

## The review of the Minority Ethnic Achievement Grant

### Consultation Response Form

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Responses should be returned by 31 October 2012 to:

Theresa Davies  
Support for Learners Division  
Department for Education and Skills  
Welsh Government  
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or completed electronically and sent to:

e-mail: [DCELLS.SupportforLearnersDivision4@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:DCELLS.SupportforLearnersDivision4@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

This is your opportunity to let us know your views.

**Question 1 – Do you agree that** the definition of ‘eligible person’ in the terms and conditions of grant should be changed to allow greater latitude?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Comments:

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**The extension of the definition of eligible person seems well argued and reasonable.**

**Question 2 – Do you agree that** the ambit of the grant should not be extended to cover students in further education institutions?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Comments:

**We strongly advocate there should be support for learners in FE. If it is not provided for in this grant, we would welcome clarity within this document to explain where funding for these young people will be, or is to be, provided for within other schemes/grants.**

**Question 3 – Do you agree that** delegation of MEAG to the level of the school should only be permitted when the local authority has made a successful business case to the Welsh Government allowing it to do so?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Comments:

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**Partly agree the use of the grant should be carefully monitored, however the grant should be delegated without a costly & time consuming business case submission.**

**Question 4 – Do you agree that** the funding formula weightings be changed to favour those pupils most likely to receive maximum benefit from EMAS support?

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Comments:

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**ATL Cymru agrees, the formula change seems reasonable.**

**Question 5 – Do you agree that the weighting for asylum seeker children be reduced from 1.5 to 0.5 more than the other weightings?**

Agree	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Comments:

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**We agree, the formula change seems reasonable.**

**Question 6 – We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:**

Comments:

Please enter here:.....

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