



Skills Funding  
Agency

**FE Choices Open Data Guide  
for Employer Satisfaction  
2015 to 2016**

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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose

This FE Choices Employer Satisfaction open data guidance describes the formatting and content of the Open Data files for Employer Satisfaction.

## 2. File Contents

### 2.1 Files Published

- **Provider File** – Displays summary information for the provider, such as the providers overall score and comparison scores. Where data isn't available, the file also contains the missing score reason
- **Response File** – Displays the number of eligible employers and survey response information for each age range and survey type
- **Skills Area File** – Displays information about the extra two voluntary questions employers can answer in relation to the particular subjects their employees studied

## 2.2 Format of the Provider File

Field Name	Description	Format	Length	Mandatory	Example Data
UKPRN	The UKPRN of the provider	Text	8	Yes	10000534
Provider_Name	The name of the provider	Text	255	Yes	Birmingham MET
Organisation_Type	The organisation type of the provider	Text	255	Yes	Private Sector Public Funded
Final_Score	Final score	Numeric	3.1	No	80.3
MSRC_Description	Missing score reason code description <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was not enough data to award a score</li> </ul>	Text	100	No	There was not enough data to award a score
Employers	Number of eligible employers	Integer	6	Yes	6650
Responses	Number of valid survey responses (those who answered background and scoring questions, by all methods)	Integer	6	Yes	868

Note. For fields with decimal places the first number is the number of digits before the decimal point, and the second is the maximum number of decimal places.

## 2.3 Format of the Response File

Field Name	Description	Format	Length	Mandatory	Example Data
UKPRN	The UKPRN of the provider	Text	8	Yes	10000534
Provider_Name	The name of the provider	Text	255	Yes	Birmingham MET
Survey_Type	The type of survey information. The values are:  <b>O</b> – Overall <b>P</b> – People on the payroll (Q1a) <b>W</b> – Workplace site (Q1b) <b>S</b> – Staff receiving training (Q2a) <b>PT</b> – Paid training places (Q2b)	Text	3	Yes	
Survey_Level	The level of the survey information. The values are:  <b>For Overall information (Survey_Type = O)</b>  All  <b>For People on the payroll information (Q1a, Survey_Type = P)</b>  1 2-9 10-49 50-249 250+ 99 (used for 'no response')  <b>For Workplace site information (Q1b, Survey_Type = W)</b>  1 (Only site in the organisation) 2 (Head office of an organisation with a number of sites) 3 (Branch of an organisation with a number of sites) 4 (used for 'don't know site of workplace') 5 (used for 'no response')	Text	7	Yes	All

Field Name	Description	Format	Length	Mandatory	Example Data
	<p><b>For Staff receiving training information (Q2a, Survey_Type = S)</b></p> <p>1 2-4 5-9 10-19 20-29 30+ 98 (used for 'don't know how many staff') 99 (used for 'no answer given')</p> <p><b>For Paid training places information (Q2b, Survey_Type = PT)</b></p> <p>YA (yes, in all cases) YS (yes, in some cases) No 98 (used for 'don't know') 99 (used for 'no answer given')</p>				
Question	<p>The number of the survey question. The values are:</p> <p>ESQ3A_per &amp; ESQ3A_mean ESQ3B_per &amp; ESQ3B_mean ESQ3C_per &amp; ESQ3C_mean ESQ3D_per &amp; ESQ3D_mean ESQ3E_per &amp; ESQ3E_mean ESQ3F_per &amp; ESQ3F_mean ESQ4A_per &amp; ESQ4A_mean ESQ4B_per &amp; ESQ4B_mean ESQ4C_per &amp; ESQ4C_mean ESQ5_per &amp; ESQ5_mean ESQ6A_1 (Provide relevant courses) ESQ6A_2 (Quality or standard of the courses or training provided is high) ESQ6A_3 (Approached with a good offer) ESQ6A_4 (Good value for money) ESQ6A_5 (Local) ESQ6A_6 (Always use them) ESQ6A_7 (Tailor courses to meet specific needs)</p>	Text	5	Yes	ESQ3C

Field Name	Description	Format	Length	Mandatory	Example Data
	<p>ESQ6A_8 (Other)</p> <p>ESQ6B_1 (Provide relevant courses is the main reason)</p> <p>ESQ6B_2 (Quality or standard of the courses or training provided is high is the main reason)</p> <p>ESQ6B_3 (Approached with a good offer is the main reason)</p> <p>ESQ6B_4 (Good value for money is the main reason)</p> <p>ESQ6B_5 (Local is the main reason)</p> <p>ESQ6B_6 (Always use them is the main reason)</p> <p>ESQ6B_7 (Tailor courses to meet specific needs is the main reason)</p> <p>ESQ6B_8 (Other is the main reason)</p> <p>ESQ7_1 (Approached by a training provider)</p> <p>ESQ7_2 (Another part of the organisation)</p> <p>ESQ7_3 (Saw publicity/advertising promoting apprenticeships)</p> <p>ESQ7_4 (An employee enquired about it)</p> <p>ESQ7_5 (Have routinely taken on apprentices for several years)</p> <p>ESQ7_6 (National Apprenticeship Service)</p> <p>ESQ7_7 ("Find an Apprentice")</p> <p>ESQ7_8 (Other)</p>				
Responses	Number of scoring responses	Integer	6	Yes	37
Score	<p>The score relating to the survey question.</p> <p>This is a mean score out of 10 for: ESQ3A_mean, ESQ3B_mean, ESQ3C_mean, ESQ3D_mean, ESQ3E_mean, ESQ3F_mean, ESQ4A_mean, ESQ4B_mean, ESQ4C_mean, ESQ5_mean.</p> <p>This is a % based on the proportion of respondents who score 8-10: ESQ3A_per, ESQ3B_per, ESQ3C_per, ESQ3D_per, ESQ3E_per, ESQ3F_per, ESQ4A_per, ESQ4B_per, ESQ4C_per, ESQ5_per.</p> <p>This is a percentage of respondents for: ESQ6A_1 - ESQ6A_8. ESQ6B_1 - ESQ6B_8. ESQ7_1 - ESQ7_8.</p>	Numeric	3.1	Yes	7.2

## 2.4 Format of the Skills Area File

Field Name	Description	Format	Length	Mandatory	Example Data
UKPRN	The UKPRN of the provider	Text	8	Yes	10000534
Provider_Name	The name of the provider	Text	255	Yes	Birmingham MET
SSATier_1	SSA Tier 1  The values are: 1 Health, Public Services and Care 2 Science and Mathematics 3 Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care 4 Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies 5 Construction, Planning and the Built Environment 6 Information and Communication Technology 7 Retail and Commercial Enterprise 8 Leisure, Travel and Tourism 9 Arts, Media and Publishing 10 History, Philosophy and Theology 11 Social Sciences 12 Languages, Literature and Culture 13 Education and Training 14 Preparation for Life and Work 15 Business, Administration and Law	Integer	2	Yes	13
Question	The number of the survey question. The values are:  ESQ1_mean ESQ2_mean ESQ1_per ESQ2_per	Text	4	Yes	ESQ1



Field Name	Description	Format	Length	Mandatory	Example Data
Responses	Number of survey responses	Integer	6	Yes	31
Score	<p>A mean score out of 10 for: ESQ1_mean ESQ2_mean</p> <p>A % based on the proportion of respondents who score 8-10: ESQ1_per ESQ2_per</p>	Numeric	2.1	Yes	8.7
Providers	Number of providers with responses in the skills area / sector subject area A tier 1	Integer	6	Yes	281
All_Provider_Responses	Total number of responses in the skills area / sector subject area A tier 1 for all responses	Integer	6	Yes	1677
All_Provider_Score	<p>All respondents score.</p> <p>A mean score out of 10 for: ESQ1_mean ESQ2_mean</p> <p>A % based on the proportion of respondents who score 8-10: ESQ1_per ESQ2_per</p>	Numeric	2.1	Yes	8.8

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