We support your planning by providing Plan Guidance and the Investment Toolkit. These resources set clear expectations about what government wants from the system in the three year Plan period. They also set out processes, templates, and milestones for you.

Our Relationship Managers work with you to develop your proposed Plans. We discuss your performance against past Plans and the opportunities you have to contribute to achieving government priorities.

A key focus for the engagement is to ensure that Plans respond to stakeholder needs and will contribute to government’s priorities.

We ensure that you understand the policy and operating environment, including the Tertiary Education Strategy, Plan Guidance, and the funding system.

Our investment supports shifts in the areas we have identified in the Investment Briefs. We grow provision that is performing well, engage with you on improving performance where we can, and reduce our investment in poor performance where we have to.

For most funds, we provide you with an indicative allocation. This allocation reflects the purpose of the fund and elements of past delivery and performance.

Final funding allocations are based on information gathered from direct engagements with you, your performance and delivery against previous Plans, plans for improving learner success where necessary, and the quality of your Plan (if you have one).

What is an Investment Plan?

- Investment Plans (Plans) are documents owned by tertiary education organisations (TEO). They articulate your strategic intentions, the activities and programmes you will undertake to deliver these strategic intentions, and how you will measure your performance. Plans are the responsibility of your governors (councils and boards).
- The Plan system aims for a network of highly capable, autonomous TEOs, each setting their own outcomes and monitoring their own performance against common performance indicators.
- A proposed Plan must have three sections: a narrative Strategic Intent section, a Summary of Activity (collected via the Mix of Provision template), and Performance Measures (collected via educational performance indicator (EPI) commitments template).

Who needs to submit a Plan?

Most TEOs whose current Plan expires at the end of 2019 will need to submit a Plan in 2019 to receive funding from 2020. You’ll find the Investment Round timeline within the Investment Toolkit.