The Apprenticeship Squeeze
The government has made huge changes to the way apprenticeships are delivered which is sucking funding from the motor industry – especially at levels one and two – at a time when it needs to bring new people in and fill the growing skills chasm. Financial Times contributor Ian Wylie looks at what the government is doing, the impact it is having and what can be done to keep apprenticeships alive.

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