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## ASL Known Issues 2009/10

### Including outstanding and resolved issues

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#### Outstanding

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<b>Ref No</b>	27	<b>Academic Year</b>	2009/2010
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<b>Issue Title</b>	L24 appears to be set to Namibia.
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<b>Issue Descriptio</b>	L24 is an ILR field that holds the Country of Domicile for a learner. This field is only completed for LR and ER collections.
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An issue arises in the Standard Learner files for the ASL and ESF SR collections. The L24 field holds a value 'NA' which is in line with the standard settings for missing values as stated on <http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/datadictionary/datas tandards/missingnullvalues.htm>. However, the ILR 2009/10 Appendix D states that the code 'NA' in L24 corresponds to 'Namibia'. Hence the issue arises where all learners are recorded as being from 'Namibia' instead of being stated as 'Not Available'.

#### Additional Info

<b>Suggested Workaround</b>	Ignore the L24 field for ASL and ESF SR standard files.
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#### Resolve Description

<b>Issue Resolved</b>	No
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#### Notes for LSC users

## Outstanding

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**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

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<b>Ref No</b>	26	<b>Academic Year</b>	2009/2010
<b>Issue Title</b>	A_SFLP being calculated incorrectly		
<b>Issue Descriptio</b>	A_SFLP is being calculated incorrectly in 2009/10 for ESF SR and ASL collections in MIS Views.  A_SFLP is used to identify learning aims that count towards Skills for Life participation. This derived variable is used across the LSC for analysis of Skills for Life data. The calculation for this DV is not working according to specification and it needs to be re-derived.		
<b>Additional Info</b>	34000+ aims are affected in the 2009/10 C06 freeze taken in 16/02/2010 and 7000+ aims in the 2009/10 S06 freeze taken on 05/02/2010.		
<b>Suggested Workaround</b>	Please re-derive this variable using the SPSS or SQL code available at <a href="http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/datadictionary/technicaldefinitions/derivedvariables/0910/A_SFLP.htm">http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/datadictionary/technicaldefinitions/derivedvariables/0910/A_SFLP.htm</a>		
<b>Resolve Description</b>	A fix has been applied at the point the dataset is created.		
<b>Issue Resolved</b>	Yes		
<b>Notes for LSC users</b>	his 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 <a href="http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/datadictionary/technicaldefinitions/derivedvariables/0910/A_SFLP.htm">http://www.thedataservice.org.uk/datadictionary/technicaldefinitions/derivedvariables/0910/A_SFLP.htm</a>		

## Resolved

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**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>