



# 24+ Advanced Learning Loans: Application Information

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## Further Education & Skills 24+ Advanced Learning Loans: Application Processing and Breakdown Information

1. This is a Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) report for the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans (ALL) system and covers application data from 1-31 December 2013, as well as containing cumulative data from launch of the loans system (8 April 2013) to 31 December 2013.

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 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

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## MAIN HEADLINES

- The total number of applications received from 8 April to 31 December 2013 was **57,181** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of applications received from 1-31 December was **2,271** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of processed applications (including ineligible applications) from 1-31 December was **1,751**.
- The largest amount of applications received (**827**, excluding ineligible applications) from 1-31 December was in the **24-30** 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+ ALLs received from programme launch on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. 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+ ALLs. 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.

## OTHER RELATED STATISTICS

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014 the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills also published the *Further Education and Skills Statistical First Release*, which for the first time contains figures relating to learners participating in FE in the first quarter of the academic year (August 2013 to October 2013) 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 learners 24+ Advanced Learning Loans in the first quarter 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>

SLC 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Paid in England:

[www.slc.co.uk/media/705979/slcosp012014.pdf](http://www.slc.co.uk/media/705979/slcosp012014.pdf)

The next release of the SFR and the Student Loans for FE in England publications will be in March 2014, and will relate to the period of November 2013 to January 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 between 1-31 December, inclusive) and 'Total from launch' (applications received between 8 April and 31 December, inclusive).

- **Table 1** shows the overall processing position of received applications for 24+ ALLs 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 December as well as for the 13/14 academic year to date.
- **Table 4** shows figures for received applications broken down by age and sex, with figures for applications received in December as well as for the 13/14 academic year to date.

**Table 1. Overall Processing Position of 24+ ALL Applications <sup>1</sup>**

	Total 1-31 December 2013	Total 13/14 to date
Total applications received (excluding ineligible)	<b>2,271</b>	<b>57,181</b>
Total processed	<b>1,751</b>	<b>49,281</b>
Awaiting further information from learner	507	5,644
In progress/work in hand	137	3,585

**Table 2. Further Breakdown of 24+ ALL Processed Applications**

	Total 1-31 December 2013	Total 13/14 to date
Processed	<b>1,751</b>	<b>49,281</b>
Ineligible	124	1,329
Waiting for customer signature	378	2,361
Ready for payment	1,249	45,591

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Excludes applications Cancelled, Deleted, In Data Entry and Ineligible.

**Table 3. Received Applications by Provision Type**

Reporting Period	A Levels	QAA Access to HE	QCF Certificate L3	QCF Certificate L4	QCF Diploma L3	QCF Diploma L4	Higher Apprenticeship	Advanced Apprenticeship	Unknown	Grand Totals
1-31 December 2013	10	271	386	25	1,348	66	34	91	40	<b>2,271</b>
Total 13/14 to date	1,041	19,176	6,376	228	26,160	2,456	183	512	1,049	<b>57,181</b>

**Table 4. Received Applications by Age and Sex**

	Total 1-31 December 2013	Total 13/14 to date
24-30	827	24,143
31-40	789	19,404
41-50	462	9,992
50+	165	2,767
Unknown or un-reconciled <sup>2</sup>	28	875
Male	601	14,432
Female	1,670	42,749
Grand Total	<b>2,271</b>	<b>57,181</b>

**Notes:**

<sup>2</sup> Applications received from candidates of unknown age will be followed up to obtain further information from the learner. Data are based on received applications, including those not yet fully processed, and therefore figures are not necessarily indicative of actual learner starts.