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1. This is a Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) report for the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans system and contains information relating to courses starting in the 2014/15 and 2015/16 academic years.
2. The report contains an outline of the source of the data, headline information and tables presenting application and processing figures. Information presented is as given in application forms and is subject to change.
3. This release of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Application Information covers applications for courses starting in the 2014/15 and 2015/16 academic years. Applications for courses starting in the 2013/14 academic year closed at the end of July 2014 (although changes can be made after July through change of circumstances).
4. The next release of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Information will be on 24 September 2015, and will relate to applications submitted to the end of August.

5. Main Headlines

- The total number of applications received for the 2014/15 academic year, from April 2014 to July 2015, was **68,330** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of applications received for the 2014/15 academic year, from 1-31 July 2015, was **2,220** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of applications received for the 2015/16 academic year, to July 2015, was **16,220** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of applications received for the 2015/16 academic year, from 1-31 July 2015, was **10,020** (excludes ineligible).
- The total number of processed applications from 1-31 July 2015 for applications for Loans to fund 2015/16 provision was **7,980** (includes ineligible applications).
- The largest amount of applications received from 1-31 July 2015, to fund provision in the 2015/16 academic year was in the **24-30** age band (**4,300**, excluding ineligible applications).

Data Sources

The statistics published in this release relate to applications for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans for Level 3+ provision starting in the 2014/15 and 2015/16 academic years.

The data used to produce this monthly report are sourced from the Student Loans Company (SLC) application database. It should be noted that the data refer to all received applications for 24+ Loans (both unprocessed and processed, but excluding those ineligible, cancelled, deleted and in data entry) and are subject to change. 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 25th June 2015 the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills published the Further Education and Skills Statistical First Release, which contains figures relating to learners participating in FE in the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year who were funded through the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans system.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/learner-participation-outcomes-and-level-of-highest-qualification-held>

The Student Loans Company also published their 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Paid in England publication on Thursday 25th June 2015, which includes information on payments made to FE providers on behalf of Loans-funded learners during the 2013/14 academic year and the first three quarters of the 2014/15 academic year.

<http://www.slc.co.uk/official-statistics/financial-support-awarded/england-further-education.aspx>

On Thursday 18th June 2015 the Student Loans Company published statistics on student loans debt and repayment, which included figures relating to some 24+ Advanced Learning Loans for the 2014/15 academic year.

<http://www.slc.co.uk/official-statistics/student-loans-debt-and-repayment/england.aspx>

It should be noted that each of these publications use different reference periods and different data sources to this publication. Therefore, figures are not comparable across publications.

The next release of the Further Education and Skills Statistical First Release will be in October 2015, and will show provisional participation data for the full 2014/15 academic year.

Table Guide

This section provides a brief summary of what is included in each table of this report. The tables for the 2014/15 academic year show figures for the total applications received in July as well as the total applications received since the 2014/15 application system was launched. The tables for the 2015/16 academic year also show figures for the total applications received in July as well as since the 2015/16 application system was launched.

- **Table 1.1** shows the overall processing position of received applications for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans for the 2014/15 Academic Year. It includes the total applications received, processed, awaiting further information from learner and in progress/work in hand.
- **Table 1.2** shows a further breakdown of processed applications for the 2014/15 Academic Year.
- **Table 1.3** shows figures for received applications for the 2014/15 Academic Year, broken down by provision type.
- **Table 1.4** shows figures for received applications for the 2014/15 Academic Year to date, broken down by applicant age, sex and UK/Non-UK status.
- **Table 2.1** shows the overall processing position of received applications for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans for the 2015/16 Academic Year. It includes the total applications received, processed, awaiting further information from learner and in progress/work in hand.
- **Table 2.2** shows a further breakdown of processed applications for the 2015/16 Academic Year.
- **Table 2.3** shows figures for received applications for the 2015/16 Academic Year, broken down by provision type.
- **Table 2.4** shows figures for received applications for the 2015/16 Academic Year to date, broken down by applicant age, sex and UK/Non-UK status.

2014/15 Academic Year

Table 1.1. Overall Processing Position of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2014/15

	Total 1 - 31 July	Total 2014/15
Total applications received (excludes ineligible)	2,220	68,330
Total processed (includes ineligible)	1,730	61,180
Awaiting further information from learner	610	3,590
In progress/work in hand	140	6,620

Table 1.2. Further Breakdown of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Processed Applications for Academic Year 2014/15

	Total 1 - 31 July	Total 2014/15
Total Processed (includes ineligible)	1,730	61,180
Ineligible	260	3,060
Waiting for customer signature	360	1,410
Ready for payment	1,120	56,710

Notes:

1. Figures exclude applications Cancelled, Deleted, In Data Entry and Ineligible (except where stated).
2. Data are based on received applications, including those not yet fully processed, and therefore figures are not necessarily indicative of actual learner starts.
3. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10. '-' indicates that there have been fewer than 5 applications.
4. Total 2014/15 is as at 31 July 2015.
5. Applications in progress/work in hand include those that have been suspended or withdrawn, but not yet cancelled or deleted.

Table 1.3. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2014/15, by Provision Type

	Total 1 - 31 July	Total 2014/15
Total	2,220	68,330
A Level	-	830
QAA Access to HE	60	17,350
Certificate Level 3	320	10,220
Certificate Level 4+	30	770
Diploma Level 3	1,680	35,230
Diploma Level 4+	110	3,630
Unknown	10	300

Notes:

- 1 Figures exclude applications Cancelled, Deleted, In Data Entry and Ineligible.
2. Data are based on received applications, including those not yet fully processed, and therefore figures are not necessarily indicative of actual learner starts.
3. Applications received for courses of an unknown provision type will be followed up to obtain further information from the learner.
4. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10. “-“ indicates that there have been fewer than 5 applications.
5. Total 2014/15 is as at 31 July 2015.
6. For the 2014/15 academic year, Certificates and Diplomas at Level 3 and 4+ eligible to be funded by a Loan include qualifications from the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) and in specific instances the National Qualifications Framework (NQF). In the 2013/14 academic year, there were no NQF qualifications eligible to be funded by a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan.

Table 1.4. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2014/15, by Age, Sex and UK/Non-UK Status

	Total 1 - 31 July	Total 2014/15
Grand Totals	2,220	68,330
24-30	730	27,460
31-40	750	23,620
41-50	530	13,000
50+	210	4,100
Unknown	10	150
Total Male	850	18,960
Total Female	1,370	49,370
Total UK	1,690	58,020
Total Non-UK	540	10,310

Notes:

1. Figures exclude applications Cancelled, Deleted, In Data Entry and Ineligible.
2. Data are based on received applications, including those not yet fully processed, and therefore figures are not necessarily indicative of actual learner starts.
3. Applications received from candidates of unknown age will be followed up to obtain further information from the learner.
4. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10. '-' indicates that there have been fewer than 5 applications.
5. Total 2014/15 is as at 31 July 2015.

2015/16 Academic Year

Table 2.1. Overall Processing Position of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2015/16

	Total 1 - 31 July	Total 2015/16
Total applications received (excludes ineligible)	10,020	16,220
Total processed (includes ineligible)	7,980	13,600
Awaiting further information from learner	2,250	3,100
In progress/work in hand	270	360

Table 2.2. Further Breakdown of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Processed Applications for Academic Year 2015/16

	Total 1 - 31 July	Total 2015/16
Total Processed (includes ineligible)	7,980	13,600
Ineligible	480	830
Waiting for customer signature	2,290	2,660
Ready for payment	5,220	10,110

Notes:

1. Figures exclude applications Cancelled, Deleted, In Data Entry and Ineligible (except where stated).
2. Data are based on received applications, including those not yet fully processed, and therefore figures are not necessarily indicative of actual learner starts.
3. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10. '-' indicates that there have been fewer than 5 applications.
4. Total 2015/16 is as at 31 July 2015.
5. Applications in progress/work in hand include those that have been suspended or withdrawn, but not yet cancelled or deleted.

Table 2.3. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2015/16, by Provision Type

	Total 1 - 31 July	Total 2015/16
Total	10,020	16,220
A Level	50	70
QAA Access to HE	3,870	6,900
Certificate Level 3	1,000	1,360
Certificate Level 4+	50	80
Diploma Level 3	4,420	6,990
Diploma Level 4+	580	750
Unknown	60	80

Notes:

1. Figures exclude applications Cancelled, Deleted, In Data Entry and Ineligible.
2. Data are based on received applications, including those not yet fully processed, and therefore figures are not necessarily indicative of actual learner starts.
3. Applications received for courses of an unknown provision type will be followed up to obtain further information from the learner.
4. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10. '-' indicates that there have been fewer than 5 applications.
5. Total 2015/16 is as at 31 July 2015.

Table 2.4. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2015/16, by Age, Sex and UK/Non-UK Status

	Total 1 - 31 July	Total 2015/16
Grand Totals	10,020	16,220
24-30	4,300	7,090
31-40	3,530	5,790
41-50	1,740	2,670
50+	460	680
Unknown	-	-
Total Male	2,190	3,560
Total Female	7,840	12,670
Total UK	8,560	13,880
Total Non-UK	1,470	2,340

Notes:

1. Figures exclude applications Cancelled, Deleted, In Data Entry and Ineligible.
2. Data are based on received applications, including those not yet fully processed, and therefore figures are not necessarily indicative of actual learner starts.
3. Applications received from candidates of unknown age will be followed up to obtain further information from the learner.
4. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10. '-' indicates that there have been fewer than 5 applications.
5. Total 2015/16 is as at 31 July 2015.

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