### Diploma aggregation service Quick guide

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## Introduction and using this guide

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### What is DAS?

The *Diploma aggregation service* (DAS) is a system developed and managed by the Qualifications and Curriculum Development Agency (QCDA) to support the awarding of Diplomas.

The *Diploma aggregation service* holds information in both user accounts and learner accounts. User accounts enable staff in centres to access the system and carry out administration. Learner accounts hold learner information, including the details of all the component qualifications that can contribute to a learner's Diploma award. Learners have no direct access to the system.

The system enables data sharing across centres and awarding bodies to support the management of learner accounts and the eventual aggregation of the constituent qualifications and the award of a Diploma.

The Diploma aggregation service allows centres to:

- oreate learner accounts for Diploma learners
- develop planned programmes of study (PPoS) which ensure learners are following a valid Diploma programme of study
- record learners' achievement of personal, learning and thinking skills (PLTS) and work experience
- nonitor learners' progress towards the achievement of a Diploma.

It also allows component awarding bodies (CABs) to record results of learners' principal learning, project, additional and specialist learning, and functional skills assessments.

Finally, the system aggregates the results of the constituent qualifications and supplies the results data to the Diploma awarding body (DAB), enabling the DAB to award the Diploma and provide a Diploma transcript. See page 40 of the *Diploma aggregation service user guide* for an illustration of how this works.

The diagram on page 7 of this guide gives an overview of how the whole system works.

### User roles

Permissions within the system are controlled by roles assigned to user accounts. These roles determine what types of information users can access in the system and what tasks they can perform.

The following five main types of roles can be assigned to users:

- Local administrators can create user accounts and assign roles to users, and create associations with DABs.
- Learner administrators can create, manage and monitor learner accounts.
- Management information users can extract management information reports from the system.
- PPoS maintainers can create, assign, amend, import and view a planned programme of study (PPoS). Typically this will be assigned to the Diploma curriculum planner.
- PPoS approvers can approve a planned programme of study. Typically this will be assigned to the Diploma curriculum planner.

The learner administrator role is made up of these four sub-roles:

- Learner data viewers can view and extract learner information on Diplomas, PPoS and assign status.
- Dearner data maintainers can create learner accounts, edit learner information and assign PPoS for Diplomas.
- Personal, learning and thinking skills (PLTS) and work experience recorders can record completion of personal, learning and thinking skills and work experience.
- DAB relationship managers can register learners, record an intention to claim (ITC) and claim Diplomas from DABs. These users can also view learner accounts.

Exams officers will need to have all of these sub-roles assigned to their user account.

Local administrator

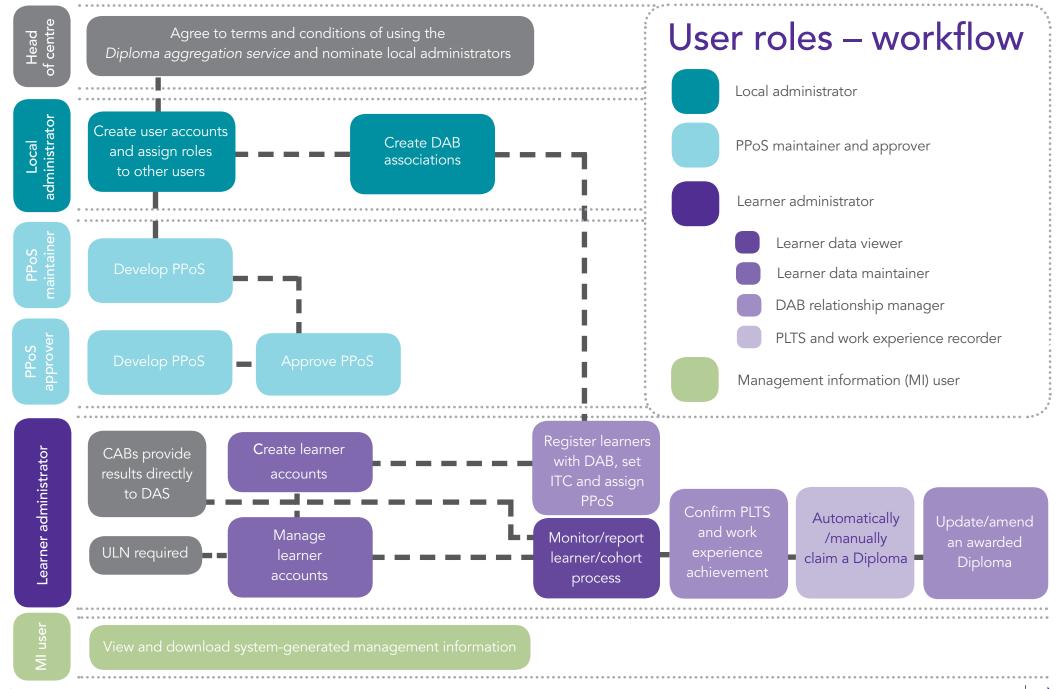
Throughout this guide a purple bar, as shown above, features at the top of each page. This bar indicates the roles required to perform each task. When all five bars are shown, as they are here, the tasks may be performed by all users.

Often, a particular role is required to perform a task. In these instances only the role that may perform that particular task is shown.

Where the learner administrator role is shown with no sub-role below it. all learner administrators can complete the task.

Many learner administration tasks require specific learner administrator sub-roles to be assigned. In these instances the sub-role required to perform the task is shown below the learner administrator panel.

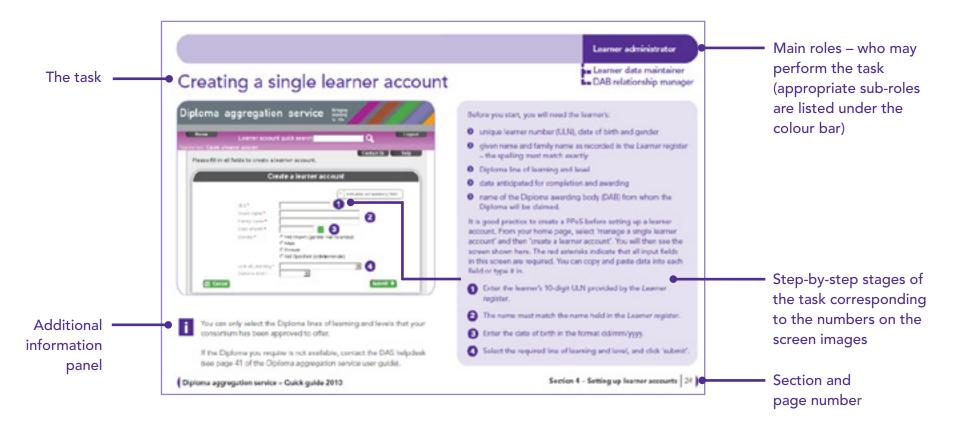
PPoS approver Learner administrator Learner data viewer



### How to use this guide

This guide is intended for guick reference only. It covers the key tasks involved in creating and setting up administration rights in the system and administering accounts for learners enrolled on the Diploma programme.

The Diploma aggregation service user guide provides background information and covers all the tasks not included here.



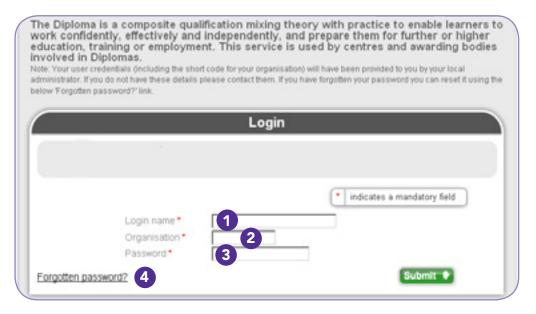
## Managing the system

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### Logging on



If you have not received login details or are unsure who your local administrator is, contact the DAS helpdesk or refer to page 41 of the Diploma aggregation service user guide.

Above the login details area you may see the words 'service announcement', in green, followed by a message such as 'DAS will be unavailable from... (date/time range)'.

For more information see: Diploma aggregation service user guide 'Getting started' section (page 7) and e-learning tool 'Getting started with DAS' section.

To log in to the system, go to: www.diplomaaggregationservice.org/das

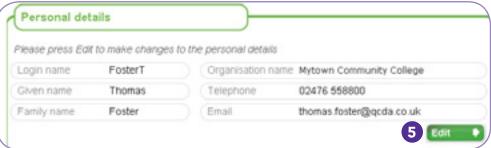
- Enter your login name, which was assigned by your local administrator. Your login name cannot be changed and is not case sensitive.
- 2 Insert your four-digit organisation code. This identifies your centre within the *Diploma aggregation service*. Do not use your national centre number (NCN) or organisation alias see page 11 of the *Diploma aggregation service user guide*.
- 3 Enter your password. Passwords are case sensitive and must be at least nine characters long. It is good practice to include a mixture of letters and numbers in a password. You should change your password after you first log in.
- If you have forgotten your password you can request a new one via a 'self service' function from the DAS login page.

  To do this click on the 'Forgotten password' link on the login page and follow the instructions. Once you have received your new password you will need to change it for security purposes via the 'Manage user information' link.

If an incorrect password is entered three times, the message 'user is locked out' will appear on your screen. You will need to contact your local administrator, or contact the DAS helpdesk if you are a local administrator, to have your account reactivated.

Local administrator

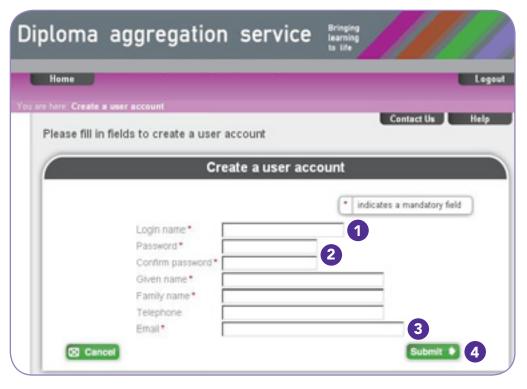




Your homepage includes two main sections: a task menu and a notice board. Your notice board shows actions that have been carried out in learner accounts.

- 1 To view and download notifications, click on 'more' and then 'view'.
- 2 To edit your details, click 'manage user information' to display the sub-menu.
- 3 Click here to change your password. You will be prompted by the system to change your password every three months.
- Click here to view and edit your name, telephone number and email address. You will then see the 'personal details' screen.
- 5 Click 'edit' to change any of the details.
- For more information see: Diploma aggregation service user guide 'Getting started' section (page 8) and e-learning tool 'Getting started with DAS' section.

### Creating a new user account

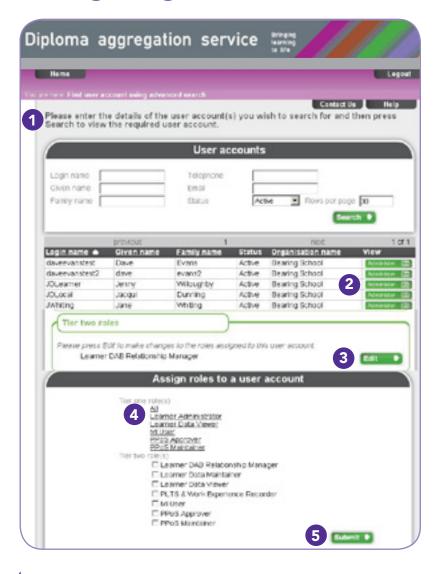


A local administrator cannot create an account for another local administrator. To request additional local administrator accounts for your centre, contact the DAS helpdesk. Each centre can have up to three local administrators.

From your homepage, click on 'manage user information' and then 'create a user account'. Enter the details as shown.

- 1 Enter a login name.
  - You may choose to adopt a format for user names which is the same as that used in other systems in your centre or in your email addresses, for example, 'first name' and 'last name' or 'initial' and 'last name'. These cannot be changed once selected.
- 2 Passwords are case sensitive and must be at least nine characters long. They should contain a mixture of numbers and letters.
- 3 Learner administrators, PPoS maintainers and PPoS approvers will receive notification emails from the system, so a valid work email address should be entered. This can be an individual or shared email address.
- 4 Make a note of the details you have entered, and then click 'submit'.

### Assigning roles to a new user



You can assign roles to your own user account and to other existing user accounts. The process in both cases is exactly the same.

From your homepage, click on 'manage user information' and then 'amend user'.

- 1 This screen shows all the active user accounts in your centre. Your own user name will be in this list.
- 2 Click 'administer' next to the user you want to assign roles to.
- 3 In the next screen, click 'edit' in the 'tier two roles' section of the user account.
- 4 In the next screen, click 'all' to ensure all user roles are displayed.
- 5 Select the required roles and then click 'submit'.
- After you have assigned roles to your own account, you will need to log out and then log in again for the change to take effect. After you log back in you will see the additional menu options on your home screen that are associated with the new role.

For more information see: *Diploma aggregation service user guide* 'Managing user accounts' section (page 21) and e-learning tool 'Managing user accounts' section.

### Reactivating a user account and resetting passwords





From your homepage, click on 'manage user information' and then 'amend user'.

- 1 In the 'status' field, select 'suspended', then click 'search'.
- 2 Click 'administer' next to the user you want to reactivate.
- 3 In the next screen, click 'reactivate'.
- The status will instantly change to 'active', and the user will be able to log in again.
- 5 If the password has been forgotten, click 'edit' next to 'reset password', enter a new password, make a note of it, and then click 'submit'.

You will then need to let the user know that the account is reactivated and provide the new password if necessary.

For more information see: *Diploma aggregation service user guide* (page 28) and e-learning tool 'Managing user accounts' section.

### Creating an association with a Diploma awarding body





From your homepage, click on 'manage a third party association and delegation' and then 'create association to third party organisation'.

By default, this list shows all component awarding bodies (CABs) and Diploma awarding bodies (DABs).

- 1 To find the right awarding body, select 'DAB' in the 'organisation type' field and then click 'search'.
- Click 'select' next to the DAB you require.
- 3 Enter the organisation alias required by the DAB.
- 4 Click 'submit'. You will then see a confirmation screen which includes the option to delegate access to the organisation. Completing this final step will give the awarding body direct access to your centre's learner accounts. You should only do this if the awarding body has requested you to do so.
- To complete this process you will need to enter an organisation alias. This is usually your five-digit national centre number. If you are unsure of your organisation alias please contact the DAB concerned. Your organisation alias is not your DAS organisation code.

For more information see: Diploma aggregation service user guide 'Getting started with DAS' (page 18).

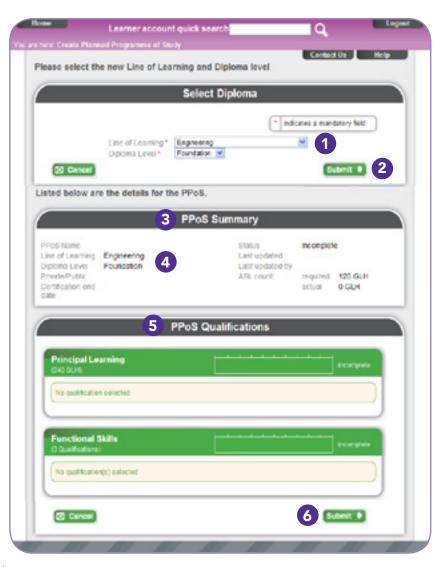
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### Creating a new PPoS



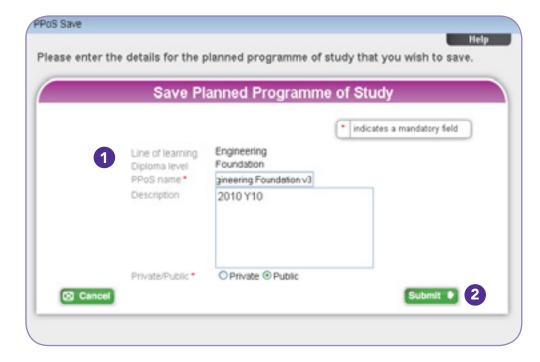
From your homepage click on the 'manage planned programmes of study' menu option and then select 'create a PPoS'. The 'select Diploma' screen will be displayed and the system will prompt you for these mandatory details:

- Select the required line of learning and level.
- After entering the above information click 'submit'.
- The system will display the PPoS summary page which has two sections.
- The summary at the top shows information about the PPoS such as the name, date created or amended, and the status.
- The second section lists all the qualifications currently included.
- You can click 'submit' at the bottom of this screen to save at any stage and complete later.

Scroll down to repeat steps 5 and 6 for other qualifications, for example PLTS or additional and specialist learning.

For more information see: Diploma aggregation service user guide 'Planned programmes of study' (page 108) and e-learning tool 'Planned programmes of study' section.

### Saving a PPoS



For more information see: Diploma aggregation service user guide 'Getting started' section (page 8) and e-learning tool 'Getting started with DAS' section.

From the PPoS summary page save the PPoS by clicking 'submit' at the bottom of the page.

- 1 The 'save planned programme of study' window will display and will prompt you for the following details:
  - Enter a PPoS name. Use appropriate naming conventions that can be logically followed by other users.
  - Add a description. (This isn't a required element but it is best practice to add one.)
  - Select 'private' or 'public'. If this is set to public, anyone with the appropriate role can amend it. If it is set to private, only the creator can amend it. However, other PPoS maintainers can make a copy of it.
- 2 After entering this information click 'submit'.

The system will confirm that the PPoS has been saved successfully.

### Recording a learner's prior achievement of qualifications and expected completion date



- From within the PPoS qualifications area click the name of the required qualification.
- A pop-up window will display and prompt you for the following details:
  - olick the 'prior achievement' check box and enter the 'grade'

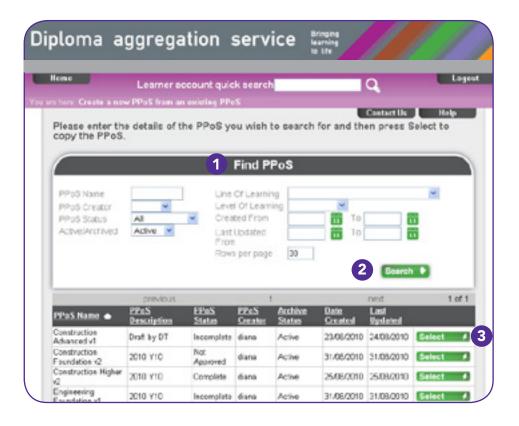
or

- onter the 'expected completion date' in the format mm/ccyy.
- After entering this information click 'submit'.

Within the PPoS qualifications area the selected qualification will now display either 'prior achievement' followed by the grade, or 'expected completion' followed by the date.

Click 'submit' to save your PPoS as described on page 18.

### Creating a new PPoS from an existing programme



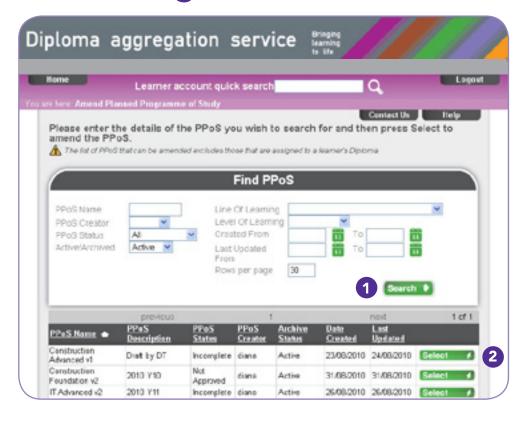
From your homepage select the 'manage planned programmes of study' menu option and then select 'create a new PPoS from an existing PPoS'.

- 1 The 'find PPoS' page appears listing all the active PPoS.
- 2 Enter search criteria at the top of the page to find a particular PPoS and then click on 'search'.
- 3 Once you have identified the PPoS that you wish to use as a template for the new PPoS, click 'select' next to the required PPoS. The system will then display the PPoS summary page.

Refer to 'Amending a PPoS' on page 21 to complete the tasks associated with amending the qualifications as required.

When you have made all the changes, save the PPoS as described in 'Saving a PPoS' on page 18.

### Amending a PPoS



To unassign a PPoS see Diploma aggregation service user guide (page 52).

For more information see: Diploma aggregation service user guide 'Planned programme of study' section (page 51) and e-learning tool 'Planned programme of study' section.

From your homepage select the 'manage planned programmes of study' menu option and then select 'amend a PPoS'.

The 'find PPoS' page appears listing all the active PPoS.

- Enter search criteria at the top of the page to find a particular PPoS, and then click on 'search'.
- Click 'select' next to the required PPoS.

The list of PPoS that can be amended excludes those that are assigned to a learner's Diploma. If you need to amend an assigned PPoS then either make a copy of it or unassign it from the learner's Diploma first.

The system will display the PPoS summary page.

Use the instructions for creating a PPoS on page 17 to amend the qualifications as required and, when you have made all the changes, save the PPoS by clicking 'submit' at the bottom of the page.

The system will display the 'save Planned programme of study' window. See page 18 of this guide for details of how to save a Planned programme of study.

### Approving a PPoS



When unapproving a PPoS that is currently assigned to one or more learners' Diplomas, the PPoS assignment gets removed.

Therefore, the user must confirm that they are choosing to leave these learners' Diplomas without a PPoS assigned. The expected date that another PPoS will be assigned should be provided.

From your homepage select the 'manage planned programmes of study' menu option and then select 'approve a PPoS'.

- 1 The 'find PPoS' page will appear listing all the active unapproved PPoS which are complete and valid.
- 2 Enter search criteria at the top of the page to find a specific PPoS, and then click on 'search'.
- 3 Click 'select' next to the PPoS you wish to approve.

The system will display the PPoS summary page so that you can review the detail to ensure that it is a programme your centre can support. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click 'submit'.

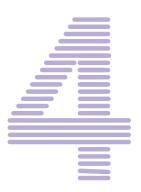
A pop-up window appears to prompt you to confirm that you wish to approve the PPoS.

- 4 Click 'not approve' if you decide not to approve the PPoS and want to record this in the system.
- 5 Click 'submit' to confirm approval. The final screen confirms successful approval of the PPoS.
- For more information see: Diploma aggregation service user guide 'Planned programme of study' section (page 115) and e-learning tool 'Planned programme of study' section.

# Setting up learner accounts

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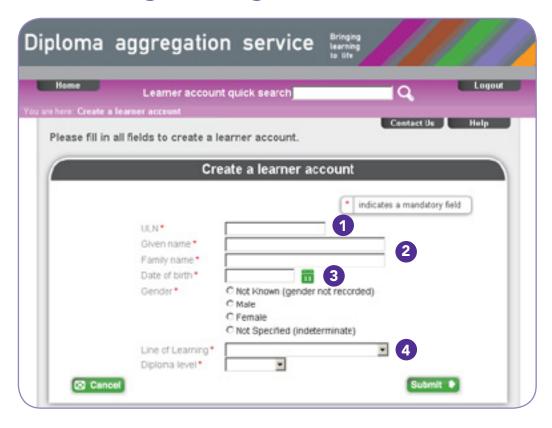
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Learner data maintainer

**■** DAB relationship manager

### Creating a single learner account



You can only select the Diploma lines of learning and levels that your consortium has been approved to offer.

If the Diploma you require is not available, contact the DAS helpdesk (see page 41 of the *Diploma aggregation service user guide*).

Before you start, you will need the learner's:

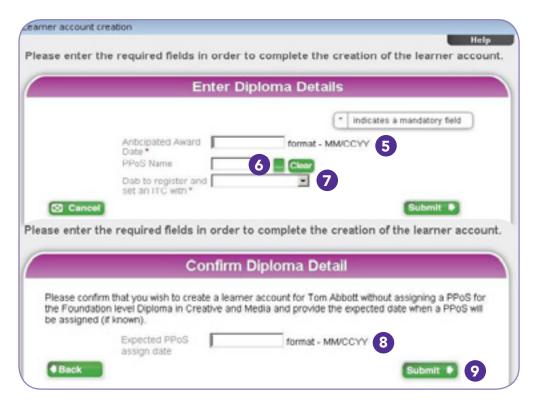
- o unique learner number (ULN), date of birth and gender
- given name and family name as recorded in the Learner register
   the spelling must match exactly
- Diploma line of learning and level
- date anticipated for completion and awarding
- name of the Diploma awarding body (DAB) from whom the Diploma will be claimed.

It is good practice to create a PPoS before setting up a learner account. From your homepage, select 'manage a single learner account' and then 'create a learner account'. You will then see the screen shown here. The red asterisks indicate that all input fields in this screen are required. You can copy and paste data into each field or type it in.

- 1 Enter the learner's 10-digit ULN provided by the *Learner register*.
- 2 The name must match the name held in the *Learner register*.
- **3** Enter the date of birth in the format ccyy-mm-dd.
- 4 Select the required line of learning and level, and click 'submit'.

### Creating a single learner account (cont)

Learner data maintainer
DAB relationship manager



If you create a learner account without assigning a PPoS all users with a role of PPoS approver will be notified. Registration with a DAB is mandatory and incurs a cost.

For more information see: *Diploma aggregation service user guide* 'Managing a single learner account' (page 47) and e-learning tool 'Managing a single learner account' section.

A pop-up window as shown here will prompt you for the following details:

- 5 Enter the PPoS anticipated award date in the format mm/ccyy (for example 10/2010).
- To assign a PPoS to a learner click the icon to select a PPoS. The system will list all PPoS which have been previously created and approved for the selected Diploma line of learning and level. If necessary, enter search criteria to find a specific PPoS.
- **7** Register and set an ITC with a DAB by selecting from the drop-down list.

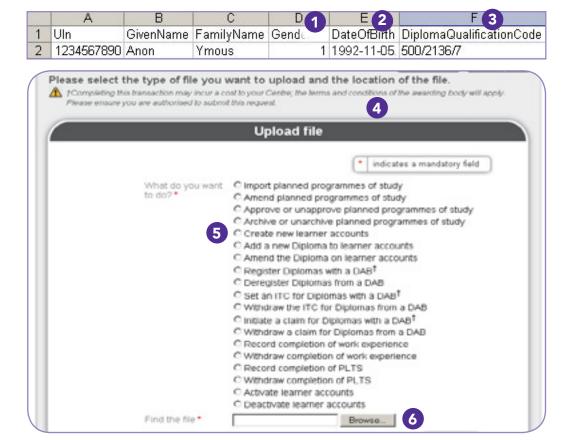
After entering the above information click 'submit'.

If you have not assigned a PPoS for the Diploma you will be asked to confirm that you wish to create the learner account without assigning a PPoS. You will also be prompted for a date when you expect to assign a PPoS.

- 8 Enter the expected PPoS assignment date in the format mm/ccyy.
- 9 Click 'submit'.

#### Learner data maintainer

### Creating multiple learner accounts



The given names and family names in the batch file must be exactly the same as they are in the *Learner register*.

For more information see: Diploma aggregation service user guide 'Managing batch files' (page 77) and 'Batch file definitions' (page 83).

First create a batch file containing details of all the learners for whom you wish to open accounts.

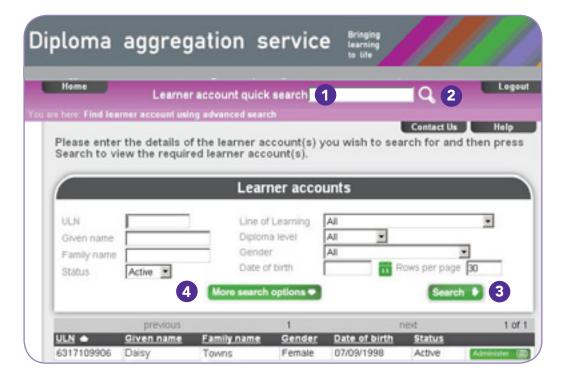
- 1 The data codes for gender are 1 for male and 2 for female.
- 2 Date of birth must be in the format ccyy-mm-dd.
- 3 The Diploma qualification codes indicate the line of learning and level.
- 4 Information on the PPoS and the DAB needs to be included. For more information see the section on 'Creating a single learner account' on page 24.

Save your batch file in .csv format. From your homepage, select 'manage learner accounts via file upload' and then 'upload a new file'.

- 5 Select 'create new learner accounts'.
- 6 Click 'browse' to upload the batch file and then click 'submit'.

See page 35 of the *Diploma aggregation service user guide* for information about checking the status of uploaded files.

### Finding learner accounts



Results can still be viewed on the learner account (but not the Diploma they contribute towards), as well as the Diplomas being studied, the PPoS being followed (or the expected date when a PPoS will be assigned) and the anticipated award date.

For more information on wild cards see the *Diploma aggregation* service user guide (page 15).

- 1 To find an individual learner, in the 'learner account quick search' field, enter any of these:
  - unique learner number (ULN)
  - given name
  - family name
  - given name and family name with a space.

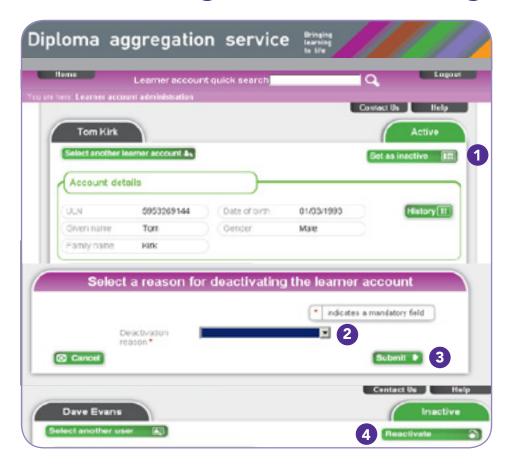
'Wild cards' are characters that can be used in search fields when looking for either user or learner accounts.

- 2 Click on the 'search' icon. If only one learner account matches, you will go directly to the learner account.

  Otherwise, you will see a list of all learner accounts that match.
- 3 To view all learner accounts, leave the search boxes blank and click on the search icon. You will then see a list of all learners in your centre with search options above the list.
- 4 Click on 'more search options' to expand the search box as the example here shows.

You can then search for individual accounts or groups of accounts against any of the criteria shown.

### Deactivating and reactivating a learner account



Although a learner account is deactivated you still have access to the learner account until the administration rights for the account are passed to a new centre, in other words when the learner transfers to another centre.

Find and open the learner account you want to deactivate.

- 1 Click 'set as inactive' beneath the green status tab in the top right-hand corner of the learner account screen. You will be prompted to select a deactivation reason from the drop-down list provided.
- 2 If the learner has left your centre you must select the 'left centre' reason to enable a new centre to take over responsibility for ongoing administration of the account.
- When you are satisfied with your selection click 'submit'. The system will then confirm that you have successfully deactivated the learner account and the green status tab will be updated to read 'inactive'.
- To reactivate the learner account click the 'reactivate' button. The system will immediately confirm successful reactivation of the learner account and the green status tab will be updated to read 'active'.

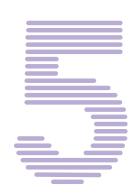
If the system detects certain transactions in a learner account that have been automatically deactivated following two years of inactivity, the system will automatically reactivate the account. The only exception is when the deactivation reason is 'deceased', in which case the learner account will remain inactive.

Simply click 'close' to return to the learner account detail display.

## Managing learner progress

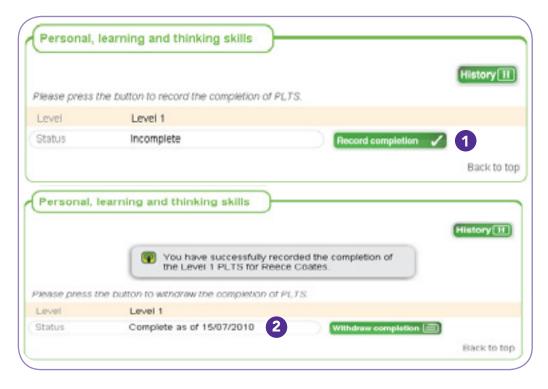
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### ■ PLTS and work experience recorder

# Recording PLTS and work experience for a single learner



For more information see: Diploma aggregation service user guide (pages 49 and 50).

Find and open the learner account (see page 16 of the *Diploma* aggregation service user guide).

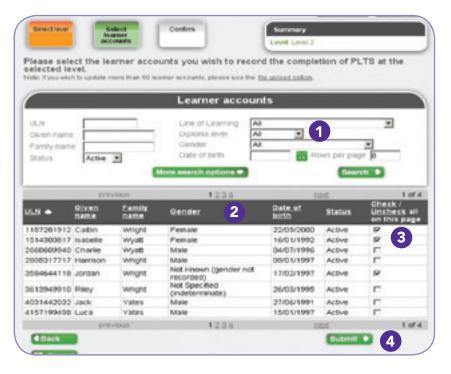
- 1 Scroll down to the relevant section and click 'record completion' in the work experience section or the personal, learning and thinking skills (PLTS) section of the learner account, as required.
- 2 The status will instantly change to 'complete as of [today's date]' and the button will change to show the option to withdraw completion.

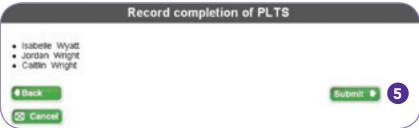
Note: When you withdraw PLTS and/or work experience details you'll be given an option to confirm or cancel your action through an 'Are you sure?' screen prompt. Remember, if you withdraw PLTS or work experience from an awarded Diploma a message will be sent to the awarding body to withdraw the Diploma.

QCDA provides forms that exams officers can use to track completion of PLTS and work experience before recording it in DAS. Go to www.qcda.gov.uk/diplomaresources to download the forms.

### ■ PLTS and work experience recorder

# Recording PLTS and work experience for multiple learners



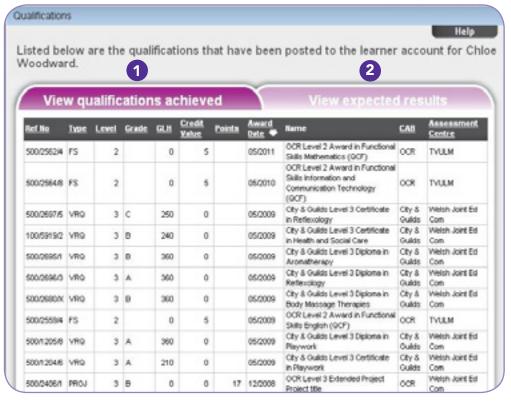


From your homepage, select 'manage multiple learner accounts' and then 'record completion of work experience' or 'record completion of PLTS' as required. For example, to record completion of PLTS:

- 1 Select the Diploma level for which you wish to record completion. For recording completion of PLTS, you will also need to select the Diploma line of learning, followed by 'search'.
- 2 This list shows the accounts of all the learners studying for the selected Diploma who have not yet completed the selected element.
- 3 Click in the tick box next to each learner account for which you wish to record completion.
- 4 Click 'submit'.
- 5 Confirm that you want to record the completion of PLTS for these learner accounts and click 'submit'.
- It is also possible to carry out this task by uploading a batch file.

  For more information see: Diploma aggregation service user guide 'Managing multiple learner accounts' section (page 75).

### Viewing qualification results

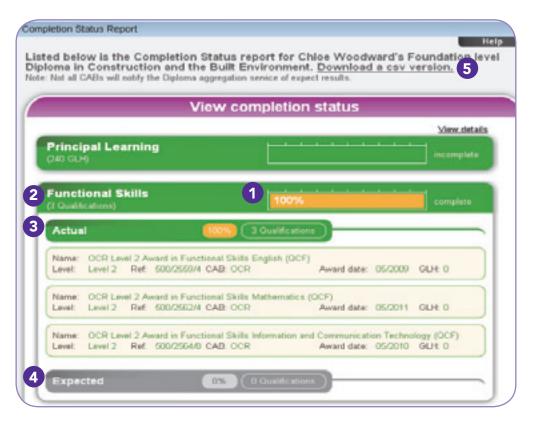


For more information see: *Diploma aggregation service user guide* 'Completion status report' section (page 40).

Find and open the learner account (see page 16 of the *Diploma* aggregation service user guide). In the 'qualifications' section, click 'view all'. A new window will open showing all qualification results received by the *Diploma* aggregation service for that learner.

- 1 This section shows the results of qualifications that have been achieved. See page 33 of the *Diploma aggregation service* user guide for more detail about the information in each column.
- 2 This section can be used by component awarding bodies (CABs) to list qualifications that have not yet been achieved but for which an entry has been made. Some CABs may not provide this information check with your CABs to find out whether they intend to do so.
- Embargoed results are those with a future publication date. These results will be displayed as expected results on a learner account until the embargo is lifted. See page 37 of the *Diploma aggregation service user guide* for more information.

### Viewing progress of an individual learner



The statement can be opened or saved as a .pdf version. You can also print the *Diploma progress statement* on your headed paper. The printout will be at least three pages per learner.

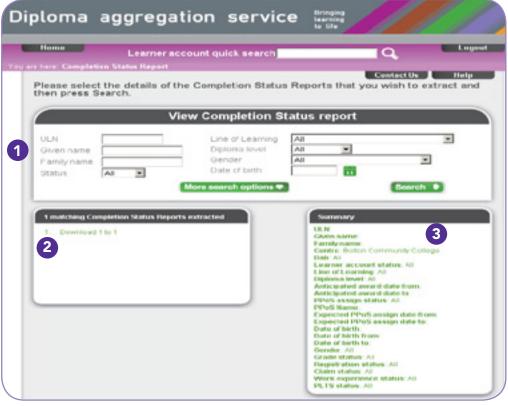
For more information see: *Diploma aggregation service user guide* 'Managing single learner account' section (pages 57 and 58).

Find and open the learner account (see page 16 of the *Diploma* aggregation service user guide). In the 'Diplomas' section, click on 'completion status'. The completion status report will then open in a new window.

- 1 The figure in each bar shows the percentage of the component that has been completed. This learner has successfully completed all three functional skills qualifications at the required level.
- 2 Click on the qualification type to view further information.
- 3 The 'actual' results section shows all completed qualifications.
- 4 Information about qualifications for which results are expected will appear in this section, if provided by CABs.
- 5 Click here to download the report as a .csv file. See page 27 of the *Diploma aggregation service user guide* for an example of what the .csv file will look like.

If the learner has not successfully completed all their studies but would like a copy of their achievement, you can print a *Diploma progress statement*. The *Diploma progress statement* can be viewed from within the 'completion status' section once the learner has completed one or more components of the Diploma.

### Viewing progress of multiple learners



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A maximum of 30 completion status reports are included in a single file. If you need to download more than 30 records, separate .csv files will be created for each batch of 30.

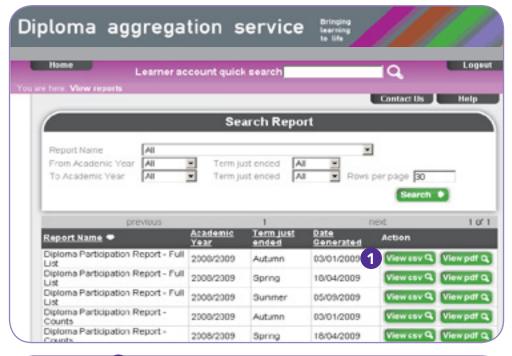
From your homepage, select 'retrieve learner account info' and then 'extract completion status reports'.

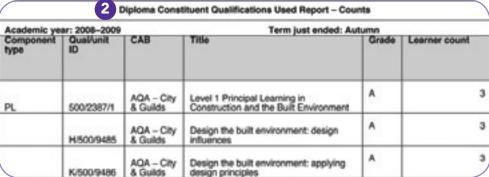
- 1 Select the required criteria and then click 'search'.
- 2 Files containing completion status reports will then be created by the system. They will include all learner records that match your search criteria and will appear as links on the left-hand side of the screen. In the example shown here, one file has been created. Click on the link to open the file.
- 3 The 'summary' section displays the search terms used.
- In the .csv file, each learner account has a row of data related to each Diploma component. This enables you to see at a glance which components have been achieved and which are still outstanding.

This process creates .csv files that hold rows of data for each learner and can be saved and edited as required.

For more information see: e-learning tool 'Extracting and retrieving information' section.

### Extracting management information reports





From your homepage, select 'retrieve learner account info' and then 'view reports'.

- 1 Select the report you require from the list that appears in this screen. Choose either 'view csv' or 'view pdf' for your preferred report format. You will be prompted to either save or open the .csv files, but .pdf files will open automatically.
- 2 This example .pdf report lists results of constituent qualifications achieved by all learners. The full version of this report shows the same information broken down against individual learners.
- Management information reports are generated by the system at the end of each term so they do not include all current data. The following dates are when each term's data is first available:
  - autumn term 31 January
  - spring term 30 April
  - Summer term − 30 September.

For more information see: *Diploma aggregation service user guide* 'Retrieving management information and reports' section (page 89) and 'Extracting completion reports' (page 90).

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# Claiming Diplomas

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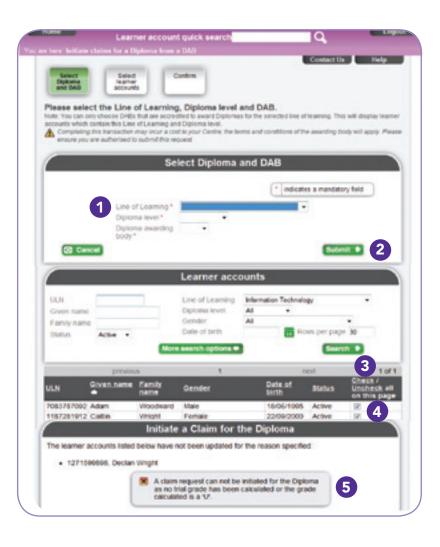
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### Claiming a Diploma



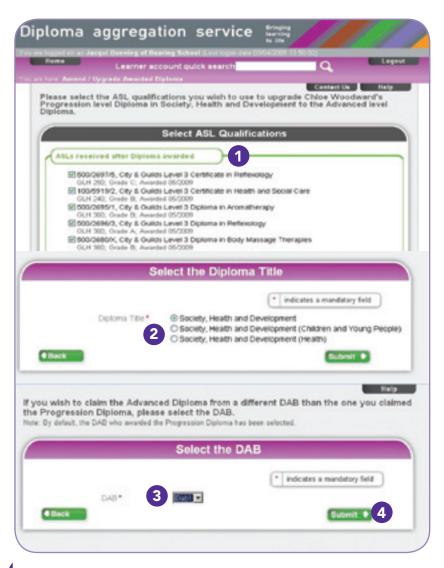
From your homepage select 'manage multiple learner accounts' and then 'initiate claims for a Diploma from a DAB'.

- 1 Select the required line and level of learning and the Diploma awarding body (DAB) from which you wish to claim the award.
- 2 Click 'submit'.
- 3 To claim a Diploma for all learners currently studying for the selected Diploma, click on the word 'check' in the last column, repeating on subsequent pages, if necessary, to select the whole list.
- 4 Otherwise, select the required learners one by one and then click 'submit'. Check that the confirmation screen is correct and then click 'submit' to confirm.
- 5 If any of the learners have not completed all the required elements, you will see an error message in a final screen similar to the example shown here.

To claim a Diploma from a DAB, your local administrator must have first created an association with that DAB (see page 15).

#### ■ DAB relationship manager

### Changing an awarded Diploma



From your homepage select 'manage a single learner account' and then 'amend' upgrade awarded Diploma'. You will see a list of all awarded Diplomas that are eligible to be changed. Select the learner's Diploma you wish to change.

- 1 The next screen will display results of all the additional and specialist learning (ASL) qualifications the learner has completed. Select the units required and click 'submit'. The system will check that requirements for total guided learning hours are still met.
- 2 If alternative Diploma titles are available for the line of learning, select the required title and click 'submit'.
- 3 If the selected ASL qualifications meet the requirements to upgrade from Progression to Advanced, you can select a different Diploma awarding body (DAB) to claim the new Advanced award from. Select the required DAB and then click 'submit'.
- 4 A confirmation screen will show the changes you have made. Check that this matches the student's expectations and then click 'submit'. The DAB will then receive a notification of your request and will issue the new or amended Diploma award.
- Any changes must be made before the original certificate and transcript are issued or your centre may incur an additional charge. Consult your DAB for deadlines and costs associated with Diploma changes. For more information see: Diploma aggregation service user guide 'Managing a single learner account' section (page 62).

### Further information



### **Further information**

Local administrator

For more information on any of the tasks outlined in this document, refer to the *Diploma aggregation service user guide* at www.qcda.gov.uk/ dasuserguide. Refer to the user guide for any tasks not covered here, including how to undo actions and how to manage learner accounts for learners studying for more than one Diploma.

For more information about batch files and examples of all required batch file formats, see the batch file definitions document. Download these documents at www.qcda.gov.uk/dasbatchfiles.

For information about unique learner numbers (ULNs) and the *Learner* register, see the *Learning Records Service implementation guide* at www.miap.gov.uk/products/lrs/implementation guide.

For further queries about the *Learner register* or ULNs, contact the Learning Records Service (formerly MIAP) helpdesk:

telephone: 0845 602 2589

email: lrssupport@learningrecordsservice.org.uk

You may find the *Diploma glossary* helpful. Download it at: www.qcda.gov.uk/diplomaglossary

For further queries about the *Diploma aggregation service*, contact the DAS helpdesk:

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