
Learner Responsive Known Issues 2009/10

Including outstanding and resolved issues

Outstanding

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 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

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

Resolved

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

Notes for LSC users

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 24 **Academic Year** 2009/2010

Issue Title Duplicate Aims in Views for the HE Data Set

Issue Descriptio This issue exists for the 2009/10 LR Data. In the HE data set for every learner that has more than one aim (L05>1) irrespective of whether all the aims fall under HE, there exist duplicate Aims with the same A05 for that learner in the HE data set.

For Example, In the case of a learner with 5 aims (A05 = 1-5) in the Aims File, there exists five records of A05=1 with the A09 field containing the different Aim references for A05=1-5 from the Aims file. Similarly, there will be 5 aims in the HE data set with A05=2 in the HE Data set. The same goes for the remaining 3 aim records from the Aims file for that learner.

Additional Info

Suggested Workaround This issue has been resolved for the standard files that are created from the Views, although duplicate Aims still exist in the Views. Since the standard selections are no more affected by this issue, external users will not be affected by this.

Resolve Description Previously the view was considering all the aims for the given learner irrespective of actual A05 record in HE table. The same A05 is repeated in the HE view output for all A09 for a learner though the HE table contained only 1 record for A05 = 5.

Now, after the fix, only related A05 records for a learner from HE table are included in the output of the view.

Issue Resolved Yes

Notes for LSC users A fix needs to be applied to the Views and this has been raised as an issue with Cap Gemini.