

Summary of Changes to the ILR for 2010/11

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Timetable

- Board meeting 30 September 2009 agreed changes
- Specification published 27 November 2009
- Publish validation rules end of January 2010
- Publish support manuals March 2010

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Summary of changes

- Remove six fields
- Add three new fields
 - all are replacements for 09/10 fields.
- Increased validation for ULN and Employer Identifier
- Two new aggregate provider level collections
- Changes to codes in 12 fields

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Fields removed

- Contract/Allocation type fields:
 - L02 and H02 now blank fields. Use null value.
 - A02 removed from all collections except ER. Only used for Ministry of Defence (MOD) contracts
- LSC Number of funding LSC, field L25 removed
- NES/NAS Delivery LSC Number, field L44 removed
- Broker contract number field, field A54 removed
- Franchised out and partnership arrangement field, field A21 removed

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Fields added

- **New field A70: Contracting Organisation**
to identify the SFA funding region or local authority– to replace L25
 - three digit numeric code for local authorities
 - two character alpha code for SFA regions eg. EE, EM
 - three character alpha code for NES
 - 001 for YPLA direct contracts
- **Field A69: Eligibility for enhanced ER funding**
to record entitlement to enhanced funding for apprenticeships for learners aged 19 and over – to replace use of L28 for ER

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New aggregate data collections

- An aggregate learner numbers return to be made before LR01 (date tbc) to indicate the number of YPLA funded enrolments by age
- An annual provider level data collection of employer contributions to be returned at end of 10/11 with ER12 or ER13
- Full details and specification of these to be approved at the March IA board and published at end of March 2010

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Changes to data collection arrangements

- Work towards alignment of final Adult Safeguarded Learning (ASL) collection date with the Learner Responsive timetable – C05 close date of 16 Jan 2010 for 2010/11
- Shorter data collection windows for Learner Responsive and ASL returns – collections will hard close at 6pm on return date
- Re-naming of collections: 'F' to 'LR' for Learner Responsive; 'W' to 'ER' for Employer Responsive; 'S' to 'SR' for ESF Short Record; 'C' to 'SL' for Adult Safeguarded Learning
- Collection of ILR data from all Independent Specialist Colleges
- Collection of University for Industry (Ufi) returns within the Learner Responsive ILR collection

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Other General Changes

- Changes to Filename, Header and Footer formats
- ESF matching for ASL will be done from data in ASL returns. ASL funded learning removed from ESF SR. Fields L39, A61, A62, A66 and A67 added to ASL return to support possible use for matching. Field A58 removed from ESF SR.
- Local Learner and Learning aim monitoring fields (L41 and A47) to be removed for 2011/12. Will continue to record existing LSC local monitoring for 10/11. No new local monitoring to be added in 10/11.
- Appendix O and N no longer published for specific academic years. Valid to and from dates indicate validity. Published on main ILR documents front page.

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Changes to existing fields (Learner data set)

Fields L09, L10, L15, L16, L18, L19, L20 and L27

- 10 hour threshold for ASL applies to all aims

Field L28 re-named Eligibility for 16-18 funding entitlement

- removed from ER collection (replaced by A69). L28 only collected for LR in 10/11. Only occurs once.

Additional learner support, field L29

- code 41 removed. All learners need to be re-coded with code 42 or 43 to identify learners with a Section 139A Learning Difficult Assessment (funded by YPLA)

Learner support reason, field L34

- code 32, Career development loan renamed 'Professional Career Development Loan'.
- code 54 added for adult education bursary.

Learner status on last working day before learning, field L36

- not valid for aims starting in 10/11. Use field A66

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Changes to existing fields (Learning aim data set)

LSC funding stream field, field A10

- field renamed 'Funding model'
- two new codes added:
 - Code 81 for 'Other SFA funding model'
 - Code 82 for 'Other YPLA funding model'
 - Code 80 'Other LSC funding' – only for continuing learners

Source of funding, field A11

- must be completed for all learning aims to identify organisation that funding was received from
- 5 new codes added:
 - 105: Skills Funding Agency (SFA)
 - 106: Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA)
 - 107: Local authority (YPLA funds)
 - 108: Local authority (ASL funds) – replaces 026
 - 109; Local authority (Other, not YPLA or ASL funds) – replaces 027

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Changes to existing fields (Learning aim data set)

Reason for full funding/co-funding of learning aim, field A14

- code 12, Tax relief for vocational programmes removed.

Programme type, field A15

- E2E finishes at end of 2009/10. Code 09 only for continuing learners in 10/11
- Progression pathway codes (11-14) not available for new starters in 10/11
- new code 19 added for Foundation Learning Programmes (FLP)
- FLP programme aim must use one of A46 codes 112-115 to record learner's intended destination as agreed at the start of their programme

Main delivery method, field A18

- collected for all ER aims that start in 2010/11 to support data in A64 and A65 for setting of funding
- new code 24 added for learning in workplace
- codes 22 and 23 for TtG removed. Must be re-coded with code 24

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Franchise and partnership delivery provider number

- only UKPRN valid in this field. Will be validated against UKRLP
- providers own numbers no longer valid
- Franchise Register removed

Completion status, field A34

- code 6, break in learning available for all returns

Learning outcome, field A35

- different codes for achievement of AS levels/non AS levels
- code 1 for non-AS levels only from 10/11
- code 6 for uncashed AS Levels
- code 7 for cashed AS levels

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Changes to existing fields (Learning aim data set)

Employer identifier, field A44 (For ER)

- must contain employer number. Text no longer valid for ER. Existing text must be replaced by employer number
- TtG must use valid EDS number (checked against EDS database)
- non-employed apprenticeships use zero. Validated against field L47.
- 9s allowed temporarily for apprenticeships
 - time limitation on use of 9s. Only valid if learning aim start date is less than 60 days before reference date.
 - Warning for ER01,02 and 03. Error for later returns
- all employer numbers entered will be validated against EDS

Proportion of funding remaining, field A51a

- not to be used to vary funding rate for full delivery of aim. Only to be used for partial delivery of aim due to break in learning or prior learning .

Source of tuition fees, field A57

- code 04 added for Ministry of Defence Level 3 Entitlement.

National skills academy, field A63

- code 14 added for Social care
- code 15 added for Information Technology

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Changes to existing fields (HE Data Set)

Highest Qualification on Entry, field H11

- not valid for new starters. Use field H45.

New field - Qualification on entry, field H45

- codes still to be finalised by HEFCE. Likely to be one or two additions for v2

HE learning aims delivered by colleges on behalf of an HEI to be recorded on FRANIN form not ILR

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Increased validation

- **Increased validation of the Unique Learner Number (ULN), field L45**
 - LR & ER returns**
 - validation against LRS extract. If learning aim start date is more than 60 days before reference date.
 - warning for LR01, ER01,02 and 03. Error for later returns
 - time limitation on use of 999999999s. If learning aim start date is more than 60 days before reference date.
 - warning for LR01, ER01,02 and 03. Error for later returns
 - ASL & ESF SR returns**
 - expected to obtain ULNs in majority of cases
 - warnings for use of 9s and against LRS extract. Zeros only to be used in exceptional circumstances
- LAD validation rules likely to change due to QCF and funding policy requirements. Funding rates may vary in year and qualifications become ineligible for funding in year.

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- Development

Further work will be undertaken to reform the ILR to include:

- development of a learner data strategy
- move to a single, combined ILR specification for 2011/12
- introduction of XML
- improve the use of data already collected

- consultation to take place with providers and a wide range of data users.
- work just starting now on this project