

Learning Aim Database

Proposed LAD Table and Field Changes for 2009/10 (Release 1 and 2)

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1 Introduction

This document describes changes to the LAD for 2009/10. The main drivers for changes required are qualification reforms, such as the change to the approval process for Section 96 qualifications. Learning Aims can be approved on Section 96 as part of a national qualification suite (GCE/GCSE, Apprenticeships, Progression Pathways, 14-19 Diplomas) or can be approved as a free-standing qualification.

This document describes changes already covered in Release 1 of the LAD for 2009/10 and also changes which will be covered in Release 2.

A few minor amendments to Release 2 are included in Version 3 of this document.

2 Summary of Changes

Changes to Tables and Downloads

Release 1

To support the changes to the approval process for Section 96, six new fields will be added to the All Annual Values table: 2 new fields for Section 97 approval dates and 4 new fields for Section 96 approval dates.

Two New fields added to the LSC Framework AVS table for Sector Subject Area at Framework/Year level.

Two fields labelled as Basic Skills to be deleted from the Hierarchy Freeze download file in line with other field changes (as they are replaced by other fields).

One new field in the Learning Aim table and one new field in the URL Link Types table to hold technical information on URL links.

These changes are detailed in section 3.

Release 2

Six new fields in the Hierarchy Freeze download table.

Three new tables; Hierarchy Flags, Hierarchy Flag Fields and Hierarchy Flag Conditions tables, which are used to control flags derived during the Hierarchy Freeze process.

Two new programme weighting factors to be added to the Final Annual Values table.

These changes are detailed in section 3.

Release 2 (Minor amendments)

Correction of a problem with field programme_wgt_factor_code in the FINAL ANNUAL VALUES table. This field is included in some existing downloads.

The field hierarchy_flag_field_description in the HIERARCHY FLAG FIELDS table is named hierarchy_flag_field_desc.

An additional new field hierarchy_flag_condition_id in the HIERARCHY FLAG CONDITION table.

Changes to LAD Website

Release 1

The existing field Approval End Date will be relabelled to Combined Approval End Date.

Three SLN GLH fields (SLN GLH1, SLN GLH2, SLN GLH3) from the Shared screen will be removed from the website, but will remain in the download files.

Nine fields from the Aim Details screen will be removed from the website, but will remain in the download files.

One field in the ER Annual Values table will be relabelled on the website from Fee element percentage to Apprenticeship employer contribution percentage.

These changes are detailed in section 4.

Release 2

The field description “Counts towards Skills for Life National Target” will be renamed “Counts towards 2010 Skills for Life National Target”.

3 *Changes to Tables and Downloads*

Changes to Existing Tables

ALL ANNUAL VALUES TABLE

These changes were made in Release 1

Field Name	Data Type	Description
S96_Approval_Start_Suite (new field)	Date	Section 96 Approval Start date applicable to delivery of qualification within one of the four suites (GCE/GCSE, Apprenticeships, Progression Pathways, 14-19 Diplomas)
S96_Approval_End_Suite (new field)	Date	Section 96 Approval End date applicable to delivery of qualification within one of the four suites (GCE/GCSE, Apprenticeships, Progression Pathways, 14-19 Diplomas)
S96_Approval_Start_Standalone (new field)	Date	Section 96 Approval Start date applicable to stand-alone delivery of qualification
S96_Approval_End_Standalone (new field)	Date	Section 96 Approval End date applicable to stand-alone delivery of qualification
S97_Approval_Start_Date (new field)	Date	Section 97 Approval Start Date
S97_Approval_End_Date (new field)	Date	Section 97 Approval End Date

LSC FRAMEWORK AVS TABLE

These changes were made in Release 1

Field Name	Data Type	Description
ssa_tier1_code (new field)	Numeric, 10 characters	Sector Subject area Tier 1 code
ssa_tier2_code (new field)	Numeric, 10 characters	Sector Subject Area Tier 2 code, where applicable.

LAD HIERARCHY

These changes were made in Release 1

Field Name	Data Type	Description
basic_skill (existing field)	Text, 1 character	Download field deleted, users should use Skills_For_Life code instead
basic_skill_type_code (existing field)	Text, 2 characters	Download field deleted, users should use Skills_For_Life_Type_Code instead

These changes will be made in Release 2

Field Name	Data Type	Description
lsc_lr_wgt_factor_1618_code	Text, 1 character	Value of this field from the lsc_1618_learner_avs table, but this field is stored as a "code" field rather than an "id" field

Field Name	Data Type	Description
lsc_lr_wgt_factor_adult_code	Text, 1 character	Value of this field from the lsc_adult_learner_avs table, but this field is stored as a "code" field rather than an "id" field
additional_unit	Text, 1 character	Y or N flag. This field indicates whether this aim is an additional unit.
unitisation_qual	Text, 1 character	Y or N flag. This field indicates whether the aim is a Unitisation aim.
diagnostic_test	Text, 1 character	Y or N flag. This field indicates whether this aim is a diagnostic test.
tutorial_comp_studies	Text, 1 character	This field indicates whether the aim is Tutorial or Complementary Studies (including a generic ESF aim).

LEARNING AIM

This change was made in Release 1 but was added in late to the release, so was not published in version 1 of this document.

Field Name	Data Type	Description
URL_Link_Type_Code	Text, 3 characters	URL Link Type Code

URL LINK TYPES

This change was made in Release 1 but was added in late to the release, so was not published in version 1 of this document.

Field Name	Data Type	Description
URL_Text	Text, 50 characters	Text to display on the extranet website next to links to QCA or QAA website

FINAL ANNUAL VALUES

These changes will be made in Release 2

Field Name	Data Type	Description
programme_wgt_factor_code	Text, 1 character	Final value of this field from the FE Annual Values Table (This field is included in some existing downloads)
lsc_lr_wgt_factor_1618_code	Text, 1 character	Final value of this field from the lsc_1618_learner_avs_table
lsc_lr_wgt_factor_adult_code	Text, 1 character	Final value of this field from the lsc_adult_learner_avs_table

New Tables

These three new tables will be added in Release 2:

HIERARCHY FLAGS

Field Name	Data Type	Description
Hierarchy_flag_code	Text, 50 characters	Hierarchy Flag code
Hierarchy_flag_description	Text, 150 characters	Description of the Hierarchy Flag
effective_from	Date	
effective_to	Date	
created_on	Date	
created_by	Text, 255 characters	
modified_on	Date	
modified_by	Text, 255 characters	

HIERARCHY FLAG FIELDS

Field Name	Data Type	Description
hierarchy_flag_field_code	Text, 50 characters	Hierarchy Flag Field code
hierarchy_flag_field_desc	Text, 150 characters	Description of the Hierarchy Flag Field
effective_from	Date	
effective_to	Date	
created_on	Date	
created_by	Text, 255 characters	
modified_on	Date	
modified_by	Text, 255 characters	

HIERARCHY FLAG CONDITIONS

Field Name	Data Type	Description
hierarchy_flag_condition_id	Numeric	Hierarchy Flag Condition ID
hierarchy_flag_code	Text, 50 characters	Hierarchy Flag code
hierarchy_flag_field_code	Text, 50 characters	Hierarchy Flag Field Code
Hierarchy_flag_condition_value	Text, 50 characters	Value in the field above that this condition should match
Hierarchy_flag_condition_desc	Text, 150 characters	Short description of this particular condition
effective_from	Date	
effective_to	Date	
created_on	Date	
created_by	Text, 255 characters	
modified_on	Date	
modified_by	Text, 255 characters	

4 *Changes to Website*

Release 1

- The following fields will be removed from Shared screen of the website:

SLN GLH 1
SLN GLH 2
SLN GLH 3

- Approval End Date on the Shared screen will be renamed to Combined Approval End Date
- The following fields will be removed from the Aim Details screen:

Aim on Entry
England Programme Area
England Sub-Programme Area
Leap Code
Notional NVQ Width
Notional NVQ Width Status
Superclass II
Superclass II (2)
Superclass II (3)

- The Fee Element Percentage field on the Employer Responsive (ER) screen to be relabelled Apprenticeship Employer Contribution Percentage

Release 2

- The field description “Counts towards Skills for Life National Target” will be renamed “Counts towards 2010 Skills for Life National Target”.