



Guidance

Qualification success rates from 2013 to 2014

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Qualification success rates (QSR) continue to be one important measure of assessing provider performance and quality within government supported education and skills training. This measure has been in operation for a number of years and once again QSR will be calculated at the end of the 2013 to 2014 academic year.

The government's simplification agenda has already brought about benefits through changes to the funding calculation and the ILR data collection for 2013 to 2014, and we plan to follow suit with QSR.

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The approach to the calculation of QSR for 2013 to 2014 has now been confirmed and will include the following changes:

- QSR results will be generated for classroom based provision, workplace provision and apprenticeships separately; the method of calculation will be consistent for all provision areas and will be the overall method as used currently for apprenticeships and workplace provision; the most significant change will therefore be for classroom based provision
- timely success rates will continue to be produced and will also be published for information and transparency purposes; they are used as a supporting measure for each of the three provision areas to provide more comprehensive information; the timely method of calculation will also be applied to classroom based provision
- the overall success rate will continue to be the primary result and will be used for public information and to assess minimum standards for 2013 to 2014

For 2013 to 2014 there is no impact on apprenticeships or workplace provision which are already assessed using these methods. The only change will be to classroom-based provision, to which these methods will be newly applied. However, initial forecasting suggests minimal impact.

[Business rules and technical specifications](#) for the calculation of QSR are already published for 2012 to 2013.

Any changes to the business rules required as a result of new initiatives and policy or funding changes in 2013 to 2014 will be published in March 2014, along with a timetable for the publication of the success rates and minimum standards results themselves – with the technical specifications following by May 2014.

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