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- [1. Individualised Learner Record specification \(ILR\) for 2018 to 2019: version 3](#)**

1.1 For information

The 3rd version of the ILR specification for 2018 to 2019 has now been published and is available to view on [GOV.UK](#).

2. Individualised Learner Record (ILR): R11

2.1 For information

The ILR R11 data collection for the 2017 to 2018 funding year is now open and will close at 6pm on Thursday 5 July. As always, we recommend that you submit your data as early as possible and that you review your validation and funding reports that are made available to you on the hub.

If you need to submit an Earnings Adjustment Statement (EAS) and you do not have access to this on the Data Returns tab in the Hub, please email our [service desk](#) or call us on 0370 267 0001 to request this.

3. Hub corner

3.1 For information

In R10 we processed 6,596 files from 1,671 providers. Over 610 providers submitted their first R10 file within the final 3 days of the R10 collection window, 194 of these submitted their first R10 file on the final day.

1,497 ILR files were submitted on the last day of the collection window, which is over 22% of the total files submitted during the entire collection window.

4. Data collections maintenance schedule

4.1 For information

The data collections maintenance schedule for 2018 to 2019 and the updated 2017 to 2018 version will be available at the beginning of July on [GOV.UK](#). These schedules confirm the data collection periods, planned learning aims reference data updates and proposed essential maintenance windows.

5. Qualification Achievement Rates (QAR) dataset production specification documents for 2017 to 2018

5.1 For information

We have published the [QAR dataset production specification documents for 2017 to 2018](#).

You should read these documents alongside the [business rules](#), which explain the methodology for calculating QARs for 2017 to 2018.

The main changes from 2016 to 2017 are we have:

- included apprenticeship starts from 1 May 2017 (recorded under funding model 36)
- excluded apprenticeship standards from the timely QARs
- excluded directly funded 14 to 16 year-old students from the Education and Training QARs

6. In-year Qualification Achievement Rates for 2017 to 2018 now available

6.1 For information

We have released the in-year Qualification Achievement Rate (QAR) data for 2017 to 2018 on both the Hub and through the Business Intelligence (BI) dashboards. The [in-year QAR briefing](#) and [QAR webpage](#) provide details about this data release and accessing the dashboard.

We have also published the QAR data extract guidance for 2017 to 2018 and the BI dashboard guidance on the [QAR webpage](#).

To access the data, please ensure you have the correct IDAMS user access. Please see the [IDAMS user guides](#) for creating access or checking your user permissions.

If you have any questions, please contact the [service desk](#).

7. Transfer of apprenticeship service funds – restrictions lifted

7.1 For action

The temporary restriction on how many employers a levy-payer can transfer apprenticeship service funds to will be lifted next month. For more information visit [GOV.UK](#)

From early July, levy-paying employers will be allowed to transfer up to a maximum of 10% of their apprenticeship service annual funds to as many employers as they choose.

By making a transfer to pay for an apprentice's training and assessment, employers can support other employers who may not have considered hiring an apprentice before. Please let your employer contacts know about this new flexibility in the apprenticeship levy.

[Read more about transfers](#).

8. A new funding projection tool

8.1 For information

We are also about to release a new feature on the apprenticeship service that will project an employer's funds over the next 4 years, helping them to plan their apprenticeship programme costs.

9. Provider feedback

9.1 For action

Your feedback is important and will help us to make improvements to the data collections service (The Hub).

You might be asked to take part in one or both of the following research phases that focuses on the 16 to 19 data collections and submissions:

Phase 1 - high level discussion about your use of different data and funding submissions - approximately 45 minutes.

Phase 2 - participation in our private beta where you will use a new version of the data collections service to submit your data to the ESFA.

When you sign up, you will be asked to complete a [short survey](#) which will help us to make sure you get invited to sessions that are relevant to you.

Once you have registered, you might be invited to: * give feedback directly to a researcher * try out live and/or prototypes of new online services * take part in online surveys

We will then arrange sessions to take place at a time that suits you. Please remember, you can always say no to an invite and withdraw from the research at any time.

To take part, please complete the [survey](#).

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