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Qualification Success Rates and Minimum Standards

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The aim of this presentation

These slides are intended for those who already have an understanding of QSRs and Minimum Standards.

The purpose of the presentation is to:

- make you aware of where we are now and intended changes for 2014/15
- signpost you to where to go to find further details
- give you the timeline for publication



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Changes for 2013 to 2014 (1)

Change: A single set of business rules applied to Apprenticeships, Classroom learning and Workplace learning.

Change: The overall and timely methodology was applied to Classroom learning

Change: QSR calculations included functional skills qualifications and QCF units for the first time. Loan funded provision was also included.

Change: The QSR dataset given to each provider included a list of excluded aims with the reason for exclusion.



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Changes for 2013 to 2014 (2)

Change: Reports are no longer based on the planned duration of learning (Long, Short and Very Short). Instead, they are based on the following qualification types.

A-Levels	Diploma	GCSE Other
AS-Levels	ESOL	Other non-Regulated
Award	Functional Skills SfL	Other Regulated
Certificate	GCSE Maths & English	QCF Unit

Implication: Categorising by qualification type rather than duration will make it easier for employers and learners to compare courses and providers.



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Changes for 2013 to 2014 (3)

Change: excluded for 2013 to 2014:

- Learners mandated to skills training and claiming Universal credit
- Work placement aims, including for traineeships. Any qualifications done within a traineeship are included, but excluded if the learning aim was unfinished due to the learner gaining employment.



Changes for 2013 to 2014 (4)

Change: The reports contain both the QSR and Minimum Standards. The report layouts have been reformatted to give them all the same look and feel.

 Skills Funding Agency	Apprenticeship Qualification Success Rates 2013/14	
	Provider:	UKPRN:
	Organisation Type:	UPIN:
	Provider Group:	

1. Headline Performance

Qualification Success Rate Summary - Overall

		Overall				
		Provider Full Year			Provider Group	National
		2011/12	2012/13	2013/14		
16-18	Leavers	3,473	3,360	3,518	2013/14	2013/14
	Success Rate	91.1%	76.1%	79.1%		
19-23	Leavers	3,473	3,360	3,518	2013/14	2013/14
	Success Rate	91.1%	76.1%	79.1%		
24+	Leavers	3,473	3,360	3,518	2013/14	2013/14
	Success Rate	91.1%	76.1%	79.1%		
Total	Leavers	3,473	3,360	3,518	2013/14	2013/14
	Success Rate	91.1%	76.1%	79.1%		

Qualification Success Rate Summary - Timely

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		Provider Full Year			National
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Minimum Standards Summary - Overall

Overall			
All Age Leavers 2013/14	All Age Overall Success Rate 2013/14	All Age Leavers Below MS Threshold 2013/14	% All Age Leavers Below MS Threshold 2013/14
123	56.9%	60	48.8%



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Minimum Standards (1)

- Minimum Standards are QSR threshold levels set by the Skills Funding Agency (SFA). They are quality standards against which every provider receiving SFA funding is measured.
- Minimum standards only apply to SFA funded and loans funded provision. If a provider's QSR falls below the Minimum Standard threshold, then the SFA may intervene.
- The Agency has published details on [how it will apply Minimum Standards](#) and [how it will make decisions about interventions](#).



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Minimum Standards (2)

- QSR and Minimum Standards reports are intended to help providers to identify any poor performance and target improvement.
- Colleges and training organisations should not use the Minimum Standards thresholds as quality benchmarks. The national success rates are significantly higher and providers should use those to benchmark their performance and set targets for improvement.



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Minimum Standards (3)

- Minimum standards use the overall success rate and use data for one year only.
- They are worked out on a combined total of classroom and workplace learning aims for age 19+.
- Minimum Standards are applied to Apprenticeships for all ages.
- More detailed information on tolerances and how they are applied is published in the guidance note that is sent to providers with their QSR reports.



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Minimum Standards 2013 to 2014

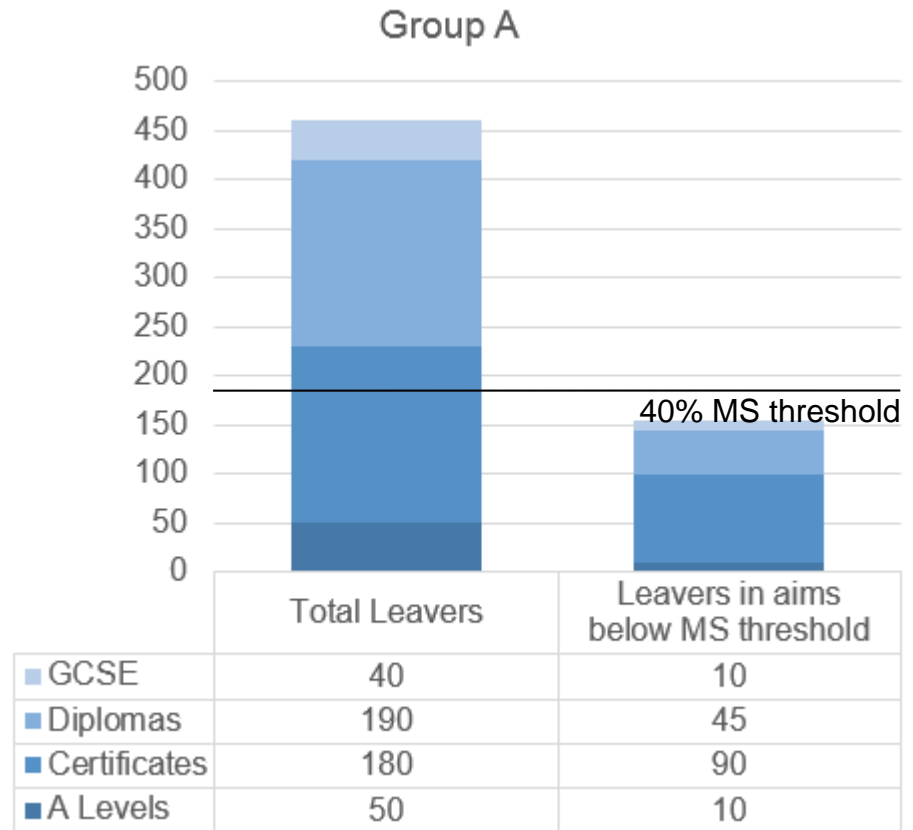
<i>Qualification Type</i>	<i>Threshold %</i>	Qualification Type Group
Apprenticeship Framework	55	App.
A-Levels	75	A
AS-Levels	63	A
Award	75	B
Certificate	70	A
Diploma	70	A
ESOL	63	B
Functional Skills SfL	63	B
GCSE Maths and English	75	A
GCSE Other	75	A
Other non-Regulated	75	B
Other Regulated	65	B
QCF Unit	75	B



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Minimum Standards tolerances (1)

In this example, the provider would not fall below Minimum Standards for Qualification Group Type A provision. Even though their Certificates provision is below the Minimum Standard threshold, it is a small proportion of their overall Qualification Group Type A provision.



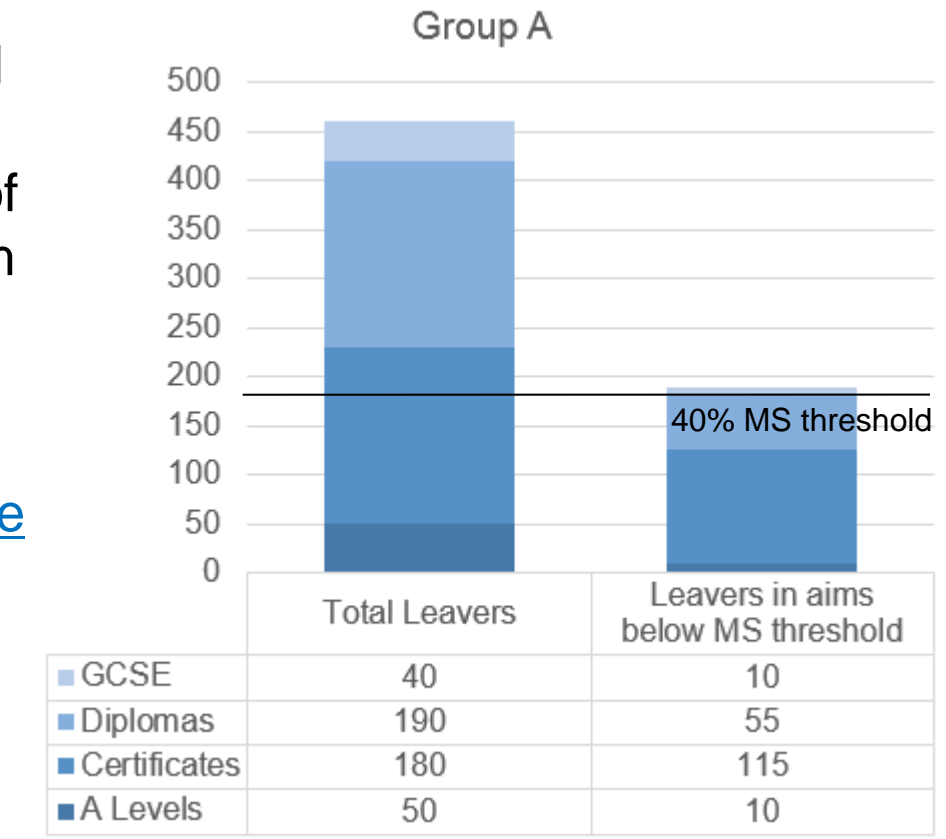


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Minimum Standards tolerances (2)

In this example, the provider would fall below Minimum Standards for Type A provision. More than 40% of their aims were below the Minimum Standard threshold for the qualification type.

The provider should look at [how the Agency will make decisions about intervention](#).





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Likely changes for 2014/15 (1)

- Change of terminology
- Work place and classroom success rates combined
- Group A and B combined for MS
- Higher thresholds for apprenticeships
- Review qualification type thresholds – units, awards and certificates
- Universal credit mandated learners included
- New reporting mechanism



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Changes for 2014/15 (2)

- Work continues on the development of outcome measures and BIS are consulting (meanwhile data sets are already published)
- Developing a Minimum Standard for positive destinations for traineeships (shadow reports for 2014/15)
- Business rules published in April followed by technical documents



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When are Qualification Success Rates and
Minimum Standards reports published?



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Publishing QSR and Minimum Standards reports (1)

- Provisional 2014 to 2015 QSR and Minimum Standard reports will be shared with learning providers in the third week of December 2015.
- Success rate data will be included in the Statistical First Release in January 2016.
- Data in both the provisional and the confirmed reports remains RESTRICTED until after the publication of the January SFR and is for the internal use of providers only until then.



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Publishing QSR and Minimum Standards reports (2)

- The Agency does not produce any in-year QSR or Minimum Standards reports. The final dataset is needed to calculate the overall success rate and so this can only be done at year end.
- The Agency recommends that providers monitor their in-year success rates by using our data specifications to produce their own figures or through the use of a commercial MI system that generates reports.



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Questions and contacts



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Questions and contacts

- If you have any QSRs or Minimum Standards questions, please log them with the [Service Desk](#)
- The [Service Desk](#) can also help resolve any problems accessing reports on [Provider Gateway](#)
- If you have any feedback on this presentation, please email the Sector Engagement team cst@sfa.bis.gov.uk



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