

The Skills Gateway provides a new single engagement, assessment and referral service for individuals and employers operating in Wales and wishing to access skills support. The Business Skills Gateway includes a Skills Assessment Tool designed to identify broad areas within a business where targeted action to improve skill levels will provide significant business benefits. The output from the Skills Assessment Tool will be used by experienced advisors to provide tailored advice and guidance on how to address any skill needs identified and will signpost the business to support available from the Welsh Government and other agencies.

In January 2015 the Welsh Government will introduce an online 'Skills Gateway' which will provide a new single engagement, assessment and referral service **for employers who wish to access skills support**. The Business Skills Gateway features a 'Skills Assessment Tool' which has been designed to help you identify how **improved skills levels could provide significant business benefits**.

We would like to invite you to take part in a pilot project to test the Skills Assessment Tool and would welcome any comments you may have which will enable us to enhance the experience of using the Skills Assessment Tool.

Once you have completed the assessment you will receive an email containing a Skills Profile based on the information you have provided. An adviser will contact you within 5 working days to discuss your organisation's skills needs in detail. You will be able to provide feedback and comments about your experience to the business adviser when they call.

The information gathered will be treated in strict confidence and will be used by Welsh Government business advisors to provide tailored advice and guidance. Any information which is used for statistical purposes will be anonymised to prevent the identification of your organisation.

If you are happy to take part in this pilot project, please click on the link below and enter the following username and password to access the Skills Assessment Tool:

<http://dfes-live.mypreviewurl.co.uk/user>

Username: pilot

Password: password

(All in lower case)

If you have any queries regarding this email, or the new Skills Gateway, please contact the Skills Gateway Development team using the following email address skillsgateway@wales.gsi.gov.uk or alternatively give us a call on 01792 765869.

Thank you in anticipation

The Skills Gateway team

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