



## 16 to 19 published allocations data for the 2014 to 2015 academic year

### Introduction

This publication covers funding allocations made to post-16 institutions funded by the Education Funding Agency (EFA). 16 to 19 funding allocations are published annually. Publications are available from 2013 to 2014 in the [16 to 19 funding allocations](#) area of the GOV.UK website. Publications preceding the transition to GOV.UK can be found on the [National Archives](#) website from the 2005 to 2006 academic year.

With effect from the 2013 to 2014 academic year, post-16 funding is calculated using the [published post-16 funding formula](#). There are some significant differences between this methodology and that of prior years including:

- students following programmes of less than two weeks in duration are no longer funded
- high cost additional learner support has been replaced with a flat-rate allocation of £6,000 which will be topped up based on individual student need by local authorities who now have the commissioning and funding responsibility for high needs students
- 2013 to 2014 was the first year in which allocations were made to independent specialist providers and special schools and academies

With effect from the 2014 to 2015 academic year some further changes have been implemented which include:

- the funding rate for those aged 18 and over has been reduced from Band 5 (full-time) to Band 4 (part-time). Further information on this change is set out in a letter to the sector issued in December 2013.
- for special schools and academies, element one and two funding for high needs students has been combined this year into a single flat rate of £10,000 per student. In the 2013 to 2014 published data, element one appeared within programme funding and element two (a flat rate of £6,000) appeared in its own column. For other institutions, high needs funding is shown in the same way as in 2013 to 2014.
- allocations made for the new free meals scheme are also included in the dataset. In addition to the amount shown, 5% of this free meals allocation nationally (with a minimum of £1,000 and up to a maximum of £6,000 per institution) has been allocated in the 2014 to 2015 academic year to help cover the initial start-up costs of this scheme.

Due to these changes, the published allocations data is not directly comparable with that of prior years.

The figures published are intended to give a picture of the annual allocations to institutions, and may differ from the monthly amounts shown in an institution's individual funding agreement, particularly

in relation to the conversion of schools to academy status. For example, if a school converted to become an academy in September, two thirds of their bursary fund allocation will already have been paid via the local authority in August, and the remaining third will be paid to the academy in April. In these published figures, to give a true picture of the overall bursary payments, the full annual bursary allocation is shown against the academy. For definitive figures on monthly payments institutions should refer to the amounts in their annual funding agreement rather than those shown in this publication.

Explanatory notes were issued to help institutions interpret both their student number statement and their subsequent allocation statement. These explanatory notes are available on GOV.UK in the [resources area](#) of the 2014 to 2015 academic year section of the 16 to 19 funding allocations page.

The 2014 to 2015 academic year covers the period from 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 for academies; and from 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2015 for all other institutions.

## Scope of the published data

The publication provides post-16 allocations data for institutions that are funded by the Education Funding Agency (EFA) for the 2014 to 2015 academic year.

Only education funded by the EFA through the published funding formula is included. The data does not therefore include funding for Youth Contracts or funding for people in Youth Offender institutions.

Students in sixth-form colleges and schools aged 19 who are completing a programme which they began aged 16 to 19 (19+ continuing learners) are also included in the data.

We provide funding for education for students up to the age of 19, or up to the age of 25 for those with learning difficulties and / or disabilities. Students aged 19 to 24 with a learning difficulty and / or disability are reported alongside other students funded through the 16 to 19 budget.

Students aged 16 to 18 on apprenticeships and most students who are aged 19 or over (other than as stated above) are funded by the Skills Funding Agency (SFA). Details of these allocations are published by the [SFA on GOV.UK](#). The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) publishes post-16 participation data in FE and Apprenticeships, including both EFA and SFA funded learning. You can access this data from the learner participation section of the [further education statistics](#) page on GOV.UK.

The data shows the full academic year allocation as at September 2014. The institution category reflected in the published data is correct as at September 2014. Schools that converted to academies in September will therefore be shown as an academy. Other published allocations such as pre-16 academies show the institution category as it was at the end of the last financial year.

## Residential Bursary Fund

The [Residential Bursary Fund \(RBF\)](#) provides financial help towards the costs of accommodation for young people attending one of the designated institutions delivering specialist provision, where that provision requires the young person to be resident in order to participate because it is not available locally and/or because it requires students to be available at unsociable hours on a regular basis. RBF enables young people to achieve a qualification in a specialist subject they would not be able to obtain at a non-specialist institution. RBF provides a contribution towards residential costs for those young people the institution identifies face the most significant financial barriers to

participation. It is not intended to provide support to all young people on residentially delivered provision at an institution; nor is it intended to necessarily cover the full costs for each student.

## Dance and Drama Awards

Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA) support talented individuals to access high quality training at some of England's leading private dance and drama schools. Awards are granted to students who are assessed at audition to be the most talented and likely to succeed in the industry. The scheme is for students over the age of 16 for dance courses and 18 for acting courses. The scheme is managed by the EFA and is funded by the Department for Education (for students aged 16 to 18) and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (for students aged 19 plus).

For the 2014 to 2015 funding year, both elements of DaDA support (fees and maintenance costs) for new students are income assessed. The allocations methodology for this funding year was based on an analysis of the number of new DaDA awards at each school in 2010 to 2011, 2011 to 2012 and 2012 to 2013; the number of students who had applied for and, who were in receipt of, maintenance (living) costs, broken down by income bands and the number of new students funded in 2013 to 2014.

## Further information

For further information about the remit of the Education Funding Agency (EFA), please visit the [EFA homepage on GOV.UK](#).

If you have a query about the data or this publication:

- Enquiries from EFA-funded institutions should be directed to the territory or the dedicated academies enquiry service in the first instance. Their contact details can be found in the Contact EFA section on the [EFA homepage on GOV.UK](#)
- For all other enquiries regarding this publication please email: [fundingqueries.efa@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:fundingqueries.efa@education.gsi.gov.uk)

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