
Learner Responsive Known Issues 2008/09

Including outstanding and resolved issues

Outstanding

Ref No 3 **Academic Year** 2008/2009

Issue Title The Derived variable L_ATYPE - In Year Aim Type for a Learner is not set to -1 where the Derived variable L_ACTIVE Learner Active for the current academic year is 0.

Issue Description The L_ATYPE derived variable should account be set to the missing value of -1 where the learner has no aims which are active during the current academic year. This is defined by L_ACTIVE is equal to 0.

The 0809 Employer Responsive dataset W04 prepared on 5 December 2008 populates L_ATYPE regardless of the value of L_ACTIVE. This affects 6,946 learners.
The 0809 Learner Responsive dataset F01 prepared on 2 December 2008 populates L_ATYPE regardless of the value of L_ACTIVE. This affected 2270 learners

This issue will effect all datasets prepared in 2008/09.

Additional Info

Suggested Workaround Include a check for L_ACTIVE= 1 when using L_ATYPE.

Resolve Description This issue is considered to be low impact and there are no plans to fix this issue.

Issue Resolved No

Notes for LSC users

Resolved

Ref No 18 **Acedemic Year** 2008/2009

Issue Title Missing providers in the Learner Responsive F01 data set prepared on 10/09/2009

Issue Decription The Learner Responsive F04 dataset prepared 10/09/2009 is missing 12 providers containing 85,000 learners.

These providers have successfully sent F04 files, but the processing had not successfully completed at the time the dataset was prepared. These processs have now successfully completed and the data will be present in the next F04 dataset which is due on 28 Sep 2009. The data service is currently considering whether to produce an additional dataset before then.

Additional Info

Suggested Workaround

Resolve Description An additional F04 dataset, prepared on 18/09/2009, has been published. All F04 data files transmitted up to the close of business on 17/09/2009 have been successfully processed and are included in the dataset.

Issue Resolved Yes

Notes for LSC users

Resolved

Ref No 14 **Acedemic Year** 2008/2009

Issue Title A_AGESTBAND includes values of 9 where the Date of Birth is missing

Issue Decription A_AGESTBAND includes values of 9 where the Date of Birth is missing
Where the data of birth (field L11) is missing, the A_AGESTBAND derived variable should to be set to 2 (19+). The 0809 L01 freeze of 2 December 2008 incorrectly shows these learners' A_AGESTBAND as 9. This affected 7757 aims.

Additional Info

Suggested Workaround Include A_AGESTBAND = 9 when reporting on 19+

Resolve Description This issue was corrected in the Learner Responsive F02 dataset prepared on the 9 March 2009 and in all subsequent employer responsive datasets.

Issue Resolved Yes

Notes for LSC users

Resolved

Ref No 13 **Acedemic Year** 2008/2009

Issue Title L_AGEBAND includes values of 9 where the Date of Birth is missing.

Issue Decription Where the date of birth (field L11) is missing, the L_AGEBAND derived variable should to be set to 2 (19+). The 0809 L01 freeze of 2 December 2008 incorrectly shows these learners' L_AGEBAND as 9. This affected 5270 learners.

Additional Info

Suggested Workaround Include L_AGEBAND = 9 when reporting on 19+.

Resolve Description This issue was corrected in the Learner Responsive F02 dataset prepared on the 9 March 2009 and in all subsequent employer responsive datasets.

Issue Resolved Yes

Notes for LSC users

Resolved

Ref No 12 **Acedemic Year** 2008/2009

Issue Title There are no entitlement funding aims in the Learner responsive AIMS_DLF file.

Issue Decription This is likely to impact on any analysis or reporting involving funding, and will have a knock-on effect to any learner-level funding derived variables. It could lead to significant under-reporting of funding .

Additional Info

Suggested Workaround None

Resolve Description This issue was corrected for the Learner Responsive F01 dataset prepared on 13 Feb 2009 and on subsequent 2008/09 learner responsive dataset.

Issue Resolved Yes

Notes for LSC users

Resolved

Ref No 11 **Academic Year** 2008/2009

Issue Title There are a small number of mismatches between learner and aim records.

Issue Description There was a bug in the Validation rules on OLDC which meant that learners with an aim having a LAD status that is not valid for use in 2008/09 were accepted as valid. The affected aim is then not available to the view, resulting in a mismatch in the number of aims for that learner. In the 0809 L01 freeze dated 2 December 2008, there were 143 learners where the number of aims did not match that indicated in L05, including 106 learners with no aims at all.

Additional Info

Suggested Workaround None. Be aware of this issue when using the data.

Resolve Description The validation rule has been corrected and a fix applied to correct the data in all subsequent datasets..

Issue Resolved Yes

Notes for LSC users

Resolved

Ref No 10 **Acedemic Year** 2008/2009

Issue Title No validation has been applied to field L25 LSC number of funding LSC

Issue Decription Providers are expected to return a value in field L25 for E2E learners. There is no validation to enforce this or to stop providers returning a value in field L25 where it is not required. As a result, of the 90,383 E2E aims in the 0809 L01 freeze dated 2 December 2008, 7,635 did not have a value in field L25. There were also 1.7 million non-E2E aims that had an L25 value although up to 90,383 of these could have been credible as the learner also had an E2E aim.

Additional Info

Suggested Workaround None. Be aware of this issue when using the data.

Resolve Description The validation rule has been updated to prevent this issue.

Issue Resolved Yes

Notes for LSC users

Resolved

Ref No 4 **Acedemic Year** 2008/2009

Issue Title The derived variables A_TO_DATE_SLN_PAYMENT - Aim generated SLN or received a Payment in Previous Years or in this Year and A_IY_SLN_PAYMENT Aim generated SLN or received a Payment in this Year were incorrectly calculated.

Issue Decription The A_TO_DATE_SLN_PAYMENT derived variable should indicate if the aim has had any DLF funding. It appears that in many cases this is being marked as zero even where there are SLN payments made during the current year. This affects around 136,000 aims in the 0809 E03 freeze of 7 November 2008, and around 192,000 aims in the 0809 E04 freeze of 5 December 2008, so could lead to significant under-reporting. This issue also affects aims in the Learner Responsive (LR) standard files.

Additional Info

Suggested Workaround

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Use the following code to derive the correct result:
/*match the relevant aims and aims dlf files
Match files /file =.....AIMS.sav'
/table=.....AIMS_DLF.sav'
By L01 L03 A05.

/*remove existing programme and learner level files.
Delete variables P_TO_DATE_SLN_PAYMENT
P_IY_SLN_PAYMENT L_TO_DATE_SLN_PAYMENT
L_IY_SLN_PAYMENT.

/*correct aims level variables.
comp A_IY_SLN_PAYMENT=(A_TOTAL_SLN_Y2D > 0
OR A_TOTAL_PAYMENT_Y2D>0).
comp
A_TO_DATE_SLN_PAYMENT=(A_PRIOR_SLN_PAYMENT
>0 OR A_IY_SLN_PAYMENT >0).

/*re-derive learner and programme level variables.
SORT CASES L01 L03 A15 A26.
AGGREGATE
/OUTFILE = *
MODE=ADDVARIABLES
/PRESORTED
/BREAK = L01 L03 A15 A26
/P_TO_DATE_SLN_PAYMENT=
max(A_TO_DATE_SLN_PAYMENT)
/P_IY_SLN_PAYMENT= max(A_IY_SLN_PAYMENT).
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AGGREGATE
  /OUTFILE = *
  MODE=ADDVARIABLES
  /PRESORTED
  /BREAK = L01 L03
  /L_TO_DATE_SLN_PAYMENT=
max(A_TO_DATE_SLN_PAYMENT)
  /L_IY_SLN_PAYMENT= max(A_IY_SLN_PAYMENT).
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Resolve Description

A fix has been applied to the Learner Responsive F01 dataset prepared on 15 December 2008 and all subsequent 08/09 Learner responsive datasets so these DVs are calculated correctly.

The same fix was applied to the Employer Responsive W01 dataset prepared on the 8 January and all subsequent 08/09 Employer Responsive datasets.

Issue Resolved

Yes

Notes for LSC users

The fix was only applied to the L01 freeze dated 15 December and onwards but not to the MI views or the freeze dated 2 December 2008.

The fix has only been applied to the E05 freeze dated 8 January and those following, and not to the MI views or the earlier freezes.