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Purpose

This document highlights the new features and functionality in the Learner Information Suite (LIS) version 11.04. It does not document the whole system, merely the changes and new functionality.

Overview

The changes in LIS version 11.04 are as follows:

Additional Functionality

- ILR Form Report

 Corrections to Existing Functionality

- Improvement of Load Defaults
- Correction of two FE Funding Calculation faults – fee remission and workplace NVQ funding
- Correction of several derived variables and their implementation in the Learner Profile
- Correction to Aim Export

Reference Materials

Further guidance and documentation is available from the Data area of the Partners section of the LSC website: http://www.lsc.gov.uk/National/Partners/Data/default.html Once in the Data area, select Software and Learner Information Suite from the drop-down menus.

Support is available from your local LSC data manager.

Features

Additional Functionality

ILR Form Report

A new report is available for Work-Based Learning and European Social Fund file types which mirrors the ILR form. The ILR form report is available from Report Manager and is intended to be run for single students.

A known issue exists with this report. If both provider-specified learning aim data fields (fields A48a and A48b) are populated, only the first two characters of the data in field A48b are shown.
Corrected Functionality

Correction to Load Defaults

ILR and DB Exports
The Load Defaults function in batch import has been corrected to export ILR files and the LIS database to the saved directory.

Changes to FE Funding Calculation
The further education funding calculation has been slightly revised to correct two known errors with the previous LIS version, 11.03. These two corrections are:
- A value of 21 in field A14 (reason for fee remission) now correctly generates fee remission for the aim.
- For NVQs delivered in the workplace (that is, where field A18 is coded as 12 or 13), if funded using distance learning rules (where A52 is greater than zero), the National Base Rate is now equal to the value in A52. LIS 11.03 did not use A52 as the National Base Rate.

Changes to Derived Variables and the Learner Profile
The derived variables have been corrected to allow calculations to be performed on aims with no current-year guided learning hours. The changes bring the derived variable module inline with the published Guidance on Interpretation of Results for the Learner Profile.

The variables changed within the derived variable calculation module are:
- $A_{act\_a}$
- $A_{act\_b}$
- $A_{exp\_a}$
- $A_{exp\_b}$
- $L_{act\_a}$
- $L_{act\_b}$
- $L_{exp\_a}$
- $L_{exp\_b}$
- $L_{mode\_a}$
- $L_{mode\_b}$
- $L_{ftelp}$

Changes to Aim Export
The aim export now includes funding data for aim sequence 99, the aim which is created by the LIS when a student is eligible for entitlement funding above what is allocated to their key skill aims.