

OfS ILR and Unistats data returns seminar

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Today's agenda

9:15 | **Registration and refreshments**

10:00 | Welcome and introductions

10:05 | The OfS and data returns; key HE concepts and definitions

10:55 | ***Break***

11:10 | How the OfS uses your data; exercises

12:30 | Data assurance issues and good practice

13:00 | ***Lunch***

13:30 | Unistats training (Refreshments available at 14.30)

15:45 | Data used in TEF year 3

16:15 | ***Close***

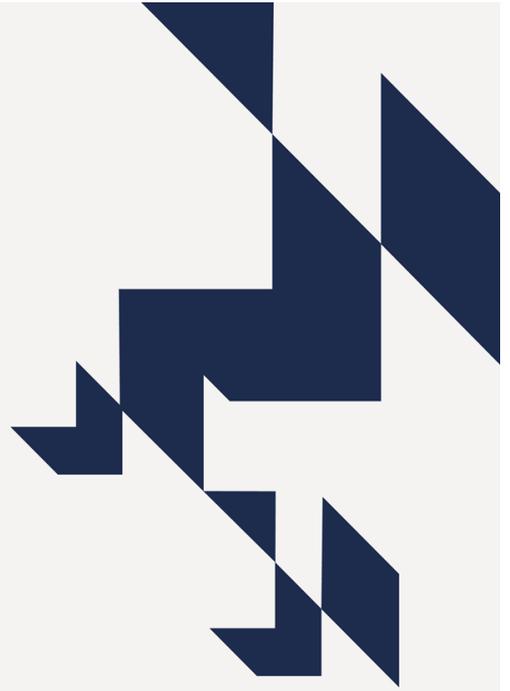
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The OfS and data returns



The Office for Students

- Formerly HEFCE until April 2018
- Increased regulatory responsibilities & Register
- Same teaching funding responsibilities as HEFCE until 2019-20

In 2017-18 and 2018-19

- OfS funds Further Education and Sixth Form College (FECs) and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
- Other HE providers can complete Unistats and apply for TEF

In 2019-20

- All HE providers apply for Registration to be funded in 2019-20, for student support designation or Tier 4

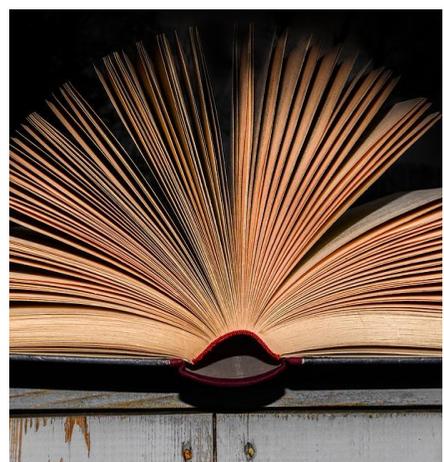
Overview

- Data sources
- OfS funding streams
- Unistats
- NSS
- DLHE
- TEF



Sources of information

- The OfS website (www.officeforstudents.org.uk)
- The HEFCE website (www.hefce.ac.uk/)
 - HEIFES17 guidance
 - Guide to Funding 2017-18
 - Data output technical guidance
- ILR specifications from the ESFA
- Funding queries:
recurrentgrant@officeforstudents.org.uk



Funding data returns

ILR R14 data submitted to the ESFA in October (academic year end)

- Individualised student data for prescribed higher education courses
- Student characteristics used for some funding allocations
- The OfS will reconcile against HEIFES data for same year and could result in audit or reconciliation of funding

HEIFES submitted to us by colleges in November each year

- Report student numbers in current academic year in aggregated categories (spreadsheet).
- volume measure for the following year's funding.

Apprenticeships

- Reported in ILR data
- HE fields completed for recognised higher education (more later)
- For OfS-funded providers, recognised HE qualifications reported in HEIFES or HESES and funded in same way as other HE
- Submitted to ESFA

OfS funding streams – for colleges

High cost subject funding:

- for courses in more costly subjects, identified through price groups B & C1.
- Calculated from HEIFES data for the previous year.

Targeted allocations informed by ILR data:

Student premium (full-time and part-time allocations)

- supporting undergraduates who are more at risk of withdrawing
- ILR data on age, qualification aim, entry qualifications, and postcodes

Disabled students' premium

- recruiting and supporting disabled students
- ILR data on DSA and self-declared disability

*2017-18 ILR data likely to be used for 2019-20 funding
HEIFES data checked against ILR data for the same year*

Unistats

Official website to search for and compare data and information on higher education courses

Core information is Unistats data set (formerly KIS) which includes:

- National Student Survey (NSS) data – student satisfaction
- Student destinations on finishing their course from Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) survey
- How the course is assessed
- Course accreditation



Unistats and the ILR

- 2018 Unistats data uses some 2017-18 ILR data
- Students on recognised higher education courses
- Continuation rates identified using various ILR fields
- Information on mode, course level, type and year
- ILR generates target list of students to be included in NSS and DLHE surveys
- Data checking tool



Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF) and the ILR

- TEF is to recognise and reward excellent learning and teaching
- Outcomes are published and inform maximum fee levels
- ILR data used for TEF
- For TEF metrics (non-continuation, student satisfaction, and employment/study)
- Level, mode, where taught, subject, background, disability
- Implications of TEF being wrong: inaccurate outcome

Amendments to data

- We will not automatically accept data amendments: errors in data will be assessed by an OfS panel
- Panel decides if amendments are required
- To be required, amendments must be **widespread** and **significant** with **material impact** on our use of the data.
- Amendments may be used for one purpose, not all
- Get it right first time



What we covered

- Role of the OfS
- Funding (HEIFES and ILR)
- OfS funding streams – high-cost subject funding and targeted allocations
- Unistats
- NSS & DLHE – target lists
- TEF

Thank you for listening

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