

## **Publication of Statistics: Train to Gain success rates, 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08**

- 1 This document contains Train to Gain qualification success rates for the years 2005/06<sup>1</sup>, 2006/07 and 2007/08.

### **Headlines**

- 2 Train to Gain success rates for 2005/06 and 2006/07 have been revised significantly from those published by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) in May 2008 in the publication *Further Education, work-based learning and Train to Gain – LSC-funded learner outcomes in England 2006/07*.
- 3 These revised success rates show that the 2006/07 success rate was 70.6 per cent (up 3.1 percentage points from 2005/06) [Table 1]. The success rates previously published were 65.6 per cent and 59.8 per cent for 2005/06 and 2006/07 respectively.
- 4 Provisional 2007/08 success rates are 64.3 per cent. However, we expect this to increase significantly over the course of the 2008/09 reporting year.

### **Supporting Information**

- 5 The reason for such a significant increase in success rates is the large number of learners who did not complete their learning programmes in the expected timescales. Success rates are calculated based upon the expected completion date of the learner, and many learners did not complete their learning by the time final 2006/07 data were returned to the LSC. As a consequence the revision reflects those who did subsequently successfully complete their learning.
- 6 The size of revision from initial to final estimate makes comparison, especially between years, difficult and we have therefore taken the decision not to publish these as a National Statistic while we address this issue. However, we do need to make this information publicly available to support the FE and skills system business cycle.
- 7 Success rates for FE organisations and apprenticeship framework completion rates can be found in Statistical First Releases published by

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that Train to Gain started on 1 April 2006. The 2005/06 reporting year therefore relates to the period 1 April to 31 July 2006.

the Data Service. These can be found here:

[www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics](http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics)

- 8 For information regarding the definitions used to calculate these access rates please refer to the LSC website at:

<http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/nat-traintogainsuccessratesmethodology200708-report-2June2008.doc>

### **Further Information**

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**Table 1: Train to Gain success rates, 2005/06 to 2007/08**

Funding Stream	Level	Success Rates				
		2005/06		2006/07		2007/08
		<i>May 2008 SFR</i>	Revised	<i>May 2008 SFR</i>	Revised	Provisional
Train to Gain	Skills for Life	75.2%	75.9%	51.2%	58.5%	57.1%
	Full Level 2	65.3%	67.4%	61.4%	72.6%	66.0%
	Full Level 3	60.5%	63.0%	48.0%	62.9%	57.8%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>65.6%</b>	<b>67.5%</b>	<b>59.8%</b>	<b>70.6%</b>	<b>64.3%</b>

Notes:

- 1) 2005/06 represents 1 April to 31 July 2006; 2006/07 represents 1 August 2006 to 31 July 2007; 2007/08 represents 1 August 2007 to 31 July 2008.
- 2) Success rates are calculated as the number of learning aims achieved divided by the number of starts, excluding any learners who transferred onto another qualification within the same organisation. Learners who withdrew within the first 6 weeks of the qualification are excluded.
- 3) The following data sources have been used; 2005/06 (final FE F05; final WBL W13); 2006/07 (final FE F05; final WBL W13); 2007/08 (final WBL W13)
- 4) Information regarding the number of Train to Gain starts and achievements is published in Statistical First Release publications by the Data Service. These can be found here: <http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/statistics>.