

Apprenticeship Minimum Level of Performance reporting for the academic year 2008/09

Guidance Notes

What are Minimum Level of Performance Reports?

The Minimum Level of Performance (MLP) report for an Apprenticeship provider shows whether the provision is above or below a success rate threshold of 50%. Where the provision is above the threshold it is shown in green and where below it is shown in red.

What is the purpose of Minimum Level of Performance?

Minimum Level of Performance (MLP) reports are used to identify and manage underperformance and inform the commissioning process for the LSC.

Who are they used by?

MLP reports are available for each provider who submits ILR data for Apprenticeship provision for 2008/09. The reports are published through Provider Gateway. The LSC also use these reports to identify and manage areas of underperformance.

What does the MLP report show?

The report has a summary section of success rates followed by success rates and number of leavers for Sector Subject Areas (SSA) and Sector Framework Codes (SFC) for each geographical area.

The summary section on page 1 shows:

- percentage success rates for 2008/09 for apprenticeships and advanced apprenticeships and an overall success rate:
 - for All Regions
 - for each Region
 - for each Local Authority (LA)
- the number of leavers not allocated to a LA section because the delivery location postcode is outside England, unknown or not supplied. These leavers are included in the summary for All Regions but not in any regional or LA summary

For the success rates by SSA the geographical area is determined by the Delivery Location Postcode (field A23) from the ILR and the section will be repeated as follows:

- for All Regions if there are learners in more than one region. If all learners are in one region there will be no All Regions level summary as this would be the same as the regional level

- for each region
 - if there are learners in more than one LA
 - if all learners are in one LA area and there are fewer than 10 leavers in 2008/09
- for each LA where there are no fewer than 10 learner frameworks for 2008/09. If there are fewer than 10 learner frameworks that area will not appear on the summary report. Learners associated with those frameworks will be included in the regional summary and All Regions

Where can I find out more?

For further details see:

<http://www.lsc.gov.uk/aboutus/quality/intervention/>

How often are they produced?

Minimum Level of Performance reports are available in early December following the final ILR submissions for 2008/09.

Adobe Acrobat Hint

Use the bookmark facility of Adobe Acrobat to find the section of the report you need. This is particularly useful for large reports.

Enquiries

If you would like any more information about Success Rates please contact our Service Desk on 0870 267 0001 or email servicedesk@thedata.service.org.uk.

Please be aware that the Data Service is responsible for producing MLP reports in accordance with the methodology approved by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and for apprenticeship provision mirrors the qualification success rate (QSR) method. The QSR methodology is produced by the LSC following the principles set out by the Harmonisation of Success Rates group see <http://www.theia.org.uk/harmonisingsuccessrates/> The QSR methodology is available at the [Data Dictionary](#) on the Data Service website.

The Data Service is glad to receive all queries regarding success rates, but customers should note that these may need to be reviewed by different members of the Harmonisation Group, and as such take longer to resolve. Before any such queries are logged it would therefore be useful if initial checks against the data extract supplied with the QSR report are performed to provide detailed explanation of the query being raised.