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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 2013/14 and 2014/15 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. For the 2013/14 academic year the report covers application data from 1-31 July 2014 and cumulative data from launch of the loans system (8 April 2013) to 31 July 2014.
4. For the 2014/15 academic year the report covers application data from the opening of the applications system (14 April 2014) to 31 July 2014.
5. The next release of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Application Information will be on 25 September 2014. This release will cover only applications for courses starting in the 2014/15 academic year, as applications for courses starting in the 2013/14 academic year closed at the end of July 2014.

Main Headlines

- The total number of applications received, from 8 April 2013 to 31 July 2014, to fund provision in the 2013/14 academic year was **70,940** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of processed applications from 1-31 July 2014 for applications for Loans to fund 2013/14 provision was **1,630** (includes ineligible applications).
- The total number of applications received for the 2014/15 academic year, from 14 April 2014 to 31 July 2014, was **15,080** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of processed applications from 1-31 July 2014 for applications for Loans to fund 2014/15 provision was **8,460** (includes ineligible applications).
- The largest amount of applications received from 1-31 July 2014, to fund provision in the 2014/15 academic year (**4,510**, excluding ineligible applications), was in the **24-30** age band.

Data Sources

The statistics published in this release relate to applications for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans for courses starting in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 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 (both unprocessed and processed, but excluding those ineligible, cancelled, deleted and in data entry) for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans. 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, and regulations came into force on 7th March 2014**. However, data from applications for Loans to fund Apprenticeships in the 2013/14 academic year are to be included in this report until they are removed from the SLC applications system.

Other Related Statistics

On Thursday 26th June 2014 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 academic year (August 2013 to April 2014, provisional) 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 26th June 2014, which includes information on payments made to FE providers on behalf of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans learners in the first three quarters of the academic year.

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

On Thursday 19th June the Student Loans Company published statistics on student loans debt and repayment, which for the first time included figures relating to 24+ Advanced Learning Loans.

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

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.

The next release of the BIS Statistical First Release will be in October 2014, and will relate to the full 2013/14 academic year (provisional).

Table Guide

This section provides a brief summary of what is included in each table of this report. The tables for the 2013/14 academic year show figures for the total applications received in July as well as the total applications received for courses starting in that academic year (e.g. Total 2013/14). The tables for the 2014/15 academic year show figures for the total applications received since the 2014/15 application system was launched.

- **Table 1.1** shows the overall processing position of received applications for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans for the 2013/14 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 2013/14 Academic Year.
- **Table 1.3** shows figures for received applications broken down by provision type, with figures for applications received in March as well as for the 2013/14 Academic Year to date.
- **Table 1.4** shows figures for received applications broken down by age and sex, with figures for applications received in March as well as for the 2013/14 Academic Year to date.
- **Table 2.1** 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 2.2** shows a further breakdown of processed applications for the 2014/15 Academic Year.
- **Table 2.3** shows figures for received applications for the 2014/15 Academic Year, broken down by provision type.
- **Table 2.4** shows figures for received applications for the 2014/15 Academic Year to date, broken down by age, sex and UK/Non-UK status.

2013/14 Academic Year

Table 1.1. Overall Processing Position of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2013/14

	1-31 July total	Total 2013/14
Total applications received (excludes ineligible)	2,060	70,940
Total processed (includes ineligible)	1,630	59,610
Awaiting further information from learner	460	4,920
In progress/work in hand	120	8,500

Table 1.2. Further Breakdown of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Processed Applications for Academic Year 2013/14

	1-31 July total	Total 2013/14
Total Processed (includes ineligible)	1,630	59,610
Ineligible	150	2,080
Waiting for customer signature	320	1,540
Ready for payment	1,150	55,990

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.

Table 1.3. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2013/14, by Provision Type

	1-31 July total	Total 2013/14
Total	2,060	70,940
A Level	-	1,090
QAA Access to HE	30	19,720
QCF Certificate Level 3	220	8,730
QCF Certificate Level 4	-	360
QCF Diploma Level 3	1,690	36,380
QCF Diploma Level 4	80	3,030
Higher Apprenticeship	-	120
Advanced Apprenticeship	-	320
Unknown	30	1,200

Notes:

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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.

Table 1.4. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2013/14, by Age, Sex and UK/Non-UK Status

	1-31 July total	Total 2013/14
Total	2,060	70,940
24-30	650	28,480
31-40	780	24,440
41-50	450	13,200
50+	150	3,820
Unknown	40	1,000
Male	370	17,410
Female	1,690	53,530
UK National	1,790	60,950
Non-UK National	270	10,000

Notes:

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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.

2014/15 Academic Year

Table 2.1. Overall Processing Position of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2014/15

	1-31 July total	Total 2014/15
Total applications received (excludes ineligible)	10,060	15,080
Total processed (includes ineligible)	8,460	12,980
Awaiting further information from learner	2,250	2,920
In progress/work in hand	290	480

Table 2.2. Further Breakdown of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Processed Applications for Academic Year 2014/15

	1-31 July total	Total 2014/15
Total Processed (includes ineligible)	8,460	12,980
Ineligible	950	1,300
Waiting for customer signature	2,330	2,670
Ready for payment	5,180	9,010

Notes:

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Table 2.3. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2014/15, by Provision Type

	1-31 July total	Total 2014/15
Total	10,060	15,080
A Level	90	170
QAA Access to HE	4,060	6,300
Certificate Level 3	1,040	1,420
Certificate Level 4	50	70
Diploma Level 3	4,280	6,400
Diploma Level 4	460	610
Unknown	80	130

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. 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 (NCF). In the 2013/14 academic year, there were no NCF qualifications eligible to be funded by a 24+ Advanced Learning Loan.

Table 2.4. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2014/15, by Age, Sex and UK/Non-UK Status

	1-31 July total	Total 2014/15
Total	10,060	15,080
24-30	4,510	6,810
31-40	3,470	5,180
41-50	1,690	2,480
50+	400	610
Unknown	-	-
Male	2,230	3,370
Female	7,830	11,710
UK National	8,690	13,180
Non-UK National	1,370	1,900

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.
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