

Education and training qualification achievement rates data extract guidance 2016 to 2017

Version 1

This document sets out how to use the data extracts for Education and Training qualification achievement rates in 2016 to 2017.

Of interest to colleges, training organisations and employers.

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Introduction and purpose of this document

- 1. This document provides information about the 2016 to 2017 education and training qualification achievement rate (QAR) provider data extracts ('data extracts').
- 2. It explains how the data extracts can be used to show achievement rates, pass rates and retention rates to match those in the achievement rates dashboard. It also provides information about how the data is generated.
- 3. This document should be read alongside the QAR specification and the Education and Training qualification achievement rates specification 2016 to 2017 document which give more information about QARs and MS.

Understanding the terminology

- 4. The terms 'we' and 'ESFA' refer to the 'Education and Skills Funding Agency' and associated staff.
- When we refer to 'you' or 'providers', this includes colleges, training organisations, local authorities and employers that receive funding from us to deliver education and training.

Contents of the data extracts

- 6. The data extracts are available for each education and training provider that receives funding from us for the last 5 years, and had learners that were expected to complete, or that actually completed, between 2014 to 2015 and 2016 to 2017.
- 7. You can download your own data extracts, in a zipped file, from the Hub. The zipped file contains:
 - A file containing details of all your education and training that were expected to complete, or that actually completed, between 2014 to 2015 and 2016 to 2017, that are **included** in the QAR calculations.
 - ii. A file containing details for all your apprenticeships that were expected to complete, or that actually completed, between 2014 to 2015 and 2016 to 2017, but were **excluded** from the QAR calculations.

Further Information

8. If you need more information you can phone the service desk on 0370 267 0001 or email sde.servicedesk@education.gov.uk. We have published a form for you to use to inform us of data you have queries with. This can be found on the QAR and MS collections page.

Qualification achievement rate and minimum standards calculations

Calculating qualification achievement rate, pass rate and retention rate percentages

- 9. Full details on the calculations are in the <u>Education and Training qualification</u> achievement rates specification 2016 to 2017 document.
- 10. The calculation for the **overall** QAR in the data extract for a hybrid end year (Hybrid_End_Year) is:

11. The calculation for the **overall pass rate** percentage in the data extract for a hybrid end year (Hybrid_End_Year) is:

12. The calculation for the **overall retention rate** percentage in the data extract for a hybrid end year (Hybrid_End_Year) is:

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Number of learning aims where Overall_Completer = 1
and QAR_Status_Overall = 'QAR Inclusions'

X 100

Number of learning aims where Overall_Leaver = 1
and QAR Status overall = 'QAR Inclusions'
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13. The calculation for the **timely** QAR in the data extract for an expected end year (Expected_End_Year) is:

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Number of learning aims where Timely_Achiever = 1
and QAR_Status_Timely = 'QAR Inclusions'

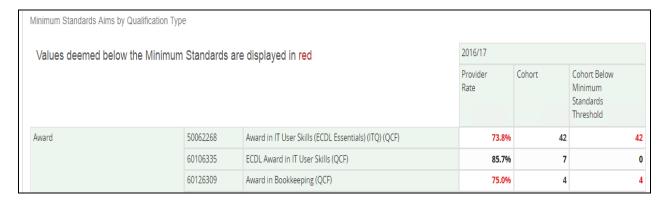
X 100

Number of learning aims where Timely_Leaver = 1
and QAR Status Timely = 'QAR Inclusions'
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14. The pass rate and retention rate are not calculated for the timely measure.

Calculating the percentage of the cohort below the minimum standard threshold

- 15. Full details on the calculations are given in the <u>Education and Training qualification</u> achievement rates specification 2016 to 2017 document.
- 16. If the 19+ age band's QAR of a learning aim reference is below the minimum standard threshold, all the cohort for that learning aim reference are classified as being below the minimum standards threshold. The cohort number and the QAR are highlighted in red in the minimum standards aim details page of the QAR dashboard. An example of this is shown below.



- 17. The cohorts below the minimum standard threshold are added together to give a figure for the total cohort below the minimum standards threshold.
- 18. The percentage of the cohort below the minimum standard threshold is:

The total cohort below the minimum standard threshold

X 100

The total cohort for the provider

- 19. The percentage of the cohort below the minimum standard threshold is then compared to the minimum standards tolerance level, which is 40%.
- 20. If the percentage of the cohort below the minimum standard threshold is equal to or greater than the minimum standards tolerance, the provider's provision is below minimum standards and there may be formal intervention by us, as set out in the Approach to Intervention process.
- 21. When provision is below minimum standards, the total percentage of the cohort below the minimum standards threshold highlighted in red on the summary page of the QAR dashboard. An example of this is shown below.



22. These calculations are illustrated in the two scenarios below.

In these scenarios, a training provider only delivers three level 2 qualifications:

- 50098160: Diploma in Vehicle Fitting Principles (QCF)
- 50098184: Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles (QCF)
- 50098366: NVQ Diploma in Performing Engineering Operations (QCF)

Scenario 1 – The percentage of the cohort below the minimum standards threshold is less than the minimum standards tolerance.

				Overall 2016 to 2017		
Qualification Type	Level	Learning Aim Reference	Learning Aim Title	Provider QAR	Cohort	Cohort Below Minimum Standards Threshold
Diploma	Level 2	50098160	Diploma in Vehicle Fitting Principles (QCF)	51.3%	40	40
Diploma	Level 2	50098184	Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance 73.6% 111 and Repair Principles (QCF)		0	
Diploma	Level 2	50098366	NVQ Diploma in Performing Engineering 85.3% 56 Operations (QCF)		0	
TOTAL					207	

In this scenario, the QAR of only one of the three learning aim references (50098160: Diploma in Vehicle Fitting Principles) falls below the minimum standard threshold for Diplomas, which is 70%.

The cohort for this learning aim (of 40) are classified as the cohort below the minimum standards threshold.

The percentage of the cohort below the minimum standards for this provider is:

The total cohort below the minimum standard threshold

X 100
The total cohort for the provider

The percentage is equal to 40 divided by 207, which is 19.3%.

The percentage of the provider's provision that is below the minimum standards threshold is less than the minimum standard tolerance of 40%, so we will take no action.

Scenario 2 – The percentage of the cohort below the minimum standards threshold is more than the minimum standards tolerance.

				Overall 2016 to 2017		
Qualification Type	Level	Learning Aim Reference	Learning Aim Title	Provider QAR	Cohort	Cohort Below Minimum Standards Threshold
Diploma	Level 2	50098160	Diploma in Vehicle Fitting Principles (QCF)	51.3%	40	40
Diploma	Level 2	50098184	Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles (QCF)	73.6%	111	0
Diploma	Level 2	50098366	NVQ Diploma in Performing Engineering Operations (QCF)	65.3%	56	56
TOTAL					207	

In this scenario, the QAR of two of the three learning aim references (50098160: Diploma in Vehicle Fitting Principles and 50098366: NVQ Diploma in Performing Engineering Operations) fall below the minimum standard threshold for Diplomas, which is 70%.

The cohort for these learning aims (of 96) are classified as cohort below the minimum standards threshold.

The percentage of the cohort below the minimum standards for this provider is:

The total cohort below the minimum standard threshold

X 100

The total cohort for the provider

The percentage is equal to 96 divided by 207, which is 46.4%.

The percentage of the provider's provision that is below the minimum standards threshold is more than the minimum standard tolerance of 40%, so we will take action as set out in the <u>Approach to Intervention process</u>.

Data file contents

Extract of data used for producing the QAR dashboard

- 23. The data used to calculate and report on QARs is provided as a CSV file. The file contains all your learning aims that are included in the QAR dashboard.
- 24. The main extract file for 2016 to 2017 will contain the following fields please refer to the Education and Training qualification achievement rates specification 2016 to 2017 document for description details.

Main extract field names	Technical specification data item name
Provision_Type	Provision_Type
CL_WPL	CL_WPL
UKPRN	UKPRN
UKPRN_Orig	UKPRN_Orig
Learner_Reference	LearnRefNumber
ULN	ULN
Academic_Year	Year
Data_Source	Datasource
Age_Group	Age_Band
Age_31AugStYr	Age_31AugStYr
Age_Aim_Start	D_AgeAimStart
Ethnicity	Ethnicity
Sex	Sex
Learning_Difficulties	LLDDHealthProb
PrimaryLLDD	PrimaryLLDD
Free_Meals	FreeMeals
EFA_Direct_Funded	EFA_Direct_Funded
PriorAttain	PriorAttain
Completion_Status	CompStatus
Learning_Outcome	Outcome
Outcome_Grade	OutGrade
Withdrawal_Reason	WithdrawalReason
Achievement_Rate_Status	D_AchieveRateStatus
Employment_Outcome_Code	EmpOutcome
Overdue_Continuing_Aim	Overdue_Continuing_Aim
Overdue_Planned_Break	Overdue_Planned_Break
Software_Supplier_Aim_ID	SWSupAimID
Learning_Aim_Reference	LearnAimRef
Learning_Aim_Description	LearnAimRefTitle
Learning_Aim_Type	LearnAimRefType
Programme_Type	ProgType
Aim_Type	AimType
Map_Code	SuccessRateMapCode
Map_Code_Desc	SuccessRateMapCodeDesc

Main extract field names	Technical specification data item name
Notional_NVQ_Level	NotionalNVQLevel
Qualification_Type	Qualification_Type
Maths_English	Maths_English
Awarding_Organisation_Code	AwardingOrgCode
Basic_Skills	BasicSkills
Basic_Skills_Type	BasicSkillsType
Report_Level	Report_Level
Full_Level_2	D_FullLevel2
Full_Level_3	D_FullLevel3
Sector_Subject_Area_Tier_1	SectorSubjectAreaTier1
Sector_Subject_Area_Tier_2	SectorSubjectAreaTier2
Subcontractor_UKPRN	Subcontractor_UKPRN
Subcontractor_Name	Subcontractor_Name
Learner_Home_Postcode	L_PriorPcode
Learner_Home_Region	L_PriorPcode_GOR
Learner_Home_LA	L_PriorPcode_LocalAuthority
Delivery_Location_Postcode	DelLocPostCode
Delivery_Region	DelLocPostCode_GOR
Delivery_LA	DelLocPostCode_LocalAuthority
Year_Aim_Submitted	YearAimSubmitted
Learning_Start_Date	LearnStartDate
Learning_Planned_End_Date	LearnPlanEndDate
Learning_Actual_End_Date	LearnActEndDate
Actual_End_Year	P_Actendyr
Expected_End_Year	P_Expendyr
Hybrid_End_Year	P_Hybridendyr
Start_Year	P_Startyr
Overall_Leaver	P_Count_Overall
Overall_Achiever	P_Ach_Overall
Overall_Completer	P_Complete_Overall
Leaver_Below_MS_Threshold	LearnAimBelowMS
Timely_Leaver	P_Count_Timely
Timely_Achiever	P_Ach_Timely
QAR_Status_Overall	-
QAR_Status_Timely	-

Learning aims excluded from qualification achievement rates

25. The data not used to calculate QARs is provided as a CSV file. The file contains all the learning aims that are not included in the QAR calculations. The file contains the following data fields.

Exclusion extract field name	Technical specification data item
Provision_Type	Provision_Type
CL_WPL	CL_WPL
UKPRN	UKPRN
UKPRN_Orig	UKPRN_Orig
Learner_Reference	LearnRefNumber
ULN	ULN
Academic_Year	Year
Data_Source	Datasource
Age_Group	Age_Band
Age_31AugStYr	Age_31AugStYr
Age_Aim_Start	D_AgeAimStart
Ethnicity	Ethnicity
Sex	Sex
Learning_Difficulties	LLDDHealthProb
PrimaryLLDD	PrimaryLLDD
Free_Meals	FreeMeals
EFA_Direct_Funded	EFA_Direct_Funded
PriorAttain	PriorAttain
Completion_Status	CompStatus
Learning_Outcome	Outcome
Outcome_Grade	OutGrade
Withdrawal_Reason	WithdrawalReason
Achievement_Rate_Status	D_AchieveRateStatus
Employment_Outcome_Code	EmpOutcome
Overdue_Continuing_Aim	Overdue_Continuing_Aim
Overdue_Planned_Break	Overdue_Planned_Break
Software_Supplier_Aim_ID	SWSupAimID
Learning_Aim_Reference	LearnAimRef
Learning_Aim_Description	LearnAimRefTitle
Learning_Aim_Type	LearnAimRefType
Programme_Type	ProgType
Aim_Type	AimType
Map_Code	SuccessRateMapCode
Map_Code_Desc	SuccessRateMapCodeDesc
Notional_NVQ_Level	NotionalNVQLevel
Qualification_Type	Qualification_Type
Maths_English	Maths_English
Awarding_Organisation_Code	AwardingOrgCode
Basic_Skills	BasicSkills

Exclusion extract field name	Technical specification data item
Basic_Skills_Type	BasicSkillsType
Report_Level	Report_Level
Full_Level_2	D_FullLevel2
Full_Level_3	D_FullLevel3
Sector_Subject_Area_Tier_1	SectorSubjectAreaTier1
Sector_Subject_Area_Tier_2	SectorSubjectAreaTier2
Subcontractor_UKPRN	Subcontractor_UKPRN
Subcontractor_Name	Subcontractor_Name
Learner_Home_Postcode	L_PriorPcode
Learner_Home_Region	L_PriorPcode_GOR
Learner_Home_LA	L_PriorPcode_LocalAuthority
Delivery_Location_Postcode	DelLocPostCode
Delivery_Region	DelLocPostCode_GOR
Delivery_LA	DelLocPostCode_LocalAuthority
Year_Aim_Submitted	YearAimSubmitted
Learning_Start_Date	LearnStartDate
Learning_Planned_End_Date	LearnPlanEndDate
Learning_Actual_End_Date	LearnActEndDate
Actual_End_Year	P_Actendyr
Expected_End_Year	P_Expendyr
Hybrid_End_Year	P_Hybridendyr
Start_Year	P_Startyr
Add_Unit_Excl	Add_Unit_Excl
CL_Excl	CL_Excl
Component_Aim_Excl	Component_Aim_Excl
Diagnostic_Excl	Diagnostic_Excl
Diploma_Excl	Diploma_Excl
ESF_Excl	ESF_Excl
FirstSteps_Excl	FirstSteps_Excl
FoundationLearningWeekly_Excl	FoundationLearningWeekly_Excl
Fund_Qual_Excl	Fund_Qual_Excl
Innovation_Excl	Innovation_Excl
JIP_Excl	JIP_Excl
JSA_ESA_UC_Excl	JSA_ESA_UC_Excl
KeySkills_Excl	KeySkills_Excl
LLDD_Placement_Excl	LLDD_Placement_Excl
Non_Reg_ESOL_Excl	Non_Reg_ESOL_Excl
Not_Funded_Excl	Not_Funded_Excl
Pilot_Excl	Pilot_Excl
Sup_Intern_Excl	Sup_Intern_Excl
Traineeship_Excl	Traineeship_Excl
Tutorial_Excl	Tutorial_Excl
UC_Excl	UC_Excl
Unitisation_Excl	Unitisation_Excl
Work_Exp_Excl	Work_Exp_Excl

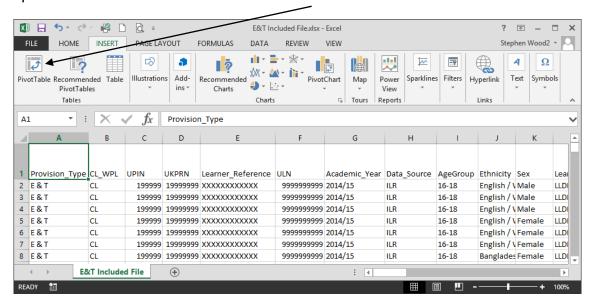
Analysing Achievement Rates using an Excel Pivot Table

Updating the provider data extract files to replace codes with descriptions

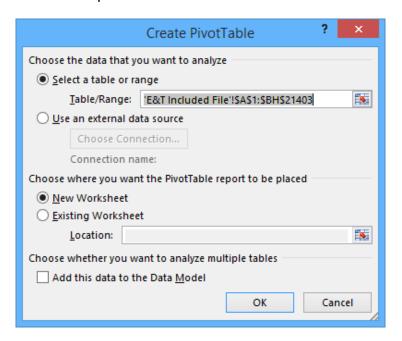
- 26. Some fields on the provider data extract file contain codes instead of descriptions. To make the contents of these fields easier to understand when shown in the pivot table the codes can be replaced by a description. Refer to the LLR specification.
- 27. Fields where codes could be replaced by a description are:
 - The Full_Level_2 field, that contains values of 1 and 0. 1 can be replaced by 'Full level 2' and 0 can be replaced by 'Not full level 2'.
 - The **Full_Level_3** field, that contains values of 1 and 0. 1 can be replaced by 'Full level 3' and 0 can be replaced by 'Not full level 3'.
 - The **Maths_English** field, that contains the values 'E' and 'M'. 'E' can be replaced by 'English' and 'M' can be replaced by 'Mathematics'.
- 28. The **Expected_End_Year** and **Hybrid_End_Year** only contain the first year of a funding year, for example 2016. The year could be replaced by the full year name, for example, 2016 could be replaced by 2016 to 2017.

Creating an achievement rates pivot table in Microsoft Excel

- 29. To view achievement rates using the data in the data extract in Microsoft Excel, you need to create a pivot table using the steps below (shown using the 2010 version).
- 30. The data extract is in csv format. To create a pivot table, the file must be opened in Microsoft Excel and saved as a Microsoft Excel file.
- Open the Excel format file and select 'Pivot Table' from the Insert menu.

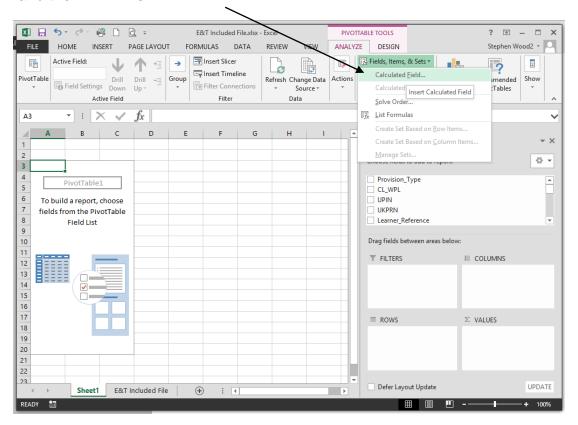


32. The Create Pivot Table dialog box will be shown. Click 'OK' to create the pivot table in a separate worksheet.



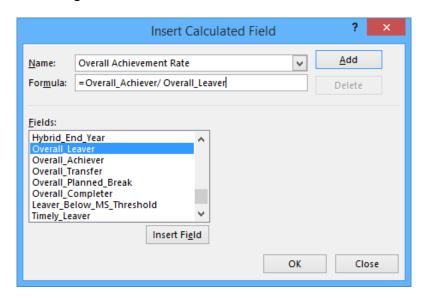
Creating the achievement rate, pass rate and retention rate fields

- 33. The achievement rate, pass rate and retention rate have to be added to the pivot table as calculated fields. The steps to do this are shown below.
- 34. On the Pivot Table Tools menu select 'Fields, Items & Sets' in the Calculate menu, and then select 'Calculated Field'.

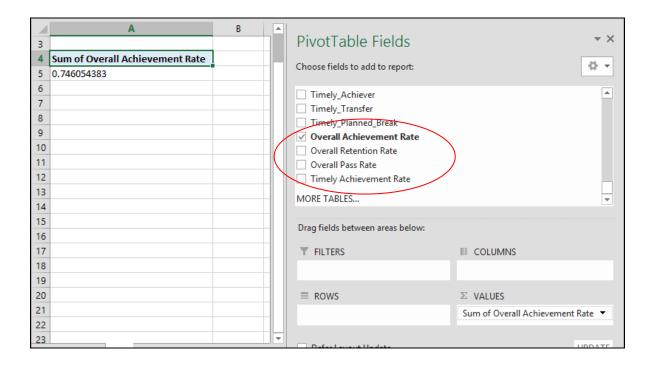


- 35. Using the 'Insert Calculated Field' dialog box, create calculated fields for overall achievement rates, overall pass rates, overall retention rates and timely achievement rates. The calculations are shown below.
 - 'Overall Achievement Rate' is 'Overall_Achiever / Overall_Leaver'
 - 'Overall Pass Rate' is 'Overall_Achiever / Overall_Completer'
 - 'Overall Retention Rate' is 'Overall_Completer / Overall_Leaver'
 - 'Timely Achievement Rate' is 'Timely_Achiever / Timely_Leaver'

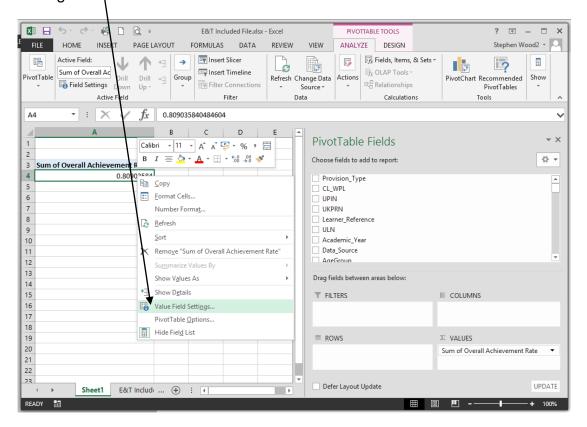
The dialog box shows the creation of the 'Overall Achievement Rate' field.



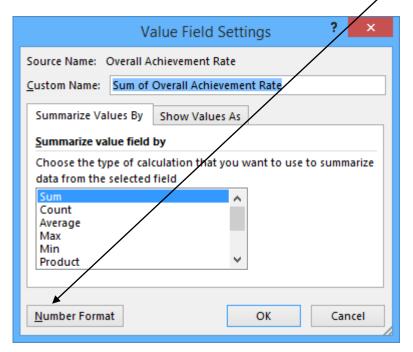
36. The 'Overall Achievement Rate', 'Overall Retention Rate', 'Overall Pass Rate' and 'Timely Achievement Rate' fields will appear at the end of the list of pivot table fields.

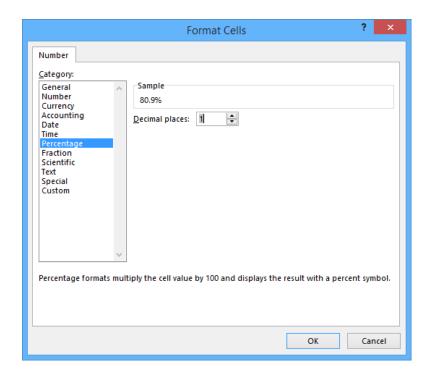


37. The fields are unformatted when output in the pivot table. The fields are formatted using 'Value Field Settings', which is selected from the menu displayed by right clicking the rate value.



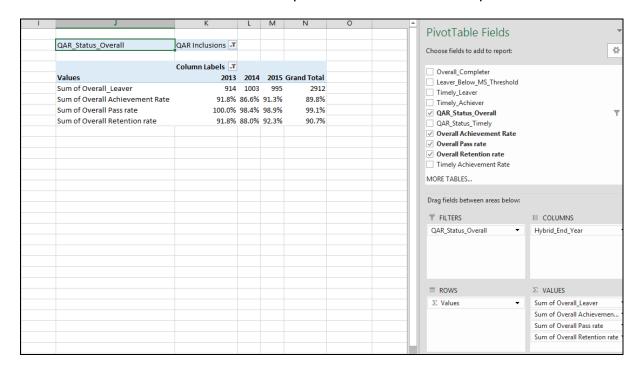
38. On the 'Value Field Settings dialog box select 'Number Format' and format the fields as percentages, to 1 decimal place.



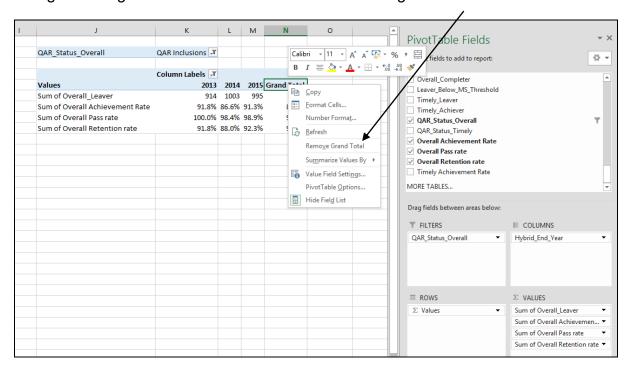


Showing the overall achievement, pass and retention rates in the pivot table

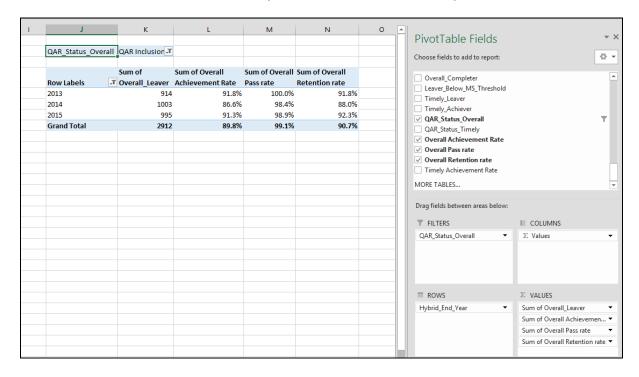
- 39. The **hybrid end year** must be used when showing the overall achievement rate, overall pass rate and overall retention rate. Continuing aims have a hybrid end date of 2016.5. Continuing aims are present in the data extract as they are included in the timely achievement rate calculation. You must add the QAR_Status_Overall field to the pivot filter area and set this to 'QAR Inclusions'
- 40. There are two ways of showing the three-year rate trend, as rows or as columns. The format chosen will depend on the other dimensions being displayed.
- 41. To show trend data in columns the pivot table should be set up as shown below.



42. When data is first shown in the pivot table a 'Grand Total' value will be shown. As a grand total is not relevant to QARs it should be removed. The field is removed by right clicking on the 'Grand Totals' cell and selecting 'Remove Grand Total'

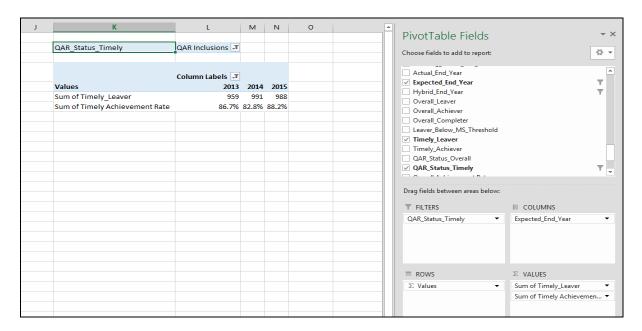


43. To show trend data in rows the pivot table should be set up as shown below.

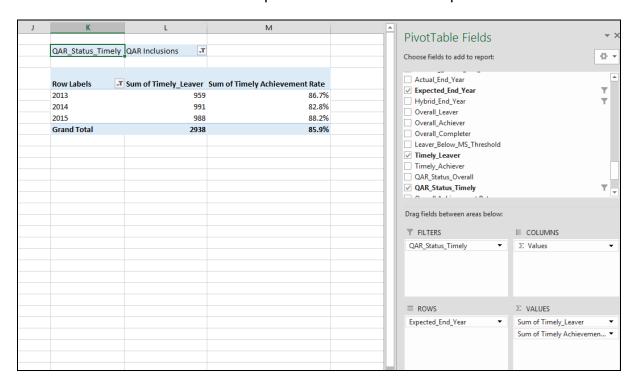


Showing the timely achievement rate in the pivot table

- 44. The expected end year must be used when showing the timely achievement rate.
- 45. There are two ways of showing the three-year rate trend, as rows or as columns. The format chosen will depend on the other dimensions being displayed.
- 46. To show trend data in columns the pivot table should be set up as shown below. You must add the 'QAR_Status_Timely' field to the pivot filter area and set this to 'QAR Inclusions'.

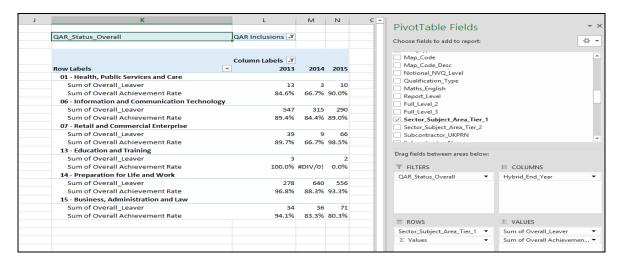


47. To show trend data in rows the pivot table should be set up as shown below.

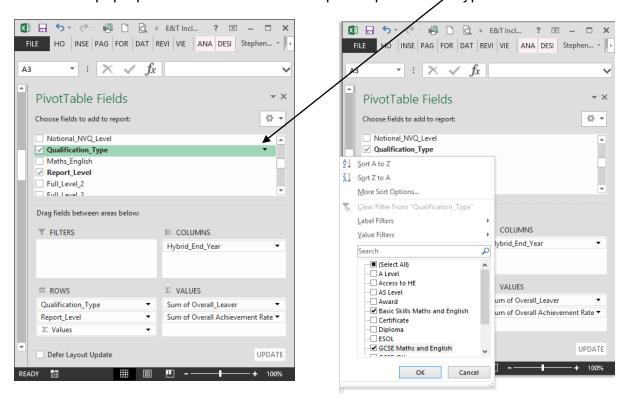


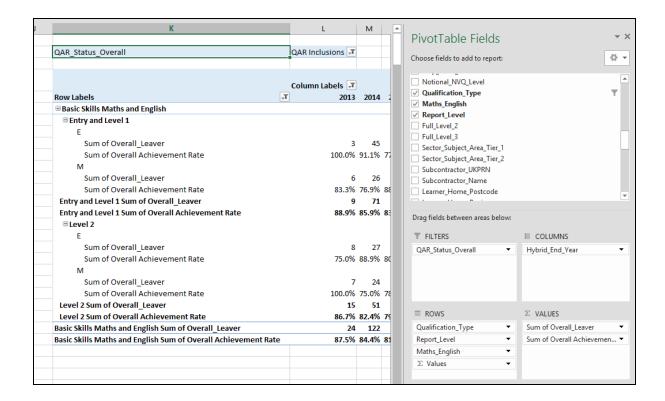
Examples of ways to configure the pivot table

- 48. The following screenshots show how to configure the pivot table to show overall cohort and overall achievement rates for various fields, we have used Sector Subject Area Tier 1 as an example.
- 49. In the following screenshots '#DIV/0!' is shown in some of the overall achievement rate fields. This is because the number of overall leavers is zero and Excel is trying to divide by zero, which is not possible and therefore displays an error.



50. To select only the 'Basic Skills Maths and English' and 'GCSE Maths and English' qualification types a filter needs to be applied. Click the downward arrow to display the filter pop-up screen and select the required qualification types.





Analysing Minimum Standards using an Excel Pivot Table

Showing the leavers below minimum standards threshold in the pivot table

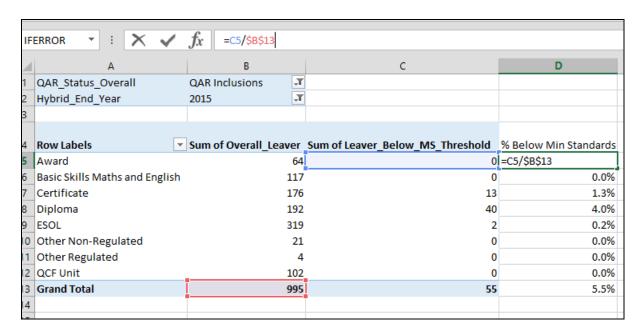
51. The hybrid end year must be used when showing the leavers below minimum standards threshold. The Leaver_Below_MS_Threshold field is only populated for the 2016/17 hybrid end year.

Showing the percentage below minimum standards threshold in the pivot table

52. The calculation for percentage below minimum standards threshold cannot be done with a calculated field because the denominator is the total number of learning aims for the provider. The calculation for percentage below minimum standards threshold is:

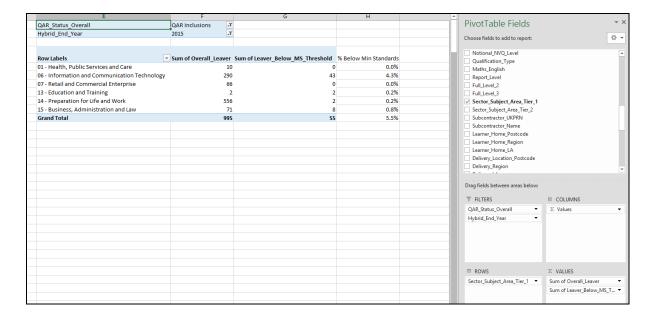
Where QAR_Status_Overall = 'QAR Inclusions'.

53. In the example below, that shows minimum standards information by qualification type, the formula for the Award percentage below minimum standards threshold is C5/\$B\$13. \$ is used to ensure that when the formula is copied to the other cells it still references the Grand total cell.



Examples of ways to configure the pivot table

- 54. The following screenshot shows how to configure the pivot table to show overall cohort and learners below minimum standards threshold for Sector Subject Area Tier 1 as an example.
- 55. It is not valid to show the learners below minimum standards tolerance by any learner characteristic, or by any geography. This is because the learner and the geography are not used when determining whether a learning aim is below minimum standards.



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