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# Further Education & Skills 24+ Advanced Learning Loans

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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 January 2014, as well as containing cumulative data from launch of the loans system (8 April 2013) to 31 January 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 27 March 2014.

## Main Headlines

- The total number of applications received from 8 April 2013 to 31 January 2014 was **60,321** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of applications received from 1-31 January 2014 was **3,522** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of processed applications (including ineligible applications) from 1-31 January 2014 was **2,719**.
- The largest amount of applications received (**1,259**, excluding ineligible applications) from 1-31 January 2014 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 8th April 2013 until 31st January 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+ 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.

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, with regulations to come into force on 7th March 2014.** Data from applications for 24+ ALLs to fund Apprenticeships are to be included in this report until they are removed from the SLC system.

## Other Related Statistics

On Thursday 30th January 2014 the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills 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 from 1-31 January 2014, inclusive) and 'Total from launch' (applications received between 8 April 2013 and 31 January 2014, 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 January 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 January as well as for the 13/14 academic year to date.

## Table 1. Overall Processing Position of 24+ ALL Applications Received for Academic Year 2013/14

	Total 1-31 January 2014	Total 2013/14 to date
Total applications received (excluding ineligible)	<b>3,522</b>	<b>60,321</b>
Total processed	<b>2,719</b>	<b>52,109</b>
Awaiting further information from learner	704	5,525
In progress/work in hand	280	4,220

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

	Total 1-31 January 2014	Total 2013/14 to date
Processed	<b>2,719</b>	<b>52,109</b>
Ineligible	181	1,533
Waiting for customer signature	680	2,394
Ready for payment	1,858	48,182

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Excludes applications Cancelled, Deleted, In Data Entry and Ineligible (except where stated).

<sup>2</sup> 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+ ALL Applications Received for Academic Year 2013/14, 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 January 2014	19	372	673	40	2,123	119	34	91	51	<b>3,522</b>
Total 2013/14 to date	1,053	19,465	6,997	264	28,123	2,568	213	582	1,056	<b>60,321</b>

**Table 4. 24+ ALL Applications Received for Academic Year 2013/14, by Age and Sex**

	Total 1-31 January 2014	Total 2013/14 to date
24-30	1,259	25,250
31-40	1,241	20,514
41-50	764	10,691
50+	222	2,967
Unknown or un-reconciled <sup>3</sup>	36	899
Male	841	15,185
Female	2,681	45,136
Grand Total	<b>3,522</b>	<b>60,321</b>

**Notes:**

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

<sup>2</sup> Data are based on received applications, including those not yet fully processed, and therefore figures are not necessarily indicative of actual learner starts.

<sup>3</sup> Applications received from candidates of unknown age will be followed up to obtain further information from the learner.

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