high needs place numbers at school level
April 2025	first DSG payments to local authorities based on 2025 to 2026 allocations, including academies recoupment (DSG allocations updated termly for in-year academy conversions), further education (FE) high needs place funding deductions, and other adjustments
Summer 2025	early years block updated for January 2025 early years pupil numbers (pro rata seven-twelfths, as this relates only to the period September 2024 to March 2025)
	<b>2. Local authority activity</b>
9 January 2025	schools block disapplication submission amendment date
22 January 2025	schools forum consultation and political approval from local authorities required in line with APT submission deadline for final 2025 to 2026 funding formulae
	deadline for submission of final 2025 to 2026 APT to the department
31 January 2025	deadline for local authorities to provide evidence of the total value of their ongoing prudential borrowing and termination of employment costs, for this funding to be protected in 2025 to 2026 (this will be reflected in the March DSG allocations)
28 February 2025	confirmation of schools budget shares to mainstream maintained schools
March 2025	final allocations to mainstream maintained schools (includes de-delegation)