

Release Guide

Learner Information Suite 18.01

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1. Purpose

This document highlights new elements and fixes in the Learner Information Suite (LIS) version 18.01. It does not document the whole system, merely an overview of the additional and changed functionality.

2. Overview

LIS 18.01 includes changes to the ILR specification and validation rules and incorporates changes to its functionality to reflect 2010/11 requirements.

New Functionality in LIS 18.01

Employer Data

- The LIS now uses Employer Data as part of the Funding Calculation process. The Employer Data mdb data file can be downloaded from the LIS 18.01 download page. The Employer Data should be linked to the LIS using the update facility situated within the Maintenance screen beside the Postcode Update facility. The postcode and employer databases are not stored within the LIS but are linked-to. Users are advised to make sure they are in an otherwise unused folder location.

Amended functionality in LIS 18.01

- Employer Responsive Funding calculation has been updated to reflect 2010/11 policy specification requirements. The guidance for these changes will be made available when LIS 18.02 is released in early September.
- Changes to collection codes. From academic year the collection codes have changed to four character codes. Learner Responsive has changed from F01 to LR01, Employer Responsive from W01 to ER01, ASL from C01 to SL01 and ESF from S01 to SR01.

Removed functionality in LIS 18.01

Learner Responsive Calculation

- The Learner Responsive funding calculation for 2010/11 is not included in LIS 18.01 but will be released in LIS 18.02.

3. Validation Rules

The validation rules in this release are consistent with version 4 of the validation rules published by the Information Authority on 01 July 2010 and are available from the ILR Documents section of the Information Authority website - http://www.theia.org.uk/downloads/ilrdocuments/201011_ilrdetail.htm.

4. Known Issues & Fixes

A log of all other currently known defects is available from the LIS 18.01 download page.

5. Operating System changes

Microsoft will end support for Windows 2000 on July 13th 2010. In line with this we will no longer give support for LIS issues found while running Windows 2000.

6. Installation

Learner Information Suite version 18.01 is available to download from the Data area of the Providers section of the LSC website, along with additional software and documentation: <http://www.lsc.gov.uk/providers/Data/Software/LIS/LIS18-01.htm>

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