

New Enterprise Allowance Starts Regional Breakdown

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Introduction

This publication presents New Enterprise Allowance mentor starts and allowance starts by region. The data was based on official statistics released on May 16th 2012, for the period April 2011 up to and including February 2012:

http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/pwp/pwp_gbw_may12.pdf

Background

The New Enterprise Allowance (NEA), officially launched on 1st April 2011, aims to help unemployed people who want to start their own business. NEA is available to Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimants aged 18 and over, who have been claiming for over 26-weeks, until they are required to join the Work Programme.

Participants receive access to a volunteer business mentor who will provide them with guidance and support as they develop their business plan and through the early months of trading. Once a claimant has demonstrated they have a viable business proposition with the potential for growth in the future, they are able to access financial support.

A start on the New Enterprise Allowance scheme is defined as the date the claimant first met with their business mentor. This is inputted by an adviser to the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System.

A New Enterprise Allowance weekly allowance start is recorded when the claimant begins claiming the weekly allowance. The weekly allowance is payable when the participant closes their claim to Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) and commences trading. The claim start date is inputted by the adviser into the Jobcentre Plus' Labour Market System.

Results

Table 1: Regional breakdown of New Enterprise Allowance starts from April 2011- February 2012

	NEA Mentor Starts	NEA Weekly Allowance Starts
Scotland	1,100	320
North East	600	220
North West	1,970	1,040
Yorkshire & Humberside	1,550	580
Wales	550	300
West Midlands	1,610	710
East Midlands	980	320
East of England	760	110
South East	810	260
London	1,520	420
South West	550	260
Unknown	70	20
Total	12,050	4,560

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Source: *DWP LMS opportunities and DWP Clients evaluation database*

Notes: New Enterprise Allowance was introduced in target areas in April 2011, and rolled out nationally from 1st August 2011. Values are rounded to the nearest 10. Totals may not be the sum of the individual cells due to rounding.

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