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Introduction

1. The first section of this note covers the input data used in the calculation of the 2015 to 2016 ESG rates. It then goes on to explain the calculation of the two ESG pots and the ESG allocations to local authorities.

A. Funding for the ESG in 2015 to 2016

2. The quantum of the Education Services Grant (ESG) is £814,884,916 based upon the 20% saving announced at the Spending Round in June 2013. The saving was confirmed in the [ESG Statement of final arrangements for 2015 to 2016](#) published in July 2014 following consultation.

2015 to 2016 financial year ESG general funding rate for local authorities

3. The ESG general funding rate for local authorities in FY 2015 to 2016 is **£87 per pupil** in mainstream schools and **£326.25** and **£369.75 per place** in PRUs and special schools respectively.

2015 to 2016 academic year ESG general funding rate for academies

4. There will be no top-up for academies in academic year 2015 to 2016. The General Funding Rate of **£87 per pupil** will apply to all mainstream academies with **£326.25** and **£369.75 per place** for alternative provision (AP) academies and special academies respectively. The [ESG Statement of final arrangements for 2015 to 2016](#) provides details of protection arrangements which will be applied in order to prevent large reductions in academies budgets.

2015 to 2016 financial year retained duties funding rate for local authorities

5. This is a flat rate of **£15 per pupil** in all state funded schools. The multipliers for pupils in special schools/special academies and PRUs/AP academies are not applied, because they are only relevant to school-level responsibilities.

B. Input data – pupil numbers

Pupil count

6. For the ESG general funding rate and the ESG retained duties funding rate, the total headcount of pupils in state-funded primary and secondary schools are used. The numbers of full time equivalent (FTE) 3 and 4 year olds in nursery schools for each local

authority are also included. Only pupils that are solely registered in a suitable institution or dual-registered with their main registration at such an institution in that local authority are counted. For special schools and academies, pupil referral units (PRUs), alternative provision (AP) academies and general hospital schools the 2014 to 2015 places data as set out in the 2014 to 2015 DSG allocations table are used. For pupils in other types of AP not mentioned above the total headcount of pupils is used.

7. In all cases, **only pupils aged 3-19 years old** as at 31 August 2014 in state-funded schools in England, excluding the Isles of Scilly, are included within the scope of the ESG. Pupils in 16-19 only academies are not included within the scope of the ESG, except where the 16-19 academy was formerly maintained by the local authority. The Isles of Scilly receives education funding separately from the Department for Education.

School census data

8. October 2014 school census data has been used for all pupils within the scope of the ESG, with the exception of pupils in AP. For this category of pupils, the department for education collects data only as part of the January census. As such, the January 2014 AP Census data has been used when determining the pupil count for AP.

9. An uplift has been applied to the October 2014 reception pupil counts on a school-by-school basis to account for any deferred entries. October 2014 reception year counts have been uplifted by the change between October 2013 and January 2014 for all schools where this change is an increase.

C. FY 2015 to 2016 ESG local authority allocations

10. The amount to be allocated to each local authority for FY 2015 to 2016 is the sum of:

10.1. The ESG general funding rates as set out in paragraph 3 multiplied by the total number of pupils in each of the three types of maintained schools in the local authority (excluding academies and free schools) as set out in Section B. For places in PRUs and maintained special schools, the allocation will be based on 2014 to 2015 academic year places data as set out in the 2014 to 2015 DSG allocations table. The allocations are based on the local authority's maintained school as at 30th November 2014.

10.2. The ESG retained duties funding rate set out in paragraph 4 multiplied by the total number of pupils in state-funded schools in the local authority including academies and free schools as set out in Section B. The multipliers for pupils in special schools and special academies and PRUs and AP academies are not applied.

11. ESG allocations for local authorities will be adjusted on a quarterly basis during the 2015 to 2016 financial year to take account of academies opening since 30 November 2014. If an academy opens after that date, but before the start of the Financial Year, the allocation will be adjusted for the total pupil numbers in that academy as recorded on the October 2014 census. For academies opening during the financial year the pupil numbers will be pro-rated to reflect each month of 2015 to 2016 financial year for which the academy is open. The local authority and academy multipliers used to pro-rate the pupil numbers should not be rounded.



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