

OFFICIAL STATISTICS - ADVANCED LEARNER LOANS PAID IN ENGLAND

Notice of proposed change to Official Statistics

Summary of the proposal for change

SLC is proposing to make some changes to the release of the quarterly statistics series called ‘Advanced Learner Loans Paid in England’ starting with the Quarter 1 publication, which would have ordinarily been released in January 2022.

Changes are mainly to support the third pillar of the Code of Practice for Statistics which relates to Value. For details of the Code of Practice for Statistics visit the UKSA [website](#).

We are seeking feedback on the proposal. To provide feedback see the section at the end of this notice. Please provide your feedback by **Wednesday 22 September 2021**.

The changes will allow the quarterly publications to be issued at more structured intervals throughout the year, and for three of the four publications, these will be released earlier than currently published on [gov.uk](#).

Details of the changes

The quarterly ‘Advanced Learner Loans Paid in England’ official statistics publication is released four times per year – currently in January, April, June, and November.

At present there are varying lengths of time between the data effective end and the publication’s release date onto gov.uk.

We are proposing shortening this time span for three of the four publications, meaning that all quarterly releases will all be published within 2 months of the effective date end of the data used:

Publication:	Data Effective end:	Current publish month:	Proposed publish month:	Effect on current schedule:
Q1	31 Oct	January	December	1 month earlier
Q2	31 Jan	April	March	1 month earlier
Q3	30 Apr	June	June	No change
Q4	31 Jul	November	September	2 months earlier

These will also be at even intervals throughout the year:

Month of release:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Current	Q1			Q2		Q3					Q4	
Proposed			Q2			Q3			Q4			Q1

Benefits

Three of the four publications will be released earlier than previous, releasing all four at even intervals throughout the year.

Disbenefits

The publish calendar will change from how it has been since the series first publication in January 2014.

How to provide your feedback

Please provide your feedback to us via email to: enterprise_data_analytics@slc.co.uk

Alternatively, if you would like to speak to us, please send your phone number to that email address and we will call you back.

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