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Funding Information System (FIS) Release Guide

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Purpose

This document provides a guide to supplement each release of the Funding Information System (FIS). It describes the changes and other notable information about the FIS application framework and component sets across all funding years for which FIS is active.

The framework of the FIS application is the 'shell' application into which component sets and resource data can be imported and selected to give it the functionality for a specific funding year.

This document does not provide user guidance for the whole application. Please also see the relevant documentation on FIS which can be found on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/individualised-learner-record-ils-check-that-data-is-accurate) (URL: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/individualised-learner-record-ils-check-that-data-is-accurate>).

User advice

Users should be aware that FIS and the latest component sets have only been tested using the standard setup, with default pre-requisite software (SQL Express 2012 and .NET 4.5). Any deviations from this setup have not been tested and as a result are un-supported. Please see the Feedback section at the end of this document for instructions on how to report any associated issues

Please update FIS with the latest reference data sets and component sets before processing data.



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FIS Framework

The changes described in the following table only affect the FIS Framework application; component set changes are covered in later sections of this document.

ID	Changes	Fixes	Release Date
1.6.50.25004			22/11/2018
1.6.49.23985			10/02/2017

2018/19 Component Set

The component set with the highest version number will always be the latest version available. Unless there is a relevant Known Issue, users are advised to select this version when processing ILR data to achieve the most up to date results from FIS.

Component Set version	Changes	Release Date
010	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Integrate R06 Main Validation RulebaseBug Fix -16-19 Funding Claim Report - Total Funding value not being populated in rows 540+ Hours (Band 5) for 16-19 Students	17/01/2019
009	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Integrate R05 Main Validation Rulebase with Interface changesBug Fix – Error Code 0008 reported during ILR import	14/12/2018
008	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Integrate R04 Main Validation RulebaseIntegrate R04 New AEC RulebaseChange to report - Reference to SFA on Adult Funding Claim Report Sheet NameAdd Campus ID Filter to 16-19 Funding Claim ReportAdd Campus Id Filter to High Needs Students Summary ReportBug Fix – LearnStartDate_17 not triggering when starting a Standard prior to EffectiveFrom Date	21/11/2018



007	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate R03 Main Validation Rulebase Integrate R03 New 1819 AEC Rulebase 	01/10/2018
006	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate new version of 18/19 validation rulebase for R03 Integrate ALLB rulebase for 1819 Bug Fix – Work Placement information not stored if Empld omitted Bug Fix – WorkPlaceMode_01 not triggered for invalid work placement mode value Change to report - Adult Funding Claim report – removal of FM25 traineeships 	20/09/2018
005	Updated Functionality: All FIS functionality including Amalgamation, Validation and Funding Reports New reference data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campus Identifier reference data CoF Removal reference data (Prior to 2018/19 this was called EFA CoF Removal) 	22/08/2018
001-004	BETA Versions An early release of FIS for 2018/19, please note these component sets should no longer be used as they do not contain the full functionality	

2017/18 Component Set

The component set with the highest version number will always be the latest version available. Unless there is a relevant Known Issue, users are advised to select this version when processing ILR data to achieve the most up to date results from FIS.

Component Set version	Changes	Release Date
0024	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate new version of 17/18 main validation rulebase Bug Fix – Work Placement information not stored if Empld omitted 	24/09/2018



0023	No FIS amendments required	14/09/2018
0022	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bug fix – 1718 Trailblazer Apprenticeships Employer Incentive Report – Employment Status	22/08/2018
0021	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrate new version of 17/18 main validation rulebase	14/08/2018
0020	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bug Fix – 16-19 Funding Claim Report (Excel) – minor text changes	09/08/2018
0019	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bug Fix – 1718 Funding Summary Report – Apprenticeship Budget Total Showing Discrepancy	10/07/2018
0018	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrate R11 main validation and ESF Validation rulebase for R11• Bug Fix - Extra unexpected ESF Validation Rules triggered with R92	11/06/2018
017	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bug Fix – Apps Indicative Earnings Report – Standard Notional End Level missing• Integrate R10 Validation rulebase	14/05/2018
016	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bug Fix – Apps Indicative Earnings Report - PMR column for Previous year and Current year not populating for certain learners• Bug Fix – Apps Indicative Earnings Report – not populating certain learner’s learning support earned cash• Bug Fix – Amalgamation - LearnerContact rules causing Error where should be Warning• Integrate R09 rulebase, Validation rulebase	11/04/2018
015	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bug Fix – Main Occupancy Report - LDM Code 357 missing• Bug Fix – DateofBirth_43 – Rule not triggering when age is 0• Bug Fix – DateofBirth_44 – Rule not triggering when age is 0	13/03/2018



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bug Fix – R101 – Rule should trigger if LearnDelfamTypeTo is NULL• Bug Fix – Duplication of learners on the Apps Indicative Report• Bug Fix – Amalgamation – ZZ99 post code prior found in amalgamated ILR XML. Non ZZ99 postcode should take precedence over ZZ99 9ZZ• Bug Fix – 16-19 Funding Claim report (PDF) – Add sub-totals and Report changes• Rule Violation Summary Report – Remove references to SFA/EFA• Integrate new Validation rulebase for R08	
014	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bug Fix – 16-19 Funding Claim report (PDF) FIS report changes• Bug Fix – Duplication Occurring in Summary of FM35 Funding Report• Bug Fix – Valid_LLDDandHealthProblem table incorrect in FIS table• Integrate R07 Validation rulebase	19/02/2018
013	Updated Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bug Fix - Apprenticeships Indicative Earnings Report – Incorrect amount in Total training and assessment earned values• Bug Fix - ALLB Occupancy Report – Missing learners who had both ADL and ALB LearnDelfAM codes with a learning delivery postcode that doesn't have an Area Cost Factor• Bug Fix - DateofBirth_54 – Error not triggering correctly• Removal of Apps from Adult Funding Claim Report both CSV and Excel• Funding line type name changes to identify Non-Levy Contracts procured and non-procured from May 2017 to Dec 2017 and from January 2018 onwards• Integrated new Rulebase for R06	22/01/2018



Procedures Available 2017/18 and 2018/19

Procedure	2017/18	2018/19
Amalgamate	Y	Y
Import and Validate an ILR Submission	Y	Y
Perform funding calculations	Y	Y
Rule Violations Summary report as PDF	Y	Y
Rule Violation report as CSV	Y	Y
Export ILR data to an Access database	Y	Y
Export ILR data to an Access database (Flattened)	Y	Y
Export ILR data as CSV files	Y	Y
Funding Summary Report as an Excel file	Y	Y
Main Occupancy Report as CSV	Y	Y
ALLB Occupancy report as CSV	Y	Y
Career Learning Pilot Occupancy Report as CSV		Y
Trailblazer Apprenticeships Occupancy Report as CSV	Y	Y
Trailblazer Apprenticeships Employer Incentives Report as CSV	Y	Y
Adult Funding Claim Report as an Excel file	Y	Y
Adult Funding Claim Report as CSV	Y	
Summary of Funding Model 35 Funding Report as PDF	Y	Y
Summary Of Funding Model 35 Funding Report as CSV	Y	Y
Summary of Funding Model 35 Funding by Learner Report as CSV	Y	
Maths and English Report as CSV	Y	Y
High Needs Students Summary Report as PDF	Y	Y
High Needs Students Detail Report as CSV	Y	Y
16-19 Funding Claim Report as PDF	Y	Y
16-19 Summary of Funding by Student Report as CSV	Y	Y
CL Summary of Learners by Non-Single Budget Category Report as PDF	Y	Y
Apprenticeships Indicative Earnings Report as CSV	Y	Y



Final Component Sets in previous funding years

The component set with the highest version number will always be the latest version available. Users are advised to select this version when processing ILR data to achieve the most up to date results from FIS.

Please consult the FIS User Guidance and Installation Guidance documents for further advice. We also recommend that users consult the FIS Known Issues document for further information about defects and issues.

Funding Year	Component Set version	Release Date
2016/17	023	24/08/2017
2015/16	026	22/09/2016
2014/15	019	29/09/2015
2013/14	023	14/08/2014



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Known Issues

Users should be aware that releases could still have outstanding issues that are detailed in the 'Active' section of the known issues document, which is named 'FIS and data returns 2018 to 2019 known issues' (or appropriate year) and is available from the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/individualised-learner-record-ilr-check-that-data-is-accurate>

Feedback

If you have a question regarding FIS component sets and functionality or LARS data then please contact the following Service Desk:

Email: SDE.Servicedesk@education.gov.uk

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Before reporting issues, please ensure that you are using the latest available versions of the FIS components and data sets.



Changes to this document

Version	Date	Changes made
V1.0	05/02/2018	New FIS release guide produced to support users
V1.1	14/03/2018	New Component Set release (0015)
V1.2	12/04/2018	New Component Set release (0016)
V1.3	14/05/2018	New Component Set release (0017)
V1.4	18/06/2018	New Component Set release (0018)
V1.5	11/07/2018	New Component Set release (0019)
V1.6	22/08/2018	New Component Set release for 2017/18 (21) and New Component Set releases for 2018/19 (1-5)
V1.7	28/08/2018	Update to reflect Summary of Funding Model 35 Funding by Learner Report as CSV is not available for 2018/19
V1.8	20/09/2018	New Component Set release (0023) for 2017/18 New Component Set release (006) for 2018/19