

PROVIDER ACCESS LEGISLATION (PAL)

- Amendment to the Skills Bill – specifying schools provide **AT LEAST SIX** encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships.
- Two in Year 8/9 – mandatory for all registered learners to attend
- Two in Year 10/11 – mandatory for all registered learners to attend
- Two in Year 12/13 – mandatory to offer – but optional for learners to attend
- Two encounters in same phase cannot be with exact same provider e.g. Suffolk New College in Year 10 and 11
- Must take place in the school day (parents' evenings won't count)
- Need to keep a record

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- Providers need to give information on
 - The provider and courses/qualifications/apprenticeships they offer
 - Careers that the qualifications can lead to
 - What the learning is like
 - Have the opportunity for Q&A from students
- Providers include FE colleges, ITPs, UTCs, IoT, other schools
- January 2023 – Ofsted will be inspecting this.
- [Provider Access Legislation | The Careers and Enterprise Company](#)
- Baker Clause/ Access Statement