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1. This is a Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) report for the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans system and covers application data from 1-31 March 2014, as well as containing cumulative data from launch of the loans system (8 April 2013) to 31 March 2014.
2. The report contains an outline of the source of the data as well as headline information from the data.
3. The report contains tables of data regarding application processing and breakdowns of received applications by provision type, age and sex (information as given in application forms).
4. This report is published monthly. The next publication will be Thursday 29 May 2014.

Main Headlines

- The total number of applications received from 8 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 was **64,664** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of applications received from 1-31 March 2014 was **2,434** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of processed applications from 1-31 March 2014 was **1,864** (includes ineligible applications).
- The largest amount of applications received (**876**, excluding ineligible applications) from 1-31 March 2014 was in the **31-40** age band.

Data Sources

The data used to produce this monthly report are sourced from the Student Loans Company (SLC) application database. Data cover applications for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans received from 8th April 2013 until 31st March 2014. It should be noted that

the data refer to all received applications (both unprocessed and processed, but excluding those ineligible, cancelled, deleted and in data entry) for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans for the 2013/14 academic year only. Therefore, application figures are not necessarily indicative of actual learner starts.

The data used in this report are sourced from an operational database that is updated on an ongoing basis, and therefore month to month application figures may fluctuate due to further processing of received applications. This may sometimes result in total application figures from launch in a particular table category increasing more or less than would be expected based on the previous month's submitted applications, or even decreasing from one month to the next.

As a part of the Skills Funding Statement released on 10th February 2014, it was announced that **Apprenticeships are to be removed from the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans system, and regulations came into force on 7th March 2014**. However, data from applications for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans to fund Apprenticeships are to be included in this report until they are removed from the SLC application system.

Other Related Statistics

On Thursday 27th March 2014 the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills published the Further Education and Skills Statistical First Release, which contains figures relating to learners participating in FE in the first two quarters of the academic year (August 2013 to January 2014) who were funded through the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans system. The Student Loans Company also published their 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Paid in England publication, which includes information on payments made to FE providers on behalf of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans learners in the first two quarters of the academic year.

It should be noted that each of these publications use a different reference period and different data sources to this publication, and therefore figures are not directly comparable. See the links below for more details.

BIS Further Education and Skills Statistical First Release:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/learner-participation-outcomes-and-level-of-highest-qualification-held>

Student Loans Company 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Paid in England:

<http://www.slc.co.uk/media/723230/slcosp022014.pdf>

The next release of the SFR and the Student Loans for FE in England publications will be in June 2014, and will relate to the period of August 2013 to April 2014.

Table Guide

This section provides a brief summary of what is included in each table of this report. Application data tables show both a 'Monthly total' (applications received from 1-31 March 2014, inclusive) and 'Total to date' figure (applications received between 8 April 2013 and 31 March 2014, inclusive).

- **Table 1** shows the overall processing position of received applications for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans since the launch of the programme. It includes the total applications received, processed, awaiting further information from learner and in progress/work in hand.
- **Table 2** shows a further breakdown of processed applications.
- **Table 3** shows figures for received applications broken down by provision type, with figures for applications received in March as well as for the 2013/14 academic year to date.
- **Table 4** shows figures for received applications broken down by age and sex, with figures for applications received in March as well as for the 2013/14 academic year to date.

Table 1. Overall Processing Position of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2013/14

	Monthly total	Total to date
Total applications received	2,434	64,664
Total processed (includes ineligible)	1,864	54,777
Awaiting further information from learner	470	5,118
In progress/work in hand	236	6,471

Table 2. Further Breakdown of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Processed Applications

	Monthly total	Total to date
Total Processed (includes ineligible)	1,864	54,777
Ineligible	136	1,702
Waiting for customer signature	503	1,962
Ready for payment	1,225	51,113

Notes:

1. Excludes applications Cancelled, Deleted, In Data Entry and Ineligible (unless otherwise stated).
2. Data are based on received applications, including those not yet fully processed, and therefore figures are not necessarily indicative of actual learner starts.

Table 3. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2013/14, by Provision Type

	A Level	QAA Access to HE	QCF Certificate Level 3	QCF Certificate Level 4	QCF Diploma Level 3	QCF Diploma Level 4	Higher Apprentice- ship	Advanced Apprentice- ship	Unknown	Total
Monthly total	15	124	485	29	1,633	95	0	0	53	2,434
Total to date	1,082	19,680	7,958	335	31,290	2,767	117	319	1,116	64,664

Table 4. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2013/14, by Age and Sex

	Monthly total	Total to date
Total	2,434	64,664
24-30	820	26,667
31-40	876	22,050
41-50	542	11,686
50+	177	3,324
Unknown ³	19	937
Male	567	16,155
Female	1,867	48,509
UK National	2,100	55,560
Non-UK National	334	9,104

Notes:

1. Excludes applications Cancelled, Deleted, In Data Entry and Ineligible.
2. Data are based on received applications, including those not yet fully processed, and therefore figures are not necessarily indicative of actual learner starts.
3. Applications received from candidates of unknown age will be followed up to obtain further information from the learner.

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