

16 to 19 published allocations data for the 2013 to 2014 academic year

Introduction

16 to 19 funding allocations are published annually. They are available on the Department for Education (DfE) website and data is held from the 2005 to 2006 academic year onwards.

Funding for 2013 to 2014 is calculated on a new post-16 formula based on funding per student. The new formula has a number of significant differences which will affect the amounts of funding allocated. In particular, students following programmes of less than two weeks duration are no longer funded and High Cost Additional Learner Support has been removed. This is 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. These top-up payments by local authorities do not feature in the EFA allocations.

The figures also include allocations to independent specialist providers and special schools/academies as these institutions are receiving 16 to 19 funding for the first time. Due to these changes the current figures will not be directly comparable with those published in previous years.

The figures published are intended to give a picture of the annual allocations to institutions, and there may be differences from the monthly amounts shown in the funding agreement for individual institutions, 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 funding amounts in their annual funding agreement rather than those shown in this document.

A letter and <u>explanatory note</u> were issued alongside allocation statements in March 2013. These help institutions interpret both their student number statement and subsequent allocation statement.

The 2013 to 2014 academic year covers the period from 1 August 2013 to 31 July 2014 for FE, maintained, non-maintained and independent institutions; and from 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014 for academies.

Scope of the published data

The publication provides 16 to 19 allocations data for further education (FE), maintained, non-maintained and independent institutions that are funded by the Education Funding Agency (EFA) for the 2013 to 2014 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 included in the data.

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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 on the SFA website. The Data Service publishes <u>post-16 participation data in FE and Apprenticeships</u>, including both EFA and SFA funded learning.

The data shows the full academic year allocation as of 16 September 2013. Schools that converted to an academy in September are shown as academies.

ISPs and maintained\non-maintained special schools

High Needs students attracting the new Element 2 funding are also included in the dataset for the first time this year. Each student is allocated a payment of £6,000 under this year's funding arrangements. As a result, the independent specialist provider, maintained special school and non-maintained special school categories have been added to the allocation set to show the allocation of High Needs funding within these institutions.

Residential Bursary Fund

The Residential Bursary Fund (RBF) is intended to provide financial help towards the costs of accommodation for young people who are eligible. A young person attending one of the designated providers of 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 may be eligible. The budget for RBF is limited and available funds are targeted at providing a contribution towards costs for those young people facing the greatest financial barriers to participation. The RBF is not intended to support all students who are in residential accommodation or to cover all the costs they may incur.

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 those students who are assessed at audition as the most talented and likely to succeed in the industry. Funding is directed towards those young people facing the greatest financial barriers to participation and the amount a student receives is subject to an income assessment. The scheme is for students over the age of 16 for dance courses and over the age of 18 for acting courses. The scheme is managed by the EFA. For students aged 16 to 18 it is funded by the Department for Education and for students aged 19 and over by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

Further information

For further information about the remit of the EFA, please visit the DfE Website.

If you have a guery 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 on the <u>DfE</u> website.
- For all other enquiries regarding this publication please email: <u>fundingqueries.efa@education.gsi.gov.uk</u>.

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