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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 2013/14 and 2014/15 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. For the 2013/14 academic year the report covers application data from 1-30 April 2014 and cumulative data from launch of the loans system (8 April 2013) to 30 April 2014.
4. For the 2014/15 academic year the report covers application data from the opening of the applications system (14 April 2014) to 30 April 2014.

Main Headlines

- The total number of applications received, from 8 April 2013 to 30 April 2014, to fund provision in the 2013/14 academic year was **66,289** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of processed applications from 1-30 April 2014 for applications for loans to fund 2013/14 provision was **1,504** (includes ineligible applications).
- The largest amount of applications received from 1-30 April 2014, to fund provision in the 2013/14 academic year (**673**, excluding ineligible applications), was in the **31-40** age band.
- The total number of applications received for the 2014/15 academic year, from 14 April 2014 to 30 April 2014, was **90** (excludes ineligible applications).
- The total number of processed applications from 14-30 April 2014 for applications for loans to fund 2014/15 provision was **176** (includes ineligible applications).

Data Sources

The statistics published in this release relate to applications for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans for courses starting in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 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 (both unprocessed and processed, but excluding those ineligible, cancelled, deleted and in data entry) for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans. 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 expected based on the previous month's submitted applications, or even decreasing from one month to the next.

As a part of the Skills Funding Statement released on 10th February 2014, it was announced that **Apprenticeships are to be removed from the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans system, and regulations came into force on 7th March 2014**. However, data from applications for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans to fund Apprenticeships in the 2013/14 academic year are to be included in this report until they are removed from the SLC application system.

Other Related Statistics

On Thursday 27th March 2014 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 two quarters of the academic year (August 2013 to January 2014) who were funded through the 24+ Advanced Learning Loans system. The Student Loans Company also published their 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Paid in England publication, which includes information on payments made to FE providers on behalf of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans learners in the first two quarters of the academic year.

It should be noted that each of these publications use a different reference period and different data sources to this publication, and therefore figures are not directly comparable. See the links below for more details.

BIS Further Education and Skills Statistical First Release:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/learner-participation-outcomes-and-level-of-highest-qualification-held>

Student Loans Company 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Paid in England:

<http://www.slc.co.uk/media/723230/slcosp022014.pdf>

The next release of the SFR and the Student Loans for FE in England publications will be in June 2014, and will relate to the period of August 2013 to April 2014.

Table Guide

This section provides a brief summary of what is included in each table of this report. The tables for the 2013/14 academic year show figures for the total applications received in the previous month (the 'Monthly Total') as well as the total applications received for courses starting in that academic year (e.g. Total 2013/14). The tables for the 2014/15 academic year show figures for the total applications received since the 2014/15 application system was launched.

- **Table 1.1** shows the overall processing position of received applications for 24+ Advanced Learning Loans for the 2013/14 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 2013/14 Academic Year.
- **Table 1.3** shows figures for received applications broken down by provision type, with figures for applications received in March as well as for the 2013/14 Academic Year to date.
- **Table 1.4** shows figures for received applications broken down by age and sex, with figures for applications received in March as well as for the 2013/14 Academic Year to date.
- **Table 2.1** 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 2.2** shows a further breakdown of processed applications for the 2014/15 Academic Year.
- **Table 2.3** shows figures for received applications for the 2014/15 Academic Year, broken down by provision type.
- **Table 2.4** shows figures for received applications for the 2014/15 Academic Year to date, broken down by age, sex and UK/Non-UK status.

2013/14 Academic Year

Table 1.1. Overall Processing Position of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2013/14

	Monthly total	Total 2013/14
Total applications received	1,940	66,289
Total processed	1,504	56,252
Awaiting further information from learner	405	5,038
In progress/work in hand	135	6,763

Table 1.2. Further Breakdown of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Processed Applications for Academic Year 2013/14

	Monthly total	Total 2013/14
Total Processed (includes ineligible)	1,504	56,252
Ineligible	104	1,764
Waiting for customer signature	398	1,817
Ready for payment	1,002	52,671

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.

Table 1.3. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2013/14, by Provision Type

	Monthly total	Total 2013/14
Total	1,940	66,289
A Level	9	1,084
QAA Access to HE	100	19,731
QCF Certificate Level 3	319	8,224
QCF Certificate Level 4	16	349
QCF Diploma Level 3	1,339	32,466
QCF Diploma Level 4	97	2,854
Higher Apprenticeship	-	118
Advanced Apprenticeship	-	319
Unknown	60	1,144

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.

Table 1.4. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2013/14, by Age, Sex and UK/Non-UK Status

	Monthly total	Total 2013/14
Total	1,940	66,289
24-30	632	27,166
31-40	673	22,627
41-50	453	12,079
50+	167	3,479
Unknown ³	15	938
Male	458	16,528
Female	1,482	49,761
UK National	1,645	56,941
Non-UK National	295	9,348

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.

2014/15 Academic Year

Table 2.1. Overall Processing Position of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2014/15

	Total 2014/15
Total applications received	90
Total processed	176
Awaiting further information from learner	19
In progress/work in hand	17

Table 2.2. Further Breakdown of 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Processed Applications for Academic Year 2014/15

	Total 2014/15
Total Processed (includes ineligible)	176
Ineligible	122
Waiting for customer signature	30
Ready for payment	24

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.

Table 2.3. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2014/15, by Provision Type

	Total 2014/15
Total	90
A Level	-
QAA Access to HE	13
QCF Certificate Level 3	12
QCF Certificate Level 4	-
QCF Diploma Level 3	56
QCF Diploma Level 4	-
Unknown	5

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. '-' indicates that there have been fewer than 5 applications.

Table 2.4. 24+ Advanced Learning Loans Applications Received for Academic Year 2014/15, by Age, Sex and UK/Non-UK Status

	Total 2014/15
Total	90
24-30	34
31-40	31
41-50	18
50+	7
Unknown ³	-
Male	20
Female	70
UK National	83
Non-UK National	7

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. '-' indicates that there have been fewer than 5 applications.

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