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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 submitted to the end of May). 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 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Information relating to applications submitted to the end of June was also released on 30 July 2015.

¹ This publication (applications to May 2015) was originally planned for release on 25 June 2015. However, due to the need for additional quality assurance, this had to be delayed. This publication has been released at the same time as the next monthly update (applications to June 2015) which was also published on 30 July 2015.

5. Main Headlines

- The total number of applications received for the 2014/15 academic year, from April 2014 to May 2015, was **65,400** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of applications received for the 2014/15 academic year, from 1-31 May 2015, was **2,380** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of applications received for the 2015/16 academic year, to May 2015, was **1,230** (excludes ineligible applications)².
- The total number of processed applications from 1-31 May 2015 for applications for Loans to fund 2014/15 provision was **1,780** (includes ineligible applications).
- The total number of processed applications from 1-31 May 2015 for applications for Loans to fund 2015/16 provision was **1,090** (includes ineligible applications).
- The largest amount of applications received from 1-31 May 2015, to fund provision in the 2014/15 academic year was in the **24-30** age band (**830**, excluding ineligible applications).
- The largest amount of applications received from 1-31 May 2015, to fund provision in the 2015/16 academic year was in the **24-30** age band (**540**, 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

² The application process for the 2015/16 academic year opened on 5 May 2015. However, a small number of applications submitted before 5 May 2015, for the 2014/15 academic year, have been transferred to the 2015/16 academic year as the course will now start after 31 July 2015.

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 May as well as the total applications received since the 2014/15 application system was launched. The tables for the 2015/16 academic year show figures for the total applications received 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

	1-31 May total	Total 2014/15
Total applications received (excludes ineligible)	2,380	65,400
Total processed (includes ineligible)	1,780	57,690
Awaiting further information from learner	530	4,470
In progress/work in hand	170	5,890

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

	1-31 May total	Total 2014/15
Total Processed (includes ineligible)	1,780	57,690
Ineligible	100	2,650
Waiting for customer signature	460	1,660
Ready for payment	1,230	53,380

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 May 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

	1-31 May total	Total 2014/15
Total	2,380	65,400
A Level	-	830
QAA Access to HE	100	17,700
Certificate Level 3	330	9,790
Certificate Level 4+	50	730
Diploma Level 3	1,820	32,520
Diploma Level 4+	50	3,500
Unknown	20	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 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 May 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

	1-31 May total	Total 2014/15
Total	2,380	65,400
24-30	830	26,720
31-40	820	22,620
41-50	520	12,160
50+	190	3,770
Unknown	10	130
Male	800	17,780
Female	1,580	47,620
UK National	1,990	55,700
Non-UK National	390	9,700

Notes:

1. Figures exclude applications Cancelled, Deleted, In Data Entry and Ineligible.
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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 May 2015.

2015/16 Academic Year

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

	1-31 May total	Total 2015/16
Total applications received (excludes ineligible)	1,210	1,230
Total processed (includes ineligible)	1,090	1,120
Awaiting further information from learner	320	330
In progress/work in hand	50	60

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

	1-31 May total	Total 2015/16
Total Processed (includes ineligible)	1,090	1,120
Ineligible	260	270
Waiting for customer signature	350	350
Ready for payment	490	500

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. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10. '-' indicates that there have been fewer than 5 applications.
4. Total 2015/16 is as at 31 May 2015.
5. Applications in progress/work in hand include those that have been suspended or withdrawn, but not yet cancelled or deleted.
6. The application process for the 2015/16 academic year opened on 5 May 2015. However, a small number of applications submitted before 5 May 2015, for the 2014/15 academic year, have been transferred to the 2015/16 academic year as the course will now start after 31 July 2015. Therefore the total applications received during May 2015 differs slightly to the overall total for academic year 2015/16.

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

	1-31 May total	Total 2015/16
Total	1,210	1,230
A Level	-	-
QAA Access to HE	710	730
Certificate Level 3	50	50
Certificate Level 4+	10	10
Diploma Level 3	410	420
Diploma Level 4+	20	20
Unknown	10	10

Notes:

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

	1-31 May total	Total 2015/16
Total	1,210	1,230
24-30	540	550
31-40	470	480
41-50	160	170
50+	40	40
Unknown	-	-
Male	220	230
Female	990	1,000
UK National	1,050	1,070
Non-UK National	160	160

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 May 2015.
6. The application process for the 2015/16 academic year opened on 5 May 2015. However, a small number of applications submitted before 5 May 2015, for the 2014/15 academic year, have been transferred to the 2015/16 academic year as the course will now start after 31 July 2015. Therefore the total applications received during May 2015 differs slightly to the overall total for academic year 2015/16.

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