
Employer Responsive Known Issues 2009/10

Including outstanding and resolved issues

Outstanding

Ref No 28 **Academic Year** 2009/2010

Issue Title The total payment year-to-date variables are incorrect for a small number of records

Issue Descriptio The A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_Y2D funding variable appears to be ignoring the current period's payments for a small number of aims. The A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_Y2D funding variable is incorrect for 815 aims in the ER period 12 data, with a total funding difference of £116895 from the total of around £1.8 billion.

This is an issue with the MI data derived variables only and does not affect payments to providers. This issue affects 0910 ER data from period 4 to period 12 inclusive. This issue affects A_OP_PAYMENT_Y2D, A_ALS_PAYMENT_Y2D, A_ACH_PAYMENT_Y2D and A_BAL_PAYMENT_Y2D DVs. This issue is being investigated

Additional Info

Suggested Workaround Be aware of this issue when using the data. The individual-period DVs (A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_P1 to A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_P12) are unaffected, so if you require the Y2D value you can sum the appropriate period-level DVs. For example the A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_Y2D value for period 12 data can be calculated by adding together DVs from A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_P1 to A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_P12.

Resolve Description

Issue Resolved No

Notes for LSC users

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Ref No 23 **Academic Year** 2009/2010

Issue Title Updates to reference files not applied to existing data that uses them.

Issue Descriptio There are a number of reference files used to derive data, such as the Postcode File, Learning Aim Database (LAD), etc. Once these files are referred to derive a field and if the values of the source field in the reference file changes, this change will not be reflected in the derived variable until a provider uploads new data.
There is no fault as such with the way the Derived Variables are calculated, as at the time the data is submitted the DV will have been calculated correctly with the current version of the reference files available.

Additional Info For Example: For the derivation of A_FE_PROVMIX_MATRIX, one of the conditions involves checking if the A_L2CAT field in the LAD is 1 to get a value of 25. There are 2770 cases in the 2009/10 E03 freeze where A_L2CAT is 1 but A_FE_PROVMIX_MATRIX is no being set to 25. This is because the Learning Aim Reference(A09) of the affected rows has been updated with A_L2CAT=1 on 06/11/2009. This change will not update the existing data, unless the provider re submits data for the same collection period.

Suggested Workaround If a provider re-submits data for the same collection period, derived fields will be populated based on latest version of reference files.

Resolve Description There is no plan to force a re-calculation to re-populate the fields every time a reference file has a new version.

Issue Resolved No

Notes for LSC users

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Ref No	16	Academic Year	2009/2010
Issue Title	Duplicate Programme aims		
Issue Descriptio	<p>There are instances of duplicate programme aims in the 2009/10 Employer responsive datasets. In 2008/09 a programme learning aim record was introduced to the ILR to record information about a learner's programme.</p> <p>A learner should have 1 programme record for each programme they are participating in. A data quality issue has arisen where a number of provider have recorded duplicate apprenticeship programme aims in their 2008/09 ILR data. This issue will affect all Employer Responsive datasets prepared in 2009/10.</p> <p>This will have an impact of reporting starts and completions on apprenticeship programmes. There are 47 duplicate learning aims in the Employer Responsive W04 data set prepared on 7 December 2009. This issue affects 16 providers.</p>		
Additional Info	<p>The following sample code can be used to identify this issue.</p> <p>**Open aims file</p> <pre>GET FILE='..ILR0910_E_AIMS.SAV'.</pre> <p>*select programme records only (data set identifier code, field A04 = 35, programme aim)</p> <pre>SELECT IF (A04 = 35).</pre> <p>*Sort cases by Provider number, Learner reference number, programme type and sector framework code, start period and leave period</p> <pre>Sort cases by L01 L03 A15 A26 A_STARTP A_LEAVEP.</pre> <p>*Aggregate by Provider number, Learner reference number, programme type and sector framework code, start period and leave period and count the number of programme aims for each programme we'd normally expect there to 1 per programme</p> <p>*the variable "Aimspersprog" is created and added to the dataset this variable contains the number of duplicate aims per programme.</p>		

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AGGREGATE
/Outfile = * Mode = ADDVARIABLES
/Break =L01 L03 A15 A26 A_STARTP A_LEAVEP
/Aimsperprog= n.
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*select all programme aims which are part of a programme containing duplicate aims

Select if Aimsperprog >1.

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SAVE OUTFILE='..Dupprogaims_Aim0910.sav'
/Keep L01 L03 PRV_NAME PRV_REG A05 A10 A15 A26
A27 A28 A31 A34 A35 A40 A48a A48b A_STARTP
A_LEAVEP Aimsperprog.
**Aggregate to programme level
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AGGREGATE
/Outfile = *
/Break =L01 PRV_NAME PRV_REG L03 A15 A26
A_STARTP A_LEAVEP
/Max_Aimsperprog=max(Aimsperprog)
/N_BREAK=n.
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**calculate the number of duplicate aims by subtracting 1 from the number of aims per unique programme.

Compute Dupaims = Max_Aimsperprog - 1.

*Save at programme level

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SAVE OUTFILE='..Dupprogaims_Prog0910.sav'.
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*aggregate to provider level

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AGGREGATE
/Outfile = *
/Break =L01
/Dupaims2=sum(Dupaims).
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SAVE OUTFILE='..Dupprogaims_Prov0910.sav'.
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Execute.

Suggested Workaround

None be aware of this issue when using the data.

The LSC data definitions group considered this issue and decided it was not appropriate to amend reporting definitions to resolve this issue. It was decided to contact providers to ask them to correct their data.

Resolve Description

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Issue Resolved No

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Ref No 25 **Academic Year** 2009/2010

Issue Title L_FUNDINGSOURCE being calculated incorrectly

Issue Descriptio L_FUNDINGSOURCE is being calculated incorrectly in 2009/10 LR, ER, ASL, ESF SR and UFI MIS views.

L_FUNDINGSOURCE is used to identify LSC funded learners, and describe the sources of funding. The calculation for this DV is not working according to specification and it needs to be re-derived.

Additional Info

Suggested Workaround

This issue has been resolved for the L01 freeze of 1/2/2010, C01 freeze of 1/2/2010 and E07 freeze of 5/3/2010. All subsequent freezes created from 18/3/2010 will have the issue resolved, although the issue still remains in the underlying Views. Be aware that the L02 freeze of 16/2/2010, the C02 freeze of 16/2/2010, the U02 freeze of 8/3/2010 and the S07 freeze of 5/3/2010 have not had this fix applied.

Resolve Description

This issue has been fixed as part of the freeze process.

Issue Resolved Yes

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This issue has been fixed as part of the freeze process. Be aware that the underlying views still show the issue. For those using Views, please re-derive this variable using the SPSS or SQL code available at <http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/datadictionary/technicaldefinitions/derivedvariables/0910/Sources+of+Funding+Data+Definition+0910.htm>

Resolved

Ref No 22 **Academic Year** 2009/2010

Issue Title Funding variables are not displayed correctly for data returned through Provider "On Line" (POL)

Issue Descriptio Funding variables are not being displayed correctly for some data returned through Provider On Line (POL). Zeroes are being shown where there should be values. This issue affects the period 2 ILR0910_E_AIMS_DLF file prepared on 7 October 2009 and the period 3 ILR0910_E_AIMS_DLF file prepared on 6 November 2009. It is resulting in the variable A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_Y2D showing zero where there should be a value.

Additional Info

Suggested Workaround Be aware of this issue when using the data and do not rely on this data for POL providers.

Resolve Description This was considered to be an issue that was not resolved from the previous period, but on re-investigation on 30/10/2009 this issue was tested and found out to have been fixed.

Issue Resolved Yes

Notes for LSC users

Resolved

Ref No 21 **Academic Year** 2009/2010

Issue Title A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_Y2D in the Learner_DLF and Aims_DLF tables are not being recalculated where the provider has not sent data for subsequent periods

Issue Descriptio A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_Y2D is correct for the period when data was returned. If no further data is returned, then in subsequent periods A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_Y2D is not updated and becomes incorrect.

This issue affects the ILR0910_E_AIMS_DLF file prepared on 7 October 2009.

This also affects the L_TOTAL_PAYMENT_Y2D variable.

Note that there is a similar issue resulting in incorrect funding derived variables being shown for providers returning data through Provider On Line (POL)

Additional Info

Suggested Workaround Recalculate A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_Y2D by adding the variables A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_P1 and A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_P2.

Resolve Description A fix has been issued for period 3.

Issue Resolved Yes

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Resolved

Ref No 20 **Academic Year** 2009/2010

Issue Title A_FULLLY_FUNDED in the AIMS_DLF table is incorrect doesn't match with corresponding field value in the AIMS table

Issue Descriptio In 2009/10 for Employer Responsive ILR, the A_FULLLY_FUNDED field in the AIMS file should hold copies of the values stored in the A_FULLLY_FUNDED field of the AIMS_DLF file. This is not being carried out consistently and it seems that the A_FULLLY_FUNDED field only in the AIMS file is being recorded correctly.

Additional Info

Suggested Workaround Match in the A_FULLLY_FUNDED field from the AIMS file and not the AIMS_DLF file until a fix is applied to address this issue.

Resolve Description This issue has been fixed from the W04 dataset prepared on 7 December 2009.

Issue Resolved Yes

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