

Skills Conditionality training referrals split by training type

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Background

Skills Conditionality was introduced in England from August 2011. In Scotland, Skills Conditionality (training provision only) was introduced from the end of June 2012. Claimants who are required to actively seek or prepare for work can be mandated to undertake activity to address an identified skills need which will aid their movement into work. The policy is designed to ensure that claimants referred to careers advice or skills training that will help them, actually start and finish the course. Skills Conditionality applies only to those receiving Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance (work-related activity group). Skills Conditionality training includes basic skills training, ESOL¹, Occupational training and other training. Basic skills training includes Skills Funding Agency (SFA) basic English and Maths training. Occupational training includes SFA occupational training. Other training includes training not funded by the SFA.

Retrospection

Retrospection is the time period allowed for additional information to be incorporated into DWP's data systems. Providers may submit data on starts some time after the event occurred. This means data presented in each release is subject to some retrospection and figures may be revised upwards in subsequent releases. Labour Market System (LMS) datasets are produced a month in arrears. For example, the November 2011 data was available at the end of December 2011. Generally, for any given month worth of LMS data, significant retrospection can then be seen for a further month. Statistics in this series will be produced every 6 months using the latest available data, which will be for a period 2-3 months after the reference period; therefore maximising the amount of retrospection captured. For example, final statistics for August 2012 (which are published in November 2012) are produced using September 2012 data, which was released in October 2012.

Results

This publication contains the statistics on Skills Conditionality training referrals by training type over the period August 2011 up to and including August 2012. These figures are based on the Mandatory Programmes official statistics available from: http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/pwp/mwa_aug12.pdf

Table 1 shows the split between the different types of training claimants were referred to.

¹ English for Speakers of Other Languages

Table 1: Skills Conditionality Training Referrals by Training Type

	Skills Conditionality Training Referrals				
	Occupational Training	Basic Skills Training	ESOL ¹	Other Training	Total
Total	101,470	25,900	30,830	17,030	175,230
Aug-11	4,170	610	1,540	330	6,640
Sep-11	5,520	920	2,440	660	9,540
Oct-11	7,240	1,410	2,220	1,010	11,880
Nov-11	8,850	2,770	2,190	1,790	15,600
Dec-11	5,550	1,850	1,770	1,140	10,300
Jan-12	8,650	2,430	2,560	1,450	15,090
Feb-12	9,140	2,450	2,660	1,390	15,640
Mar-12	9,770	2,520	2,940	1,450	16,680
Apr-12	7,900	2,110	2,370	1,270	13,650
May-12	9,910	2,600	2,830	1,710	17,050
Jun-12	7,850	1,730	2,210	1,690	13,480
Jul-12	8,520	2,240	2,580	2,040	15,370
Aug-12	8,410	2,270	2,530	1,110	14,320

Source: DWP LMS Opportunities evaluation and Client databases September 2012.

Notes: Values are rounded to the nearest 10. Due to rounding totals may not be the sum of the individual cells. Months are calendar months. Skills Conditionality started from 1st August 2011 in England and 25th June 2012 in Scotland (training only).

1: English for Speakers of Other Languages

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