What is the apprenticeship levy?

The apprenticeship levy is paid by employers with a pay bill of more than £3 million per year and the funds are placed in a service account to spend on apprenticeship training. The apprenticeship levy is paid at a rate of 0.5 per cent of an employer’s annual pay bill with an additional ten per cent added by the government.

If funds are not spent, they expire 24 months after they appear in the account and will return to the government.

Up to 25 per cent of the annual value of the funds entering an employer’s apprenticeship service account can be transferred to another employer to support the delivery of apprenticeships.