Q. How do I access the LAT?

A: Please speak to your organisation’s ‘User-Approver’, who will be able to provide you with access to the LAT. If you are unsure who this person is, please contact a LSC Regional user-approver at your nearest LSC office.

A list of LSC Regional user-approvers is available from the ‘Contact’ section of the Provider Gateway Support site. Click here for a list of local and regional LSC contacts.

Q. How can I obtain LAT reports from past years??

A: The Document Exchange application in the Provider Gateway often has reports from previous years in the VA/DT Documents area.

To assist you in accessing and using the Provider Gateway and the Learner Achievement Tracker, a selection of helpful tutorials, a “Frequently Asked Questions” reference, other guidance documents, and a contacts list can be accessed via the Provider Gateway Support Site.

Q: I work for a Local Authority, but when logging onto the LAT I cannot see any data!

A: Your account is probably set up as a Provider instead of a Local Authority.

To confirm your LAT account details and have your role changed as necessary, please contact a LSC Regional user-approver at your nearest LSC office.

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Q: When are Value Added and Distance Travelled data available to view on the LAT?

A: Unamended and Amended Value Added data are available, respectively, in October and January each academic year. Distance Travelled data is normally published in January each academic year.

Q: How may I obtain Value Added or Distance Travelled data for the previous academic year?

A: If you require Value Added or Distance Travelled data for an earlier academic year, this can be supplied to your organisation in hard copy form. Data is only available for academic years 2005/06 onwards.
Q: My sixth form is made up of pupils from a consortium of three schools, but I can only see pupils from one school on the LAT. The consortia are a single organisation as far as DIUS is concerned, and has its own school number.

A: Unfortunately, the LAT is not currently able to provide combined data for consortia.

Access to the respective reports of each of the schools in your consortium can be made available via the Provider Gateway ‘super user’ in each member of your consortium.

Q: Are Chances Charts for all subjects and qualifications available in a single report?

A: It is not currently possible to produce a single report covering all subjects and qualifications organisation.

Q: Could we receive a copy of the LAT to sit on our network?

A: We are unable to provide a copy of the LAT as this is an online application and sits within the Provider Gateway.

Q: Some of our students were given different marks following re-marks, or I suspect that the wrong learner data has been submitted by an Awarding Body. Will updated or corrected data be included automatically in a later version of the LAT, or do we need to communicate changes in learner data with someone - if so, who?

A: The data published on the LAT is supplied to the LSC by the Awarding Bodies. The Unamended Value Added release in October is the data prior to any amendments made by providers. When this data is published on the LAT, schools/colleges have the opportunity to check the results and highlight any incorrect grades. This correction of grades is then communicated to the Awarding Bodies via an internal procedure within schools and colleges known as the FORVUS return. Any corrected grades recorded by the Awarding Bodies are then sent to the LSC for inclusion in the Amended Value Added data.

Concerning re-marks, if this data was provided by the Awarding Bodies prior to the Unamended Value Added release, then the data should be already on the LAT. If the re-marks data was provided to the Awarding Bodies after the Unamended release, then the data should be published in the Amended release. Please note, the LSC has no control over awarding body data, and we therefore urge all providers to check their data on the LAT as soon as the Unamended VA data is published.

Q: Our school only aggregates AS-level results at the end of Y13. Are our results compared with national results for Y13 students, or against national results aggregated across Y12 and Y13 students?

A: The AS-level results published on the LAT are for all AS-Levels that have been ‘cashed-in’. Due to the differing policies over when to cash-in AS-level results, it is possible that the LAT will contain results for AS-levels that were sat in the previous academic year but cashed-in for the current academic year.
Q: I am trying to view a National Comparison Chart for a certain qualification/subject, but no graph is visible.

A: National Comparison Charts are only published where there are five learners or more for the qualification/subject.

Q: Can we get our learners prior attainment data electronically from a source?

A: You can obtain prior attainment data for your provider (school/college) from the LAT.
Log on to the LAT.
Select the ‘Download Data’ option on the left hand side of the screen.
Then select ‘Unamended VA Report’ or ‘Amended VA Report’ as available (Excel format).
Once the document is opened, on sheet two you will see all the prior attainments for your school/college used for the data currently published on the LAT.

Q: Can you provide me with, or point me in the direction of, the most up to date information on the LAT?

A: A handbook and presentation tailored towards users of the LAT are available at the following support website: http://thegateway.lsc.gov.uk/training-support/achievement-tracker/