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24+ Advanced Learning Loans

Application Information

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Main Headlines

Applications received	72,590 applications were received for the 2015/16 academic year, to April 2016. 17,180 applications were received between February and April 2016.
Applications ready for payment	62,460 applications were ready for payment for courses starting in the 2015/16 academic year, to April 2016. 12,250 applications received between February and April 2016 were ready for payment.
Provision type	Diploma level 3 provision types continue to receive the most applications, with 13,590 received between February and April 2016.
Applicant demographics	The highest number of applications received in April 2016 were from the 31-40 age band (6,010), closely followed by the 24-30 age band (5,950). 10,940 applications were received from females between February and April 2016, compared to 6,240 applications received from males.

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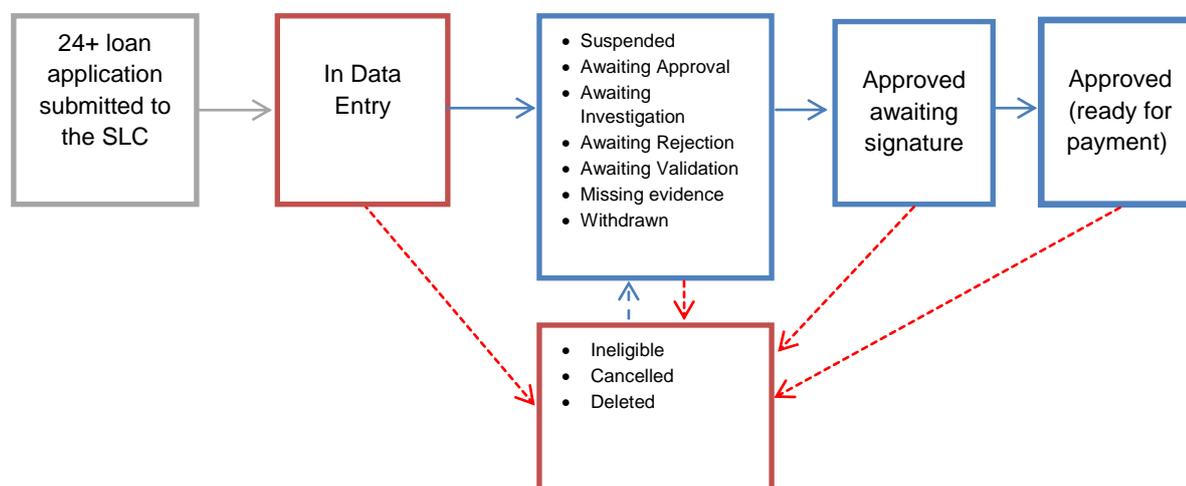
1. This is a Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) report for the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans system and contains information relating to courses starting in the 2015/16 academic year.
2. The report contains an outline of the source of the data, headline information and tables presenting 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 submitted between 1st February and 30th April 2016 for courses starting in the 2015/16 academic year. Applications for courses starting in the 2014/15 academic year closed at the end of July 2015 (although changes can be made after July through change of circumstances).
4. Following a consultation with users, this report is now published on a quarterly basis compared to the previous monthly reports,
5. The next release of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans report will be published on 25 August 2016, and will relate to applications submitted to the end of July 2016. It will include applications for the 2016/17 academic year, which opened on 16th May 2016. The 24+ advanced learning loans have been expanded for those aged 19 and over starting in the 2016/17 academic year and have been renamed to 'Advanced Learner Loans'. Future reports will be renamed to reflect this change.

Data Source

The data used to produce this report are sourced from the live Student Loans Company (SLC) application database. The data refer to all applications received for 24+ Loans, which include both unprocessed and processed applications, but exclude those ineligible, cancelled, deleted and in data entry. The live database provides information on applications, and is updated on an ongoing basis due to applications being processed, therefore data presented throughout the academic year are subject to change. A database snapshot provides data on applications (including application state) as it was held for any given date. This report uses application data on the 30th April 2016 for the 2015/16 academic year. Data presented in this report may also change for particular applications at some point in the future.

Figure 1 provides an overview of different application states. The state of an application can depend on various factors, including how much progress has been made processing the application, as well as the accuracy of the information and supporting evidence provided. In the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans report, the definition of applications received exclude those that are in data entry, ineligible, cancelled or deleted.

Figure 1 – Process map of application states



Applications move between different states on an ongoing basis. For example, an application may be in data entry and move to awaiting approval or an application that has been approved may move into the cancelled, deleted or in data entry state. It is therefore possible that the number of applications received could decrease from one month to the next if a large amount of applications move to the states in the red boxes (and are not classed as an application received). Also, due to the changing of states, the sum of monthly application states over the course of the academic year will not equal the total for the full academic year.

Other Related Statistics

On Thursday 23rd March 2016 the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills published the [Further Education and Skills Statistical First Release](#), which contains full year figures relating to the number of learners participating in FE in the 2014/15 academic year who were funded through the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans system ([see Table 11](#)). This includes learners whose course started in the 2013/14 academic year that continued into the 2014/15 academic year, and so these figures are not comparable to those in this report.

The Student Loans Company also published their [24+ Advanced Learning Loans Paid in England](#) publication on 23rd March 2016, which includes information on payments made to FE providers on behalf of loans-funded learners during the 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 academic years. Data presented here relates to learners who are participating on a further education course funded by a 24+ advanced learning loan, and hence are not directly comparable to the application figures presented in this report.

On Thursday 18th June 2015 the Student Loans Company published [Debt and Repayment statistics for England](#), which included figures debt and repayment relating to some 24+ Advanced Learning Loans for the 2014/15 academic year.

2015/16 Academic Year

Table 1 - Overall Processing Position of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2015/16

	Total 1 February to 30 April	Total 2015/16
Total applications received (excludes ineligible)	17,180	72,590
Total processed (includes ineligible)	14,690	67,930
Awaiting further information from learner	2,570	2,760
In progress/work in hand	770	5,710

Table 2 - Further Breakdown of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Processed Applications for Academic Year 2015/16

	Total 1 February to 30 April	Total 2015/16
Total Processed (includes ineligible)	14,690	67,930
Ineligible	850	3,800
Waiting for customer signature	1,590	1,670
Ready for payment	12,250	62,460

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.
4. Total 2015/16 is as at 30 April 2016.
5. Applications in progress/work in hand include those that have been suspended or withdrawn, but not yet cancelled or deleted.

Table 3 - 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2015/16, by Provision Type

	Total 1 February to 30 April	Total 2015/16
Total	17,180	72,590
A Level	20	420
QAA Access to HE	540	16,920
Certificate Level 3	2,060	8,230
Certificate Level 4+	270	790
Diploma Level 3	13,590	42,600
Diploma Level 4+	540	3,450
Vocational Qualification Level 3	30	30
Unknown	150	150

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. The Vocational Qualification category has been created in the Student Loans Company database and currently contains Vocationally Recognised Qualifications (VRQs). It will be used to group all vocational qualifications (including Certificates and Diplomas) in the future.
5. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10.
6. Total 2015/16 is as at 30 April 2016.

Table 4 - 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2015/16, by Age, Sex and UK/Non-UK Status

	Total 1 February to 30 April	Total 2015/16
Grand Totals	17,180	72,590
24-30	5,950	28,470
31-40	6,010	25,470
41-50	3,620	13,830
50+	1,480	4,680
Unknown	130	140
Total Male	6,240	20,740
Total Female	10,940	51,840
Total UK	12,830	59,510
Total Non-UK	4,350	13,080

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.
5. Total 2015/16 is as at 30 April 2016.

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