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INTRODUCTION

This statistical first release presents provisional figures on Higher Education (HE) student support to all students domiciled in Wales and those EU students studying in Wales in the academic year 2014/15 and final figures for the two previous academic years.

This release gives information on the number of loans, grants and allowances awarded / paid to full-time undergraduate applicants / students or their institutions.

It covers applicants and students domiciled in Wales taking a course in a Higher Education institution (HEI) in the UK as well as applicants and students domiciled in the EU studying in a HEI in Wales.

Figures also include postgraduate applicants and students taking their Initial Teacher Training (ITT) course on a full-time, part-time or flexible basis. This year the release has been expanded and now covers the awards and then payments to part-time students and postgraduate students as well as those to full-time students.

KEY POINTS

- The number of full-time student support scheme students receiving support in Wales for academic year 2013/14 was 57,100, which represents an increase of 5 per cent on the previous academic year 2012/13 which was 54,3000 (Table 2).
- The final amount of full-time student support in total awarded for academic year 2013/14 was £661.8 million, which represents an increase of 22 per cent on the previous academic year 2012/13 for which £544.4 million was awarded (Table 2).
- Early figures show that, two months into the academic year 2014/15 (i.e. by mid November 2014), 57,700 full-time applicants had been awarded grants, allowances and/or loans. The amount awarded so far is £737.4 million (Table 2).

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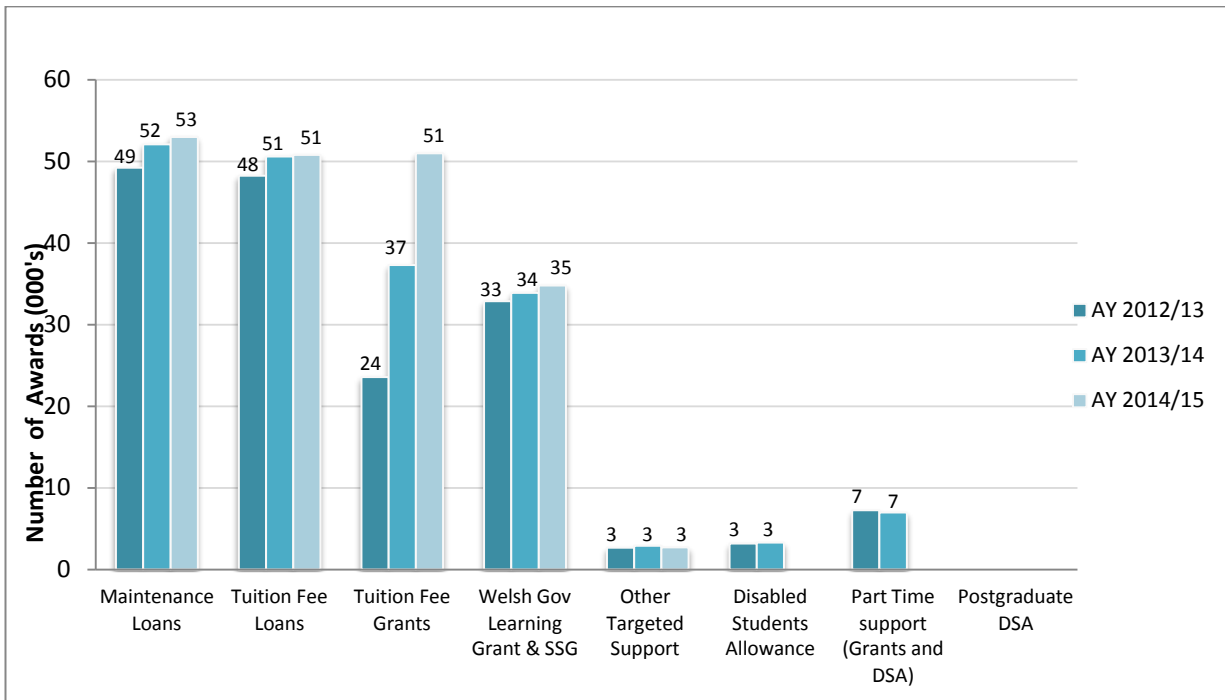
DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Alternative Provider	An Alternative Provider is any provider of higher education courses which is not in direct receipt of recurrent funding from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) or from equivalent bodies in the Devolved Administrations; or does not receive direct recurrent public funding (for example, from a local authority, or from the Secretary of State for Education); and is not a further education college. Only providers with courses designated for student support are included in the statistics.
Applicant	This is a person applying for financial support. Not all applicants take up a place in a Higher Education Institution (HEI). Applicants become students once they take up place and the SLC has received confirmation of their attendance.
Award	Number of and amount of money awarded to applicants for student finance who have passed the eligibility criteria as stipulated within the student finance regulations and have been assessed for the respective support package accordingly. Awards will be paid on condition that the applicant subsequently attends the Higher Education Institution (HEI) at which point the applicant will be considered a student and payments will be released according to the payment schedule for the support types awarded.
Country of Study	The country in which the Higher Education Institution is located to which the applicant intends to / is studying at.
Domiciled	The country in which the applicant normally lives.
Estimated Eligible Population	The numbers of students that are eligible to apply for student finance including those who do not apply. Figures for the estimated eligible population are supplied by the Welsh Government (WG). WG use data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency and other sources with the closest approximation of eligibility criteria available from those sources. Estimates are produced with a consistent method each year.
Entry Cohort	Grouping of student finance applicants according to the student finance regulations against which the applicant was assessed for support. Student finance applicants are covered by transitional protection which means they continue to be assessed against the regulations in place for their first year of study. Students changing courses, or starting a new period of study no longer receive transitional protection and will be assessed under the arrangements in place for their latest year of study.
Final Figures	The final position refers to the readiness of the statistics being in a steady state. Final figures are not expected to change significantly and should represent the final outcome.
Full Year Maintenance Loan	The amount of Maintenance Loan available to students varies between those studying in their final year and those studying in an earlier year of their course. Those in their final year will be entitled to a reduced amount to reflect the reduced length of time in attendance at their university over which maintenance support is required.

Level of Support	Identifies if the applicant was awarded the full level of means-tested grant, partial level or no grant.
Maintenance Loan Rate	The rate determines how much loan is available to the applicant in principle and depends on where the applicant is residing during their term time. There are three rates: Home, London, and Elsewhere (not London).
Public Provider	A Public Provider is any provider of higher education courses which is in direct receipt of recurrent funding from HEFCE or from equivalent bodies in the Devolved Administrations; or in receipt of direct recurrent public funding (for example, from a local authority, or from the Secretary of State for Education); or is a further education college. Only providers with courses designated for student support are included in the statistics.
Paid Students	Once applicants who were awarded support have their attendance at an HEI confirmed and their first payment made, they are classified as paid students.
Provisional Figures	These are figures based on the status of applications processed by Mid-November (two months into the academic year).
Residual Income	The income from the household from which the applicant normally resides. This income determines how much means-tested support the applicant is entitled to. Residual income comprises of the taxable earned and unearned income of the applicant and/or the taxable earned and unearned income of the applicants sponsors minus any allowable deductions.
Student	Those student finance applicants for whom an attendance confirmation has been received from the university which indicates that the applicant is or has taken a place at university. This is an important distinction as not all those making student finance applicants go on to take a place at university.
Student Support Arrangement	The range of support available, the eligibility rules, and income thresholds which are in place for a given academic year.
Take-up rate	The rate of which the Eligible Population chooses to apply for a Student Loan. Eligible students domiciled in Wales may apply for a Maintenance Loan and/or a Tuition Fee Loan. EU students studying in Wales may only apply for a Tuition Fee Loan.
Targeted Support	Grants and allowances which are aimed to provide additional financial support to students to meet costs specific to their circumstance. Covers Travel Grant, Parents' Learning Allowance, Childcare Grant and Adult Dependents Grant.

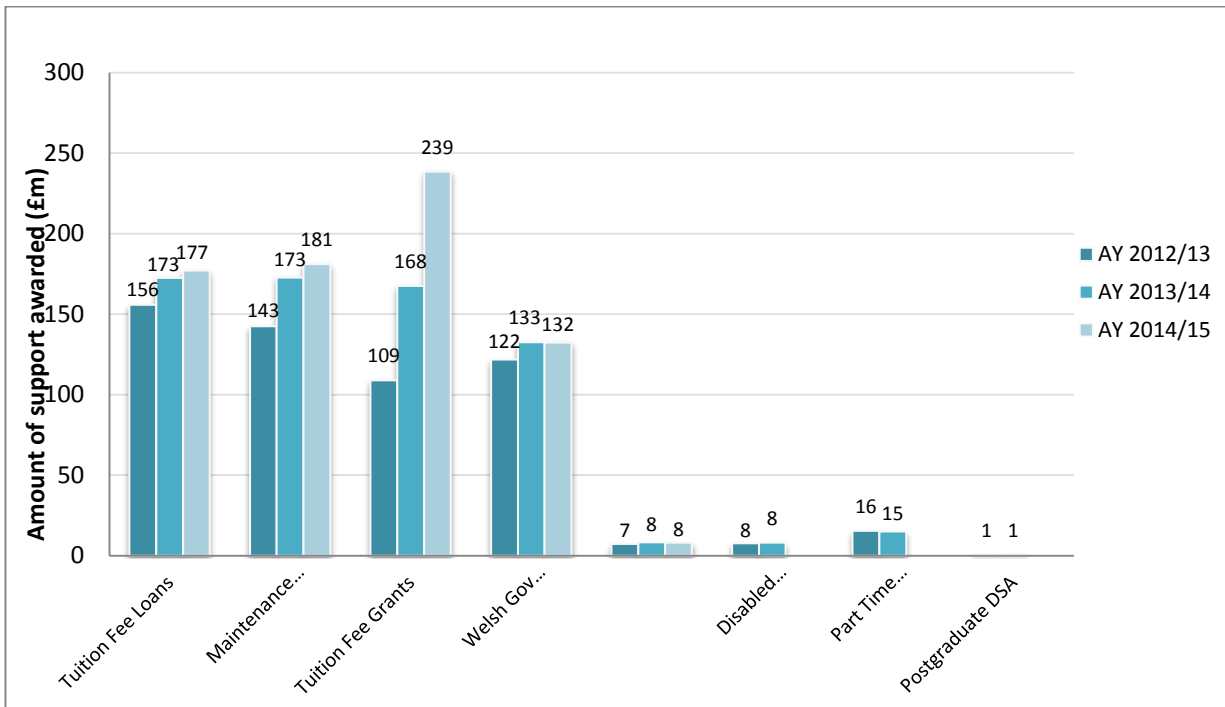
STATISTICAL COMMENTARY

Chart 1: Number of awards (000's) to applicants domiciled in Wales (and to EU applicants studying in Wales awarded tuition fee support)



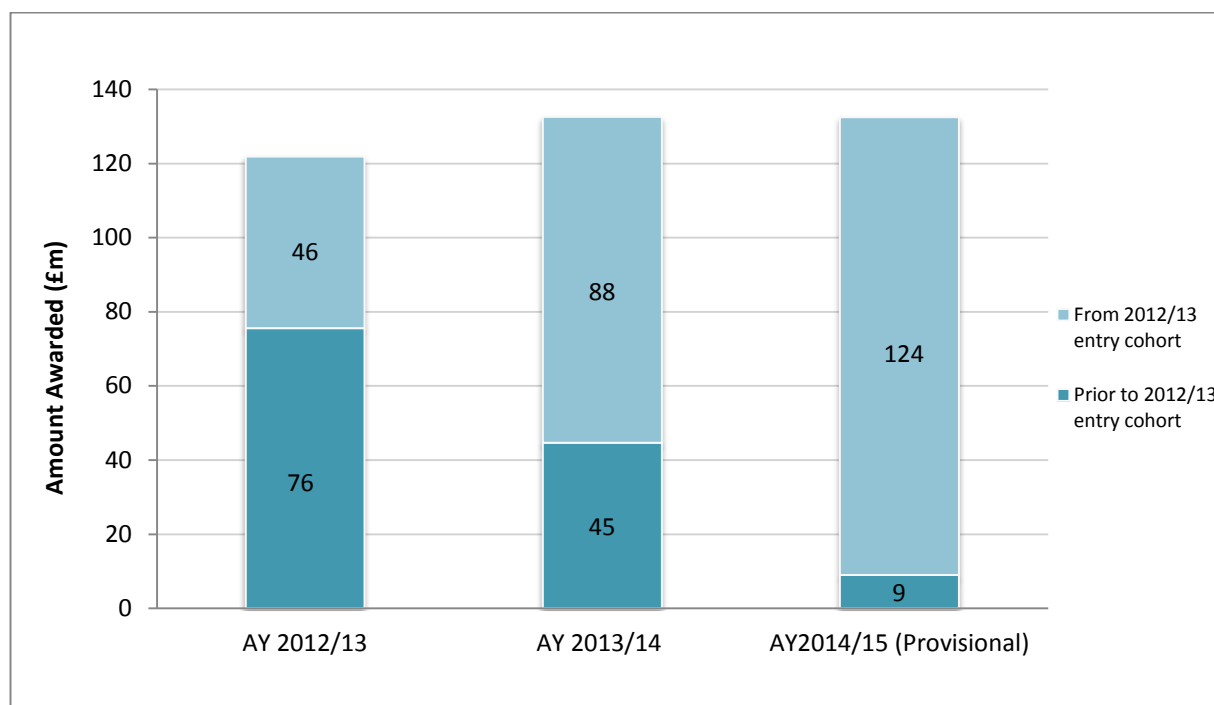
This chart shows the number of awards for all successful applications for Higher Education student finance from applicants domiciled in Wales and EU domiciles planning to study in Wales. See Table 2.

Chart 2: Amount of support awarded (£m) to applicants domiciled in Wales (and to EU applicants studying in Wales awarded tuition fee support) by product and academic year



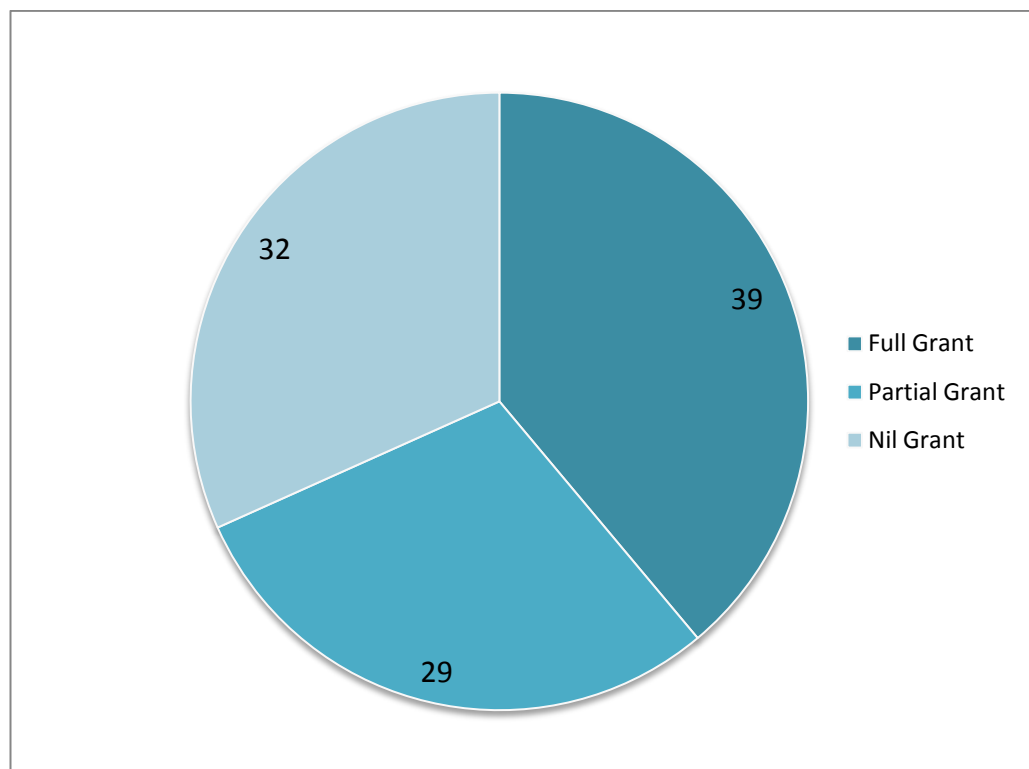
This chart highlights the increase in the amount of tuition fee grants awarded over the past 3 academic years which is a result of the shifting of the student body from the pre 2012/13 to the post 2012/13 fee system. See Table 2.

Chart 3: Welsh Government Learning Grant amount awarded (£m) to applicants domiciled in Wales by entry cohort and academic year



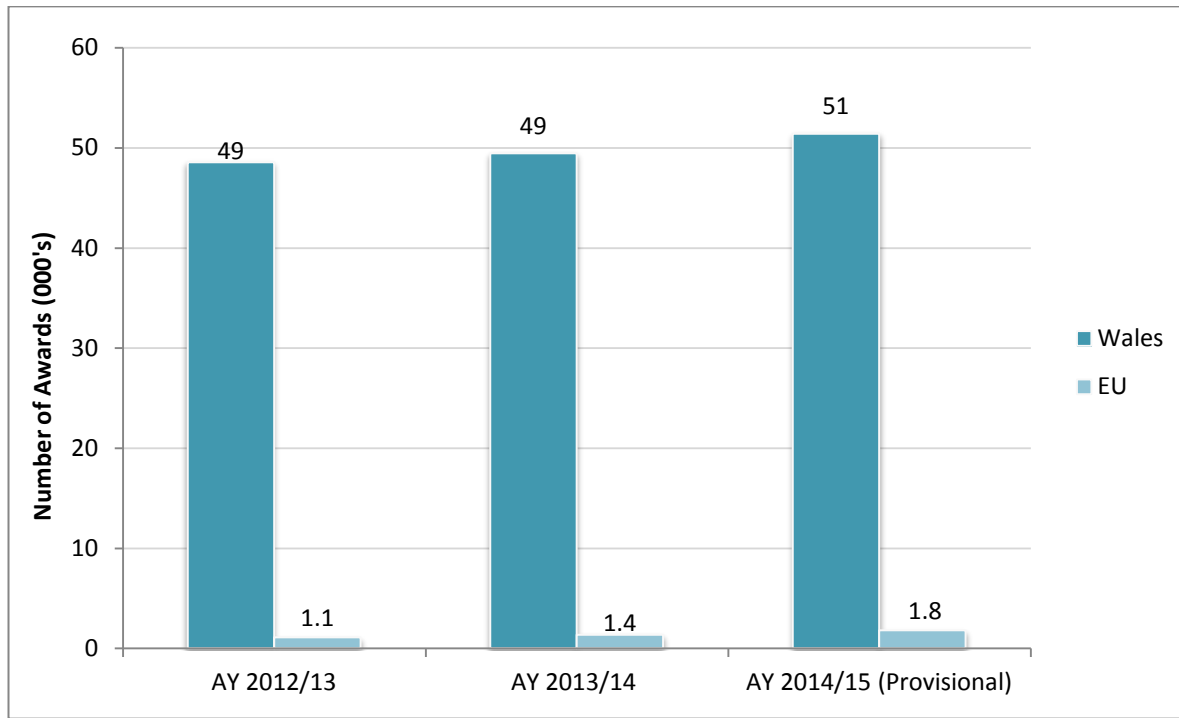
This chart shows that the amount of Welsh Government Learning Grant awarded has risen slightly whilst the profile between the entry cohorts has changed. See Table 3B.

Chart 4: Welsh Government Learning Grant distribution by level of support – From 2012 entry cohort - academic year 2013/14



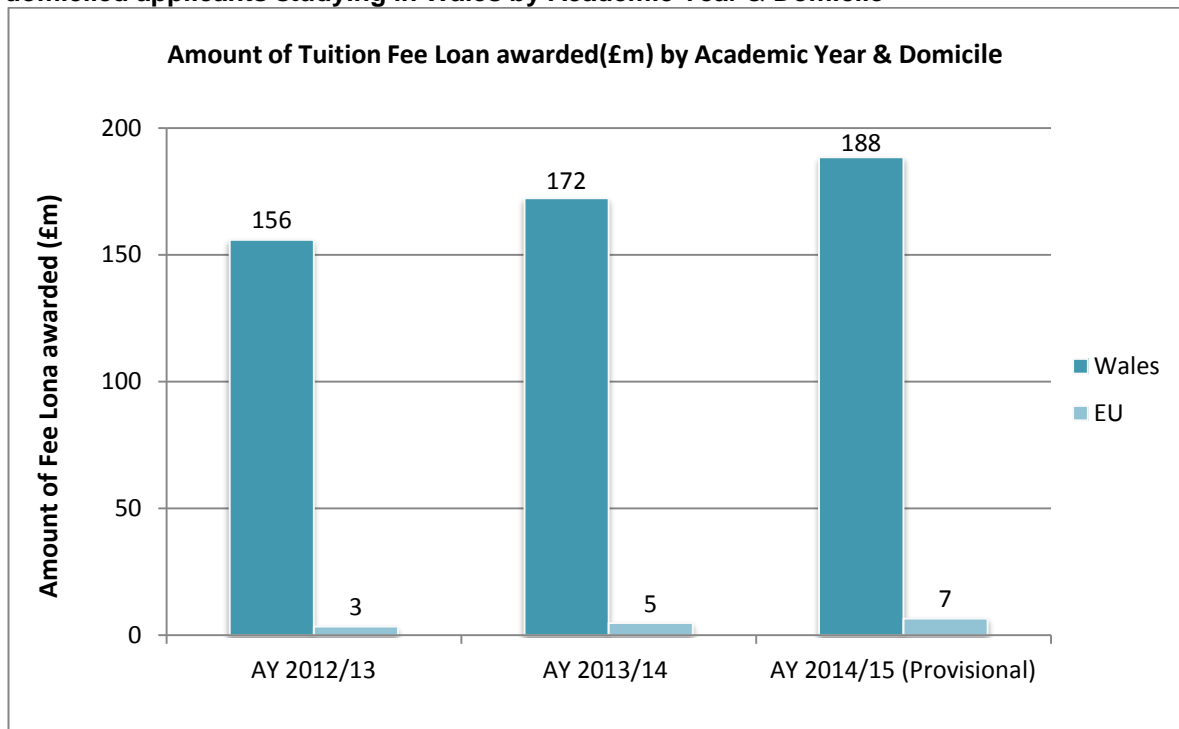
This chart shows the distribution of Welsh Government Learning Grant support split by full grant, partial grant and nil grant for the From 2012 entry cohort in 2013/14. See Table 3B.

Chart 5: Number of Tuition Fee Loans Awarded (000's) to applicants domiciled in Wales and EU domiciled applicants studying in Wales by academic year and domicile



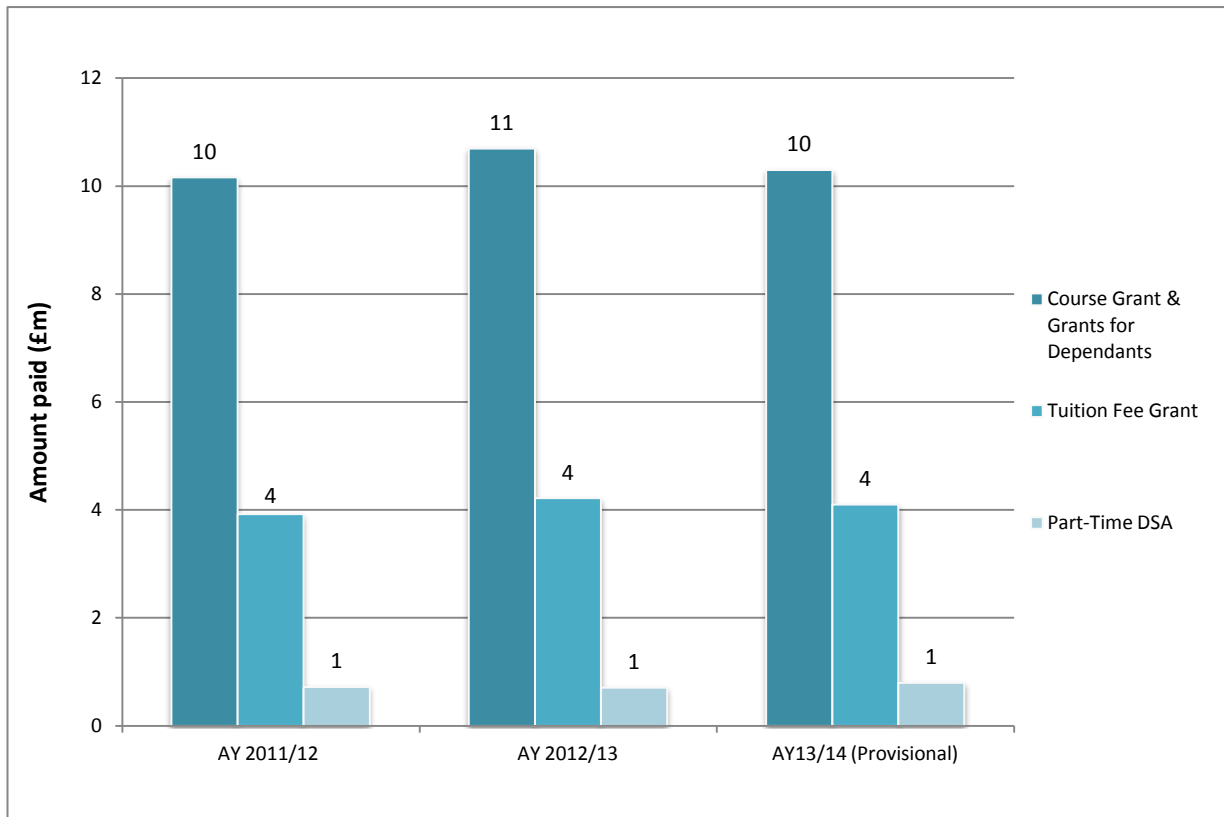
This chart shows that the number of tuition fees awarded to Welsh domiciled students increases slightly year on year as does the number of EU domiciled students awarded tuition fee loans. See Table 4B(i)

Chart 6: Amount of Tuition Fee Loan awarded (£m) to applicants domiciled in Wales and EU domiciled applicants studying in Wales by Academic Year & Domicile



This chart shows that the amount of tuition fees awarded to Welsh domiciled students increases year on year as does the amount for EU domiciled students awarded tuition fee loans. See Table 4B(i)

Chart 7: Payments to part-time students (£m) domiciled in Wales and EU (Outside UK) domiciled students studying in Wales



This chart shows that payments for part-time tuition fee grant and part-time course grants rise between academic year 2011/12 and academic year 2012/13. Figures for academic year 2013/14 show a slight decrease; however, these figures are provisional and will be revised in November 2015. See table 5.

DATA SOURCES

1. This publication uses data from a single source: administrative data from the SLC Customer Ledger Account Servicing System (CLASS). For details of the administrative sources see the published Statement of administrative sources published on the SLC website using the following link [http://www.slc.co.uk/media/520778/slc_statistics - statement of administrative sources.pdf](http://www.slc.co.uk/media/520778/slc_statistics_-_statement_of_administrative_sources.pdf)

DATA QUALITY

2. SLC has published the Quality Guidelines that it follows. As per those guidelines a Quality Plan is produced for each publication. The Quality Plan stipulates two stages of Quality Assurance. Data is extracted from the administrative systems then reviewed using a standard Quality Assurance checklist. The statistical tables created using that data are quality assured using the Statistical Quality guidelines. Further details can be found by following the link below [http://www.slc.co.uk/media/653716/slc_statistics - quality guidelines.pdf](http://www.slc.co.uk/media/653716/slc_statistics_-_quality_guidelines.pdf)

DATA USES

3. SLC has published a Uses Made document for Official statistics. Further details can be found by following the link below [http://www.slc.co.uk/media/756631/slc_official_statistics - use made.pdf](http://www.slc.co.uk/media/756631/slc_official_statistics_-_use_made.pdf)

REVISIONS AND PROVISIONAL DATA

4. Revisions within the data are denoted with an [r]. Some of these revisions are carried over from the previous year's publication and are, therefore, not revisions to this year's publication. Further details can be found by following the link below [http://www.slc.co.uk/media/520775/slc_statistics - _revisions_policy.pdf](http://www.slc.co.uk/media/520775/slc_statistics_-_revisions_policy.pdf)

5. This statistical first release contains early in-year awards figures for 2014/15. Students who have not yet been approved for support will not appear in these figures. Some eligible students may not have applied yet and others may have applied but not yet provided all requested evidence. Also, student circumstances can change and they may revise their support application. A significant number of students revise their initial support application from non means-tested support to means-tested support. Others withdraw from their courses after only one term's payment. Therefore, figures for 2014/15 are provisional and are expected to change during the academic year as further applications are received and re-assessments are submitted. Final figures will be published in November 2015.

6. Provisional data should be used with due caution. The scale of revisions may change from one year to another as application processes change. However, the table below gives an indication of the scale of revisions that occur:

	2011/12 provisional	2011/12 final
Number of full time applicants awarded (000s)	52.5	52.7
	2012/13 provisional	2012/13 final
Number of full time applicants awarded (000s)	53.6	54.3
	2013/14 provisional	2013/14 final
Number of full time applicants awarded (000s)	55.2	57.1

POLICY CONTEXT

Key policy changes from 2014/15

7. No significant changes have been made to the policy introduced for new entrants in 2012/13. Some of the thresholds have been upgraded and they affect equally the new entrants as well as those continuing after entry in 2012/13.

Key policy changes from 2012/13

2012/13 New Entrants

8. New entrants from 2012/13 who are subject to the existing variable tuition fees are entitled to a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £3,465. New entrants from 2012/13 who are domiciled in Wales studying in any UK territory, who are subject to the new higher fees amounts are also entitled to a new Tuition fee Grant up to a maximum of £5,535 to make up the difference in fee costs of up to a maximum of £9,000. Where a designated course is provided wholly by a private institution, students domiciled in Wales are eligible for a Tuition Fee Loan of up to £6,000 (no Fee Grant is available). Students domiciled in Wales who are studying in Wales and entered HE between 2006/07 and 2009/10 are also entitled to a Tuition Fee Grant which covers any fee they are charged above £1,380, up to a maximum grant of £2,256. New and continuing students domiciled in Wales in academic year 2012/13 courses may also receive targeted grants (for example, Childcare or Disabled Students' Allowance). New entrants in 2012/13 may be eligible for an Assembly Learning Grant of up to £5,000. The maximum amounts of Assembly Learning Grant in academic year 2012/13 are £5,600 for 2011/12 cohort students, £5,000 for 2010/11 cohort students and £2,906 for new system students who entered HE between 2006/07 and 2009/10.

Key policy changes from 2011/12

2011/12 New Entrants

9. For new entrants from academic year 2011/12, the Welsh National Bursary is integrated into the HE statutory support system as an integral part of the Assembly Learning Grant and Special Support Grants. The Welsh Government's statutory student support arrangements for living costs are for students domiciled in Wales only (namely students who are ordinarily resident in Wales). Institutions will no longer be required to pay a minimum National Bursary to new entrants from 2011/12 and can continue to make arrangements for their own institutional awards. As a result of this policy change the full Assembly Learning Grant for these entrants is higher at £5,600 instead of £5,000. The grant is fully replaced by Maintenance Loan at the same point i.e. where the residual income is £50,020. This is achieved via a faster Maintenance Loan substitution rate for residual incomes between £34,000 and £50,020 (see Charts 1 and 2 in Appendix B).

10. Variable tuition fees are capped at £3,375 in academic year 2011/12, and will apply to all students who entered from academic year 2006/07 who study at Welsh HEIs in 2011/12.

DISCRETIONARY AWARDS

11. Discretionary awards are available to students on designated HE courses who are personally ineligible to receive mandatory scheme or student support scheme support. LAs meet the cost of discretionary awards from their own resources. Hence, they are not included in this SFR. It is for authorities to choose which students and courses to support and how much to spend. Some authorities pay their discretionary awards at the rate for designated courses and others pay at a rate above or below that for courses designated for mandatory scheme or student support scheme support.

RELATED STATISTICAL PUBLICATIONS

12. Statistics on loans and grants awarded to students in HE in Wales in academic year 2013/14 (provisional) were published in SLC SFR 06/2013 on 28 November 2013. These can be found at <http://www.slc.co.uk/media/694173/slcsfr062013.pdf>

13. Statistics on the repayment of loans in financial year 2013-14 were published on 19 Jun 2014 in SLC SFR 02/2014. These can be found at <http://www.slc.co.uk/media/787031/slcsfr022014.pdf>

NOTES FOR USERS

14. The figures in this first release were all compiled by the Student Loans Company Limited.

15. Figures marked as provisional are those where the base data has only recently become available and may be subject to change following further validation.

16. Details of the amounts of loans and grants available in 2014/15 are publicly available in the Student Finance Wales booklets 'Student Finance – New Full time students 2014/15' and 'Student Finance – Continuing students 2014/15'.

17. Student numbers have been rounded to the nearest hundred (with a * indicating a number less than 50 but not zero); expenditure figures to the nearest £100,000 (with a * indicating a number less than £50,000 but not zero); and average expenditure to the nearest £10.

18. Number of borrowers less than 50, percentage of borrowers less than 0.5%, and amount repaid less than £50,000 are classed as negligible which is signified with a dash '-'. Average amounts will be suppressed if the total amount and the number of borrowers are both negligible. All other figures will be rounded to the nearest 100 or £100,000 unless otherwise specified.

19. Students are assessed for Tuition Fee Grant by their local authorities. Welsh students entering Higher Education (HE) from 2006/07 who are studying at a HE institute in Wales are eligible for the Tuition Fee Grant. Welsh students entering HE from 2012/13 and receiving the new Tuition Fee Grant can study anywhere in the UK, however EU students only receive this grant if they study in Wales. The maximum Tuition Fee Grant is £5,315 in 2014/15 payable where the HE institution charges the maximum fee of £9,000. The Tuition Fee Grant is not means tested. It is determined by the fee charged by the institution above £3,685.

20. A means-tested Maintenance Grant of £2,700 was introduced in 2006/07 (£5,161 to new entrants in 2014/15). Students in receipt of these grants are not eligible for the £1,000 HE Grants.

21. Tuition Fee Loans are payable to institutions on behalf of students normally domiciled in Wales who attend a HE course anywhere in the United Kingdom as well as to students from the European Union attending HE courses in Wales.

22. Assessments of eligibility for student support for those students who are ordinarily resident outside the United Kingdom but are ordinarily resident in the European Union and who attend designated HE courses in Wales are made by the SLC EU Customer Services team.

23. HE courses are those of a level higher than GCE A level or ONC/OND.

24. The Student Support Scheme does not apply to part-time HE students other than those on part-time postgraduate courses of initial teacher training. A support package for part-time HE students comprising a Course Grant and a Fee Grant was introduced in 2004/05.

25. The income used to determine the extent of the student finance entitlement that is income-assessed is “household residual income”. If a student is deemed to be dependent on their parents then the income taken into account is that of the student and their parents with deductions for costs such as pension contributions, other dependent children of the parent(s), and an allowance for the parent also being in study. If the student is deemed to be independent the parents’ income is not taken into account but that of a spouse or partner will be.

26. These statistics are used widely both within and outside the Welsh Government. Some of the key users are:

- Ministers and the Members Research Service in the National Assembly for Wales;
- Officials in the Welsh Government;
- The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales.

These statistics are used in a variety of ways. Some examples of these are:

- advice to Ministers;
- to inform the education policy decision-making process in Wales;
- to forecast future expenditure of student support schemes for Welsh domiciled students;
- International benchmarking.

USER CONSULTATIONS

27. Consultation exercises are conducted by SLC on the Official Statistics it produces in order to understand who uses the publications, for what purpose, and to find out how they can be made more useful in terms of content, methodology, timeliness and presentation. As part of the consultation process SLC runs surveys. See the User Consultation Survey section of the SLC website at <http://www.slc.co.uk/statistics/statistics-user-consultation.aspx>.

28. The most recent response to user feedback can be found at http://www.slc.co.uk/media/689853/consultation_response_nov-jan_13_v7.pdf

NATIONAL AND OFFICIAL STATISTICS

29. This is a National Statistics publication. National Statistics are produced to high professional standards set out in the National Statistics Code of Practice. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference.

TABLES GUIDE

Table 1A shows the maximum support available for maintenance in Wales through the Assembly Learning Grant and Maintenance Loans schemes for students in academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15.

Table 1B shows the support package for new entrants in academic year 2014/15. *The support packages in 2013/14 for students who entered prior to 2013/14 are included as graphs in Appendix B.*

Table 2 shows an overview of all the student support products in Wales. It details the number of awards and the total amount of support awarded to applicants domiciled in Wales, and tuition fee support awarded to EU domiciled applicants studying in Wales in academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15.

Table 3A shows the distribution of the Tuition Fee Grant awarded to students domiciled in Wales and EU students studying in Wales in academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15 who entered HE in or after 2006/07.

Table 3B shows the distribution of the Assembly Learning Grant awarded to students domiciled in Wales who entered HE in or after 2006/07 and chose to study in the United Kingdom in academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15.

Table 3C shows the distribution of Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA) paid to students domiciled in Wales in academic years 2010/11 to 2014/15.

Table 3D shows the distribution of Other Targeted Support awarded to applicants domiciled in Wales between academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15.

Table 4A shows the number of Maintenance Loans, the amount borrowed and the average loan for the student support scheme for all students domiciled in Wales in academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15. The Table also shows the take-up rate of Maintenance Loans in academic years 2010/11 to 2012/13.

Table 4B shows the number of Tuition Fee Loans, the amount borrowed and the average loan for the student support scheme for all students domiciled in Wales and for EU students studying in Wales, broken down by domicile in academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15.

Table 4C shows the number of Tuition Fee Loans, the amount borrowed and the average loan for the student support scheme for all students domiciled in Wales and EU students studying in Wales, broken down by the country of the HEI attended in academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15.

Table 4D shows the take-up rate of Tuition Fee Loans for all students domiciled in Wales and EU students studying in Wales, broken down by the domicile of the student, and by country of the HEI attended in academic years 2010/11 to 2012/13.

Table 4E shows the combined total of Maintenance Loans and Tuition Fee Loans paid for students domiciled in Wales in academic years 2011/12 to 2013/14.

Table 5A shows the support given to part time students domiciled in Wales and EU (outside UK) students studying in Wales between academic years 2011/12 and 2013/14.

Table 5B shows the DSA support to Post Graduate students between academic years 2011/12 and 2014/15.

TABLES

Section 1 - Student Support Available

Table 1A : Maximum rates of Welsh Government Learning Grant and full year Maintenance Loan available to full time students domiciled in Wales [1][2]
Academic years 2012/13 - 2014/15

Student support for maintenance (food, accommodation etc.) is provided via a combination of maintenance loans and/or maintenance grants. This table shows how the maximum amount of maintenance support has changed over the past three years using the example of a student studying for the full length of the academic year.

		£			
Academic years	Rates [1]	Welsh Government Learning Grant (cash terms)	Maximum amount of Maintenance Loan (cash terms)	Welsh Government Learning Grant plus Maintenance Loan (cash terms)	Welsh Government Learning Grant plus Maintenance Loan (constant prices) [3]
2012/2013 (2012/13 Arrangement) [1]	Elsewhere	5,000	4,745	6,901	7,266
	London	5,000	6,648	8,804	9,269
	Home	5,000	3,673	5,829	6,137
(2011/12 Arrangement) [1]	Elsewhere	5,600	4,745	7,501	7,897
	London	5,600	6,648	9,404	9,901
	Home	5,600	3,673	6,429	6,769
(2010/11 Arrangement) [1]	Elsewhere	5,000	4,745	6,901	7,266
	London	5,000	6,648	8,804	9,269
	Home	5,000	3,673	5,829	6,137
(2006/07 Arrangement) [1]	Elsewhere	2,906	4,745	6,363	6,699
	London	2,906	6,648	8,266	8,703
	Home	2,906	3,673	5,291	5,571
2013/2014 (2012/13 Arrangement) [1]	Elsewhere	5,161	5,150	7,736	7,896
	London	5,161	7,215	9,801	10,003
	Home	5,161	3,987	6,573	6,709
(2011/12 Arrangement) [1]	Elsewhere	5,780	5,150	8,355	8,527
	London	5,780	7,215	10,420	10,635
	Home	5,780	3,987	7,192	7,340
(2010/11 Arrangement) [1]	Elsewhere	5,161	5,150	7,736	7,896
	London	5,161	7,215	9,801	10,003
	Home	5,161	3,987	6,573	6,709
(2006/07 Arrangement) [1]	Elsewhere	3,000	5,150	6,821	6,962
	London	3,000	7,215	8,886	9,069
	Home	3,000	3,987	5,658	5,775
2014/2015 (2012/13 Arrangement) [1]	Elsewhere	5,161	5,202	7,783	7,783
	London	5,161	7,288	9,869	9,869
	Home	5,161	4,027	6,608	6,608
(2011/12 Arrangement) [1]	Elsewhere	5,780	5,202	8,402	8,402
	London	5,780	7,288	10,488	10,488
	Home	5,780	4,027	7,227	7,227
(2010/11 Arrangement) [1]	Elsewhere	5,161	5,202	7,783	7,783
	London	5,161	7,288	9,869	9,869
	Home	5,161	4,027	6,608	6,608

Sources: Welsh Government; SLC

Table 1B : Student Support Package for full time students domiciled in Wales
Students entering HE in academic year 2014/15 [5]

This table uses the Maintenance Loan entitlement amounts for a student living away from home and studying at an institution located outside London i.e. the 'Elsewhere' rate in Table 1A.

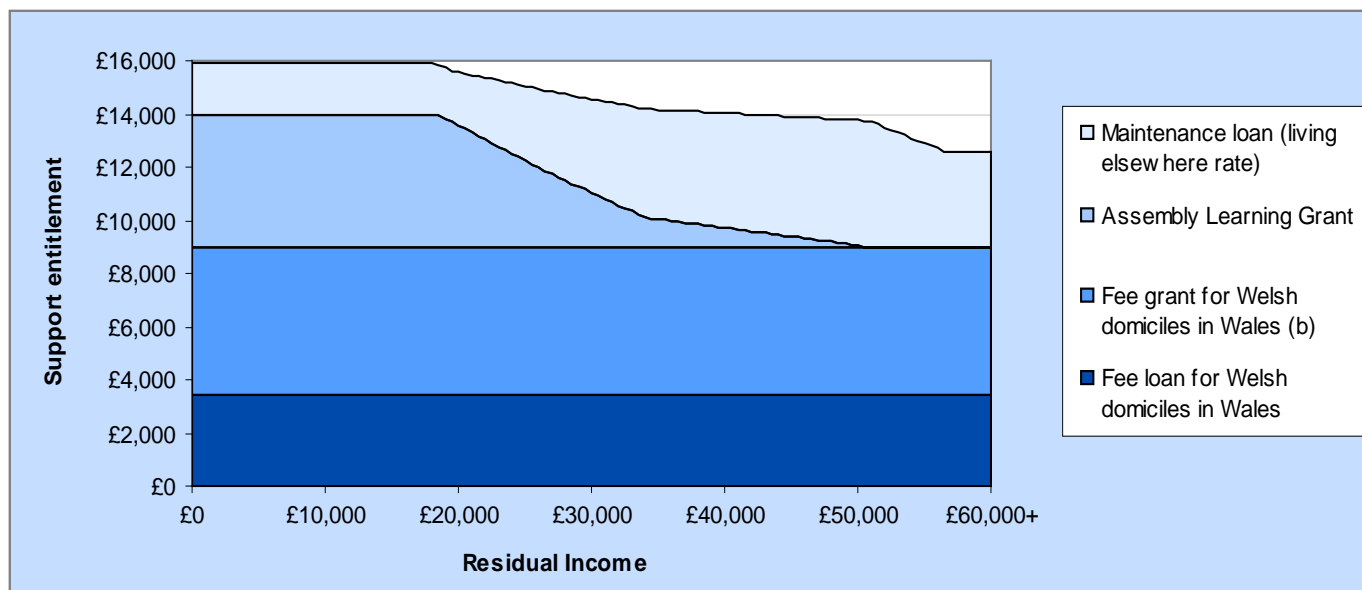
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Residual Income	Amount of fee loan available [6]	Amount of fee grant available [7]	Amount of Welsh Government Learning Grant available	Amount of Maintenance Loan available [8]
Up to and including £18,370	3,685	5,315	5,161	2,622 [9]
Between £18,371 and £26,500	3,685	5,315	5,161 to 2,936 [10]	2,622 to 3,734 [9]
Between £26,501 and £34,000	3,685	5,315	2,936 to 1,142 [11]	3,734 to 4,631 [9]
Between £34,001 and £50,020	3,685	5,315	1,142 to 50 [12]	4,631 to 5,177 [13]
Between £50,021 and £50,753	3,685	5,315	nil	5,177 [14] to 5,202 [15]
Between £50,754 and £57,257	3,685	5,315	nil	5,202 [14] to 3,902 [15]
£57,258 and over	3,685	5,315	nil	3,902 [15]

Source: Welsh Government

For footnotes, see Appendix A

Chart: Maintenance and fee support entitlement for full time students domiciled in Wales who entered HE in academic year 2014/15



Section 2 - Overview of Support Awarded

Table 2 : Total number of and amount awarded to applicants domiciled in Wales for Student Support , and EU domiciled applicants studying in Wales awarded Tuition Fee Support Academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15

Key Points:

- The number of full time applicants awarded student support for academic year 2013/14 was 57,100, which represents an increase of 5 per cent on the previous academic year 2012/13 for which 54,300 applicants were awarded.
- The amount of student support in total awarded to full time students for academic year 2013/14 was £661.8 million which represents an increase of 22 per cent on the previous academic year 2012/13 for which £544.4 million was awarded.
- For academic year 2014/15, the early figures two months into the academic year show the number of full time applicants awarded student support so far is 57,700 at mid November 2014. The amount awarded so far is £737.4 million.

Product Group	Table	Number of Applicants Awarded or Paid # (000s)			Amount Awarded or Paid # (£m)		
		2012/13 (Final)	2013/14 (Final)	2014/15 (Provisional)	2012/13 (Final)	2013/14 (Final)	2014/15 (Provisional)
Fee Remission Grants	n/a	*	*	*	*	*	*
HE Grant	n/a	*	*	*	*	*	*
Tuition Fee Grants	3A	23.6	37.3	51.0	108.9	167.5	238.6
Welsh Government Learning and Special Support Grants	3B	32.9	33.9	34.8	121.9	132.5	132.4
Disabled Students Allowance	3C	3.2	3.3	..	7.7	8.1	..
Other Targeted Support	3D	2.7	2.9	2.7	7.4	8.3	8.2
Maintenance Loans	4A	49.2	52.1	53.0	142.5	172.8	181.0
Tuition Fee Loans	4B/4C	48.2	50.6	50.8	155.9	172.6	177.1
Total [17]		54.3	57.1	57.7	544.4	661.8	737.4
Part Time support (Grants and DSA)	5A	7.3	7.0	..	15.6	15.2	..
Postgraduate DSA	5B	0.3	0.3	..	0.8	0.7	..
Total [17]		61.9	64.4	..	560.8	677.8	..

.. - not available, '*' - negligible but not zero

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

This table presents a mixture of both awards and payments data to give a simplified overview of how many people are using the student finance system. Payments are presented where available, however where a product type is not available in terms of payments, awards have been presented. For the academic year 2014/15, only awards data (two months into the academic year) are available, therefore awards figures have been presented provisionally to give an indication of student support in this academic year.

Section 3 - Grants and Allowances

**Table 3A : Distribution of Tuition Fee Grants awarded to applicants domiciled in Wales and EU domiciled applicants studying in Wales
Academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15**

Key Points:

- The final number of applicants awarded Tuition Fee Grants for academic year 2013/14 was 37,300, which represents an increase of 58 per cent on the previous academic year 2012/13 for which 23,600 applicants were awarded.
- The final amount awarded for academic year 2013/14 was £167.5m compared to previous academic year 2012/13 for which £108.9m was awarded.
- For academic year 2014/15, the early figures two months into the academic year show the number of applicants awarded Tuition Fee Grants so far is 51,000 at mid November 2014. The amount awarded so far is £238.6m.

Entry Cohort	Number of Applicants Awarded (000s)			Amount Awarded (£m)			Average Amount Awarded (£) [22]		
	2012/13 (Final)	2013/14 (Final)	2014/15 (Provisional)	2012/13 (Final)	2013/14 (Final)	2014/15 (Provisional)	2012/13 (Final)	2013/14 (Final)	2014/15 (Provisional)
Prior to 2012/13	2.8	0.5	0.1	5.5	1.1	0.1	2,010	2,090	1,970
From 2012/13	20.8	36.8	50.9	103.4	166.4	238.5	4,960	4,520	4,680
Total	23.6	37.3	51.0	108.9	167.5	238.6	4,620	4,490	4,680

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

For footnotes, see Appendix A

2012/13 figures as at 13/11/2013

2013/14 figures as at 12/11/2014

2014/15 figures as at 12/11/2014

All applicants entering Higher Education (HE) from 2006/07, who are studying at a HE institute in Wales are eligible for the Tuition Fee Grant. This grant was first available in the 2007/08 academic year. This non means tested grant funds part of tuition fees charged by the institution. This grant is no longer available for students entering from 2010/11 to 2011/12.

Applicants entering Higher Education (HE) from 2012/13 will be eligible to apply for a non means-tested fee grant of up to £5,535 to cover the difference between the maximum £3,465 fee loan and the actual fee charged by the University or College (up to a maximum of £9,000).

Table 3B (i): Distribution of Welsh Government Learning Grants awarded to applicants domiciled in Wales by All Provider Type Academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15 [18][19]

Key Points:

- For academic year 2013/14 a total of £132.5m was awarded in Welsh Government Learning Grant to eligible applicants, which represents an increase of 9 per cent on the previous academic year 2012/13 for which £121.9m was awarded.
- For academic year 2013/14, for those applicants entering Higher Education from academic year 2012/13, 39 per cent were awarded full Welsh Government Learning Grant, compared to 36 per cent for those who entered prior to 2012/13. The full grant percentage for 2013/14 was 39 per cent at this point last year so all new applications, cancelled applications and re-assessments since have not altered that percentage.
- For academic year 2014/15, the early figures two months into the academic year show for those applicants entering Higher Education from academic year 2012/13, 37 per cent have been awarded full support and 29 per cent have been awarded partial support so far by mid November. This figure is expected to change in line with the annual cycle of reassessment of student finance applications, which is prompted by changes in the applicants' circumstance and late applications for student finance.

Provider Type	Entry Cohort	Level of Support	Welsh Government Learning Grant Eligible Applicants						Amount Awarded (£m)			
			Number (000s)			Percentage (%)			2012/13 (as at 18/11/13)	2013/14 (as at 16/11/14)	2014/15 (as at 16/11/14)	
			2012/13 (as at 18/11/13)	2013/14 (as at 16/11/14)	2014/15 (as at 16/11/14)	2012/13 (as at 18/11/13)	2013/14 (as at 16/11/14)	2014/15 (as at 16/11/14)				
All Providers	Prior to 2012/13	Full	11.2	5.9	1.2	37	36	35	56.0	32.9	6.7	
		Partial	9.1	4.9	0.9	30	30	27	19.6	11.8	2.3	
		Nil (eligible but not entitled)	9.8	5.6	1.3	33	34	38	n/a	n/a	n/a	
		Total [20]	30.1	16.5	3.4	100	100	100	75.6	44.6	8.9	
	From 2012/13	Full	7.1	13.1	18.4	39	39	37	35.6	67.8	94.8	
		Partial	5.5	9.9	14.3	30	29	29	10.7	20.1	28.7	
		Nil (eligible but not entitled)	5.7	10.7	17.2	31	32	34	n/a	n/a	n/a	
		Total [20]	18.3	33.8	49.9	100	100	100	46.3	87.9	123.5	
	Total Number Awarded Full / Partial			32.9	33.9	34.8				121.9	132.5	132.4
	Grand Total for Academic Years			48.4	50.2	53.3				121.9	132.5	132.4

n/a - not applicable

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

The applicants eligible for the Welsh Government Learning Grant are those who entered Higher Education (HE) in 2006/07 or later. This excludes anyone who receives a NHS Bursary. The grant is means tested. Applicants who do not submit financial evidence receive nil grant, as do those whose household residual income is above the highest threshold. The applicants are grouped by Entry Cohort to illustrate changes in the earnings thresholds and available support. For 2010/11 the threshold for the full grant was retained but the threshold for a partial grant was increased. Special Support Grant awards are included in the Welsh Government Learning Grant figures.

**Table 3B(ii) : Distribution of Welsh Government Learning Grants awarded to applicants domiciled in Wales by Provider type
Academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15 [18][19]**

Key Points:

- In academic year 2013/14, Welsh Government Learning Grants eligible applicants for public providers who entered higher education from the 2012 arrangements, 49% were awarded full grant support, and 30% were awarded partial grant support. Of the alternative provider applicants who entered HE under the same arrangement, 39% were awarded full grant support and 26% were awarded partial grant support.

Provider Type	Entry Cohort	Level of Support	Welsh Government Learning Grant Eligible Applicants						Amount Awarded (£m)			
			Number (000s)			Percentage (%)			2012/13 (as at 18/11/13)	2013/14 (as at 16/11/14)	2014/15 (as at 16/11/14)	
			2012/13 (as at 18/11/13)	2013/14 (as at 16/11/14)	2014/15 (as at 16/11/14)	2012/13 (as at 18/11/13)	2013/14 (as at 16/11/14)	2014/15 (as at 16/11/14)				
Public Providers	Prior to 2012/13	Full	11.1	5.9	1.2	37	36	35	55.8	32.7	6.6	
		Partial	9.1	4.9	0.9	30	30	27	19.6	11.7	2.3	
		Nil (eligible but not entitled)	9.8	5.6	1.3	33	34	38	n/a	n/a	0.0	
	Total [20]			30.0	16.4	3.4	100	100	100	75.3	44.4	8.9
	From 2012/13	Full	7.1	13.1	18.2	39	39	39	35.4	67.4	94.1	
		Partial	5.4	9.8	14.3	30	29	29	10.6	19.9	28.6	
		Nil (eligible but not entitled)	5.7	10.6	17.1	31	32	32	n/a	n/a	0.0	
Total [20]			18.2	33.5	49.6	100	100	100	46.0	87.3	122.7	
Total			48.2	49.9	53.0				121.4	131.7	131.6	
Alternative Providers	Prior to 2012/13	Full	0.0	0.0	0.0	43	54	63	0.2	0.2	0.0	
		Partial	0.0	0.0	0.0	27	28	25	0.1	0.0	0.0	
		Nil (eligible but not entitled)	0.0	0.0	0.0	30	18	13	n/a	n/a	n/a	
	Total [20]			0.1	0.1	0.0	100	100	100	0.3	0.2	0.0
	From 2012/13	Full	0.0	0.1	0.1	39	37	41	0.2	0.4	0.6	
		Partial	0.0	0.1	0.1	26	31	30	0.1	0.2	0.2	
		Nil (eligible but not entitled)	0.0	0.1	0.1	36	32	29	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Total [20]			0.1	0.2	0.3	100	100	100	0.2	0.6	0.8	
Total			0.2	0.3	0.3				0.5	0.8	0.8	

'**' - negligible but not zero, '0.0' - zero, 'n/a' - not applicable, '.' - not available

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

The applicants eligible for the Assembly Learning Grant are those who entered Higher Education (HE) in 2006/07 or later. This excludes anyone who receives a NHS Bursary. The grant is means tested. Applicants who do not submit financial evidence receive nil Assembly Learning Grant, as do those whose household residual income is above the highest threshold. The applicants are grouped by Entry Cohort because there have been significant changes in the earnings thresholds and available support. For 2010/11 the threshold for the full grant was retained but the threshold for a partial grant was increased. Special Support Grant awards are included in the Assembly Learning Grant figures.

**Table 3C : Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) - Full time students domiciled in Wales
Academic years 2010/11 to 2014/15**

Key Points

- Final figures for academic year 2012/13 show that £7.7m was paid in DSA support compared to £7.2m in 2011/12
- Initial in year figures for 2014/15 show that DSA support has been paid on behalf of 900 students compared to 400 at the same point in 2013/14

Table 3C(i) Number of students with payments made on their behalf

Academic Year	Number of Students in receipt of DSA (000's)		
	Mid November in academic year	Mid November after academic year	Mid November one year later (final)
2010/11			2.6
2011/12			2.9
2012/13		3.1	3.2
2013/14	0.4	3.3	
2014/15	0.9		

. = not applicable - = nil or negligible .. = not available

Table 3C(ii) Amount Paid

Academic Year	Amount Paid (£m) [19]		
	Mid November in academic year	Mid November after academic year	Mid November one year later (final)
2010/11			6.1
2011/12			7.2
2012/13		7.6	7.7
2013/14	0.6	8.1	
2014/15	0.8		

. = not applicable - = nil or negligible .. = not available

Applications for Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) are separate to core student support applications and follow a different process. This table includes those students covered under the full time support regulations and excludes part time students such as those attending the Open University. The majority of DSA applications are received after the term starts as many students do not become aware that they are entitled to DSA support until they have started their course. Generally DSAs are paid direct to the providers of equipment and services covered by the grant, although students may receive some funding paid directly to them, depending on their circumstances. The vast majority is paid to suppliers once the student passes on the invoices they receive for equipment or services. Invoices continue to be received well after the end of the academic year which is why the figures are kept as provisional for one year longer than for the other products.

**Table 3D : Other Targeted Support awarded to full time applicants domiciled in Wales
Academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15 [1]**

Key Points:

- For academic year 2013/14, 2,900 applicants were awarded targeted support other than DSA, which amounted to £8.3m compared to 2,700 applicants awarded in the 2012/13 academic year which amounted to £7.4m.
- For academic year 2014/15, the early figures two months into the academic year show that 2,700 applicants have been awarded other targeted support so far, which amounts to £8.2m. These provisional figures are expected to increase over the course of the academic year.

Grants / Allowances	Number of Applicants Awarded (000s)			Amount Awarded (£m)		
	2012/13 (as at 17/11/13)	2013/14 (as at 16/11/14)	2014/15 (as at 16/11/14)	2012/13 (as at 17/11/13)	2013/14 (as at 16/11/14)	2014/15 (as at 16/11/14)
Adult Dependants Grant	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.2	1.4	1.6
Parents Learning Allowance	2.5	2.7	2.5	3.5	4.0	3.8
Childcare Grant	0.7	0.8	0.6	2.5	2.7	2.8
Travel Grant	0.1	0.1	*	0.1	0.1	*
Total [17][20]	2.7	2.9	2.7	7.4	8.3	8.2

* - negligible but not zero

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

This table shows all the non-repayable grants and allowances not covered elsewhere in Table 3. Like the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) they are all forms of targeted support. Unlike DSA there is some element of means testing for each product.

Section 4 - Loans

**Table 4A(i) : Maintenance Loans awarded to applicants domiciled in Wales (two months into the academic year)
Academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15 [2]**

- Table 4A(i) represents awards at an early in year position which is indicative of the likely out turn of payments in total for the academic year. The figures are obtained two months into the academic year (mid November) and are expected to change before the Paid figures are reported at the end of the academic year in Table 4A(ii).

Key Points:

- For academic year 2014/15, early figures show that 53,000 applicants were awarded Maintenance Loan two months into the academic year, which amounted to £181.0m, compared to 50,700 applicants awarded Maintenance Loans amounting to £170.9m at the same point in academic year 2013/14. On average, applicants were awarded a Maintenance Loan worth £3,420 for academic year 2014/15, compared to £3,370 awarded at the same point in the 2013/14 academic year.

Entry Cohort [1]	Number of Applicants Awarded (000s)			Amount Awarded (£m)			Average Amount Awarded (£) [22]		
	2012/13 (as at 14/11/12)	2013/14 (as at 13/11/13)	2014/15 (as at 12/11/14)	2012/13 (as at 14/11/12)	2013/14 (as at 13/11/13)	2014/15 (as at 12/11/14)	2012/13 (as at 14/11/12)	2013/14 (as at 13/11/13)	2014/15 (as at 12/11/14)
Prior to 2012/13	29.7	16.4	3.6	86.3	52.5	11.9	2,900	3,200	3,270
From 2012/13	18.3	34.3	49.3	54.3	118.4	169.1	2,960	3,450	3,430
Total [20][23]	48.1	50.7	53.0	140.6	170.9	181.0	2,930	3,370	3,420

'*' - negligible but not zero, '0.0' - zero, 'n/a' - not applicable

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

All applicants who are eligible for student finance can receive a Maintenance Loan. Some choose not to take one even though they might have received other support, such as the Welsh Government Learning Grant. Some do not apply for any support at all. Table 4A(iii) shows the relationship between those who took out a Maintenance Loan and those who could have taken one, using estimates of the eligible student population from the Welsh Government. The applicant can choose to take all or part of the basic non means tested element of the Maintenance Loan. They can receive a higher amount if they submit financial evidence that shows their household residual income is within the range for additional Maintenance Loan entitlement. From 2006/07 onwards the average Maintenance Loan decreased because of the introduction of the Welsh Government Learning Grant. The amount of Maintenance Loan awarded is partly reduced in proportion to the amount of Welsh Government Learning Grant awarded.

Students who took out a Maintenance Loan in academic year 2010/11, 2011/12 or 2012/13 may be entitled to a partial cancellation of Maintenance Loan of up to £1,500. The reduction is applied to the balance of student loan by the SLC after the first repayment has been made. Students are only entitled to receive the partial cancellation once.

**Table 4A(ii) : Maintenance Loans paid to students domiciled in Wales (final)
Academic years 2011/12 to 2013/14**

Key Points:

- For academic year 2013/14, 52,100 students were paid Maintenance Loans which amounted to £172.8m, compared to 49,200 students paid Maintenance Loan amounting to £142.5m in academic year 2012/13. On average, students took out a Maintenance Loan of £3,310 for academic year 2013/14, compared to £2,890 in academic year 2011/12.

Entry Cohort [1]	Number of Students Paid (000s)			Amount Paid (£m)			Average Amount Paid (£) [22]		
	2011/12 (as at 31/08/12)	2012/13 (as at 31/08/13)	2013/14 (as at 31/08/14)	2011/12 (as at 31/08/12)	2012/13 (as at 31/08/13)	2013/14 (as at 31/08/14)	2011/12 (as at 31/08/12)	2012/13 (as at 31/08/13)	2013/14 (as at 31/08/14)
Prior to 2012/13	47.7	30.2	16.7	144.7	87.5	53.4	3,040	2,890	3,190
From 2012/13	n/a	19.0	35.4	n/a	55.0	119.4	n/a	2,900	3,370
Total [20][23]	47.7	49.2	52.1	144.7	142.5	172.8	3,040	2,890	3,310

.. - not available, n/a - not applicable

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

**Table 4A (iii) : Maintenance Loan take-up by the estimated eligible population
Academic years 2010/11 to 2012/13**

Key Points:

- The percentage of students eligible to take out a Maintenance Loan who chose to do so was 90.4 per cent in academic year 2012/13 compared to 87.2 per cent in 2011/12.

	Estimated Eligible Population (000s)			Students Taking Out Loans (000s)			Estimated Percentage Take - up (%)		
	2010/11 (Final)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2010/11 (Final)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2010/11 (Final)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)
Total	54.8	54.5	54.4	47.5	47.7	49.2	85.3	87.2	90.4

.. - not available, n/a - not applicable

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC); Welsh Government

Table 4A(iii) shows the relationship between those who took out a Maintenance Loan and those who could have taken one, using estimates of the eligible student population from the Welsh Government. introduction of the Assembly Learning Grant. The amount of Maintenance Loan awarded is partly reduced in proportion to the amount of Assembly Learning Grant awarded.

Students who took out a Maintenance Loan in academic year 2010/11, 2011/12 or 2012/13 may be entitled to a partial cancellation of Maintenance Loan of up to £1,500. The reduction is applied to the balance of student loan by the SLC after the first repayment has been made. Students are only entitled to receive the partial cancellation once.

**Table 4B(i) : Tuition Fee Loans awarded to applicants domiciled in Wales and EU domiciled applicants studying in Wales (two months into the academic year)
Academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15 [2]**

- Table 4B(i) represents awards at an early in year position which is indicative of the likely out turn of payments in total for the academic year. The figures are obtained two months into the academic year (mid November) and are expected to change before the Paid figures are reported at the end of the academic year in Table 4B(ii).

Key Points:

- For academic year 2014/15, 53,300 applicants were awarded a Tuition Fee Loan two months into the academic year, which amounted to £195.0m awarded compared to 50,800 applicants awarded in 2013/14 academic year which amounted to £177.1m. On average, applicants were awarded Tuition Fee Loan worth £3,660 for 2014/15 academic year compared to £3,490 awarded at the same point in the 2013/14 academic year.

Entry Cohort	Domicile of Applicant	Number of Applicants Awarded (000s)			Amount Awarded (£m)			Average Amount Awarded (£) [22]		
		2012/13 (as at 14/11/12)	2013/14 (as at 13/11/13)	2014/15 (as at 12/11/14)	2012/13 (as at 14/11/12)	2013/14 (as at 13/11/13)	2014/15 (as at 12/11/14)	2012/13 (as at 14/11/12)	2013/14 (as at 13/11/13)	2014/15 (as at 12/11/14)
Prior to 2012/13	Wales	29.7	15.7	3.2	92.6	51.6	10.7	3,120	3,290	3,320
	EU	0.4	0.3	0.1	1.2	1.1	0.3	3,080	3,290	3,240
From 2012/13 [35]	Wales	18.9	33.8	48.2	63.4	120.7	177.8	3,360	3,570	3,680
	EU	0.7	1.0	1.7	2.3	3.7	6.3	3,240	3,610	3,640
Total [20][23]		49.7	50.8	53.3	159.4	177.1	195.0	3,210	3,490	3,660

'*' - negligible but not zero, '0.0' - zero, 'n/a' - not applicable

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

All applicants who are eligible for student finance and are charged tuition fees can take out a Tuition Fee Loan that will cover all or part of the fees charged. The payments will be made directly to the institution on their behalf. Those who entered prior to 2006/07 and who do not receive the full Tuition Fee Grant (see Table 3B) can take out a Tuition Fee Loan but it will be much lower than those who entered from 2006/07 onwards where variable fees were charged.

For students who entered from 2006/07 to 2009/10 who study in Wales, a non means tested Tuition Fee Grant is available to fund part of the tuition fees. This grant is no longer available to students entering Higher Education from 2010/11.

Applicants entering HE from 2012/13 will be eligible to apply for a non means-tested fee grant of up to £5,535 to cover the difference between the maximum £3,465 fee loan and the actual fee charged by the University or College (up to a maximum of £9,000).

**Table 4B(ii) : Tuition Fee Loans paid to Higher Education Institutions on behalf of students domiciled in Wales and EU domiciled applicants studying in Wales (final)
Academic years 2011/12 to 2013/14**

Key Points:

- For academic year 2013/14, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) were paid Tuition Fee Loans on behalf of 50,600 students which amounted to £172.6m compared to 48,200 students paid in academic year 2012/13 amounting to £155.9m. On average, students took out a Tuition Fee Loan of £3,410 for academic year 2013/14, compared to £3,230 in 2012/13.

Entry Cohort	Domicile of Applicant	Number of Students Paid (000s)			Amount Paid (£m)			Average Amount Paid (£) [22]		
		2011/12 (as at 31/08/12)	2012/13 (as at 31/08/13)	2013/14 (as at 31/08/14)	2011/12 (as at 31/08/12)	2012/13 (as at 31/08/13)	2013/14 (as at 31/08/14)	2011/12 (as at 31/08/12)	2012/13 (as at 31/08/13)	2013/14 (as at 31/08/14)
Prior to 2012/13	Wales	44.3	28.5	15.5	125.4	89.9	50.3	2,830	3,160	3,240
	EU	1.4	0.8	0.4	3.7	2.5	1.3	2,680	3,010	3,240
From 2012/13 [35]	Wales	n/a	18.2	33.5	n/a	61.0	116.9	n/a	3,350	3,490
	EU	n/a	0.8	1.2	n/a	2.5	4.1	n/a	3,320	3,520
Total [20]		45.7	48.2	50.6	129.1	155.9	172.6	2,820	3,230	3,410

'**' - negligible but not zero, '0.0' - zero, 'n/a' - not applicable, '..' - not available

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

All applicants who are eligible for student finance and are charged tuition fees can take out a Tuition Fee Loan that will cover all or part of the fees charged. The payments will be made directly to the institution on their behalf. Those who entered Higher Education (HE) prior to 2006/07 and who do not receive the full Tuition Fee Grant (see Table 3B) can take out a Tuition Fee Loan but it will be much lower than those who entered HE from 2006/07 onwards where variable fees were charged.

For students who entered HE from 2006/07 to 2009/10 who study in Wales, a non means tested Tuition Fee Grant is available to fund part of the tuition fees. This grant is no longer available to students entering Higher Education from 2010/11.

Applicants entering HE from 2012/13 will be eligible to apply for a non means-tested fee grant of up to £5,535 to cover the difference between the maximum £3,465 fee loan and the actual fee charged by the University or College (up to a maximum of £9,000).

**Table 4C(i) : Tuition Fee Loans awarded to applicants domiciled in Wales and EU domiciled applicants studying in Wales according to country of study (two months into the academic year)
Academic years 2012/13 to 2014/15**

• Table 4C(i) represents awards at an early in year position which is indicative of the likely out turn of payments in total for the academic year. The figures are obtained two months into the academic year (mid November) and are expected to change before the Paid figures are reported at the end of the academic year in Table 4C(ii).

Key Points:

- For academic year 2014/15, 53,300 applicants were awarded a Tuition Fee Loan two months into the academic year, which amounted to £195.0m compared to 50,800 applicants awarded in 2013/14 academic year which amounted to £177.1m. On average, applicants were awarded a Tuition Fee Loan worth £3,660 for 2014/15 academic year compared to £3,490 awarded at the same point in the 2013/14 academic year.
- For academic year 2014/15, 62 per cent of applicants awarded a Tuition Fee Loan two months into the academic year, intended to study in Wales, compared to 63 per cent at the same point in academic year 2013/14.

Entry Cohort	Country of Study	Number of Applicants Awarded (000s)			Amount Awarded (£m)			Average Amount Awarded (£) [22]		
		2012/13 (as at 17/11/13)	2013/14 (as at 17/11/13)	2014/15 (as at 16/11/14)	2012/13 (as at 17/11/13)	2013/14 (as at 17/11/13)	2014/15 (as at 16/11/14)	2012/13 (as at 17/11/13)	2013/14 (as at 17/11/13)	2014/15 (as at 16/11/14)
Prior to 2010/11 [32]	Wales	2.4	0.3		3.1	0.6		1,290	1,840	
	England	1.5	0.2		4.8	0.8		3,160	3,340	
	Other	0.1	0.0		0.2	0.0		1,780	1,920	
2010/11	Wales	16.7	9.4	1.6	55.6	31.8	5.4	3,320	3,380	3,350
	England	9.2	5.9	1.6	29.9	19.2	5.4	3,250	3,270	3,360
	Other	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	1,940	1,950	1,940
From 2012/13 [35]	Wales	12.5	22.0	31.2	41.9	78.6	115.0	3,350	3,560	3,690
	England	7.0	12.6	18.5	23.4	45.1	68.1	3,360	3,590	3,670
	Other	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.9	3,170	3,530	3,430
Total [20][23]		49.7	50.8	53.3	159.4	177.1	195.0	3,210	3,490	3,660

'*' - negligible but not zero, '0.0' - zero, 'n/a' - not applicable

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

The tuition fees charged vary from country to country of institution. The average amounts in this table illustrate the effect of those differences.

**Table 4C(ii) : Tuition Fee Loans paid to Higher Education Institutions on behalf of students domiciled in Wales and EU domiciled applicants studying in Wales according to country of study (final)
Academic years 2011/12 to 2013/14**

Key Points:

- For academic year 2013/14, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) were paid Tuition Fee Loans on behalf of 50,600 students which amounted to £172.6m compared to 48,200 students paid in academic year 2012/13 amounting to £155.9m. On average, students took out a Tuition Fee Loan of £3,410 for academic year 2013/14, compared to £3,230 in 2012/13.
- For academic year 2013/14, 63 per cent of students who had Tuition Fee Loans paid on their behalf were studying in Wales, compared to 65 per cent in academic year 2012/13.

Entry Cohort	Country of Study	Number of Students Paid (000s)			Amount Paid (£m)			Average Amount Paid (£) [22]		
		2011/12 (as at 31/08/12)	2012/13 (as at 31/08/13)	2013/14 (as at 31/08/14)	2011/12 (as at 31/08/12)	2012/13 (as at 31/08/13)	2013/14 (as at 31/08/14)	2011/12 (as at 31/08/12)	2012/13 (as at 31/08/13)	2013/14 (as at 31/08/14)
Prior to 2012/13	Wales	30.4	18.8	9.7	79.5	58.2	31.7	2,610	3,100	3,270
	England	15.0	10.3	6.1	49.1	33.7	19.6	3,270	3,290	3,230
	Other	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.3	1,960	1,970	1,950
From 2012/13 [35]	Wales	n/a	12.3	22.1	n/a	41.0	76.5	n/a	3,330	3,460
	England	n/a	6.5	12.4	n/a	22.2	43.8	n/a	3,390	3,540
	Other	n/a	0.1	0.2	n/a	0.3	0.7	n/a	3,400	3,530
Total [20]		45.7	48.2	50.6	129.1	155.9	172.6	2,820	3,230	3,410

'*' - negligible but not zero, '0.0' - zero, '..' - not available, 'n/a' - not applicable

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

The tuition fees charged vary from country to country of institution. The average amounts in this table illustrate the effect of those differences.

Table 4D (i) : Tuition Fee Loan take-up by the estimated eligible population by domicile of student for students domiciled in Wales and EU domiciled students studying in Wales [1]
Academic years 2010/11 to 2012/13

Key Points:

- The percentage of students eligible to take out a Tuition Fee Loan who chose to do so was 87.6 per cent in academic year 2012/13 compared to 83.7 per cent in 2011/12.
- For academic year 2012/13, the take-up rate for Tuition Fee Loan was 88.8 per cent for students domiciled in Wales and 63.2 per cent for EU domiciled students studying in Wales.

	Domicile of Student	Estimated Eligible Population (000s)			Students Taking Out Loans (000s)			Estimated Percentage Take-Up (%)		
		2010/11 (Final)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2010/11 (Final)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2010/11 (Final)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)
	Wales	52.6	52.1	52.5	43.6	44.3	46.7	82.8	85.1	88.8
	EU	2.6	2.5	2.5	1.3	1.4	1.6	51.9	55.2	63.2
Total		55.2	54.6	55.1	44.9	45.7	48.2	81.3	83.7	87.6

'*' - negligible but not zero

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC); Welsh Government

2010/11 figures as at 31/08/2011

2011/12 figures as at 31/08/2012

2012/13 figures as at 31/08/2013

Table 4D (ii) : Tuition Fee Loan take-up by the estimated eligible population by country of study for students domiciled in Wales and EU domiciled students studying in Wales [1]
Academic years 2010/11 to 2012/13

Key Points:

- In 2012/13, the percentage of students eligible to take out a Tuition Fee Loan who chose to do so was 82.8 per cent for study in Wales, compared to 98.2 per cent for study in England.

	Country of Study	Estimated Eligible Population (000s)			Students Taking Out Loans (000s)			Estimated Percentage Take - up (%)		
		2010/11 (Final)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2010/11 (Final)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2010/11 (Final)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)
	Wales	39.8	39.4	37.6	30.8	30.4	31.1	77.4	77.3	82.8
	England	15.0	14.9	17.1	13.8	15.0	16.8	91.8	100.9	98.2
	Other	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	78.7	79.7	87.9
Total		55.2	54.6	55.1	44.9	45.7	48.2	81.3	83.7	87.6

'*' - negligible but not zero

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC); Welsh Government

2010/11 figures as at 31/08/2011

2011/12 figures as at 31/08/2012

2012/13 figures as at 31/08/2013

**Table 4E : Combined Total of Maintenance Loans and Tuition Fee Loans paid for students domiciled in Wales [1]
Academic years 2011/12 to 2013/14**

Key Points

- In academic year 2013/14, 54,500 eligible students borrowed £340.0m in the form of a Maintenance Loan and/or a Tuition Fee Loan - an amount 16% higher than in 2012/13. On average, students took out combined loans worth £6,240 in 2013/14, compared to £5,680 in 2012/13.
- The statistics show that in the 2013/14 academic year, 5,500 (10% of) students received a maintenance loan only, 2,300 (4%) received a tuition fee loan only, and 46,700 (86%) received a combination of loans. Some students received only one type of support as they did not qualify for both, e.g. training nurses would typically only qualify for maintenance support.

Provider Type	Loan Types	Number of Students Paid (000's)			Total Amount Paid (£m)			Average Amount Paid (£) [22]		
		2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2013/14 (Final)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2013/14 (Final)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2013/14 (Final)
Public Provider	Maintenance Loan Only	5.5	5.0	5.5	15.6	13.4	14.8	2,830	2,680	2,720
	Tuition Fee Loan Only	2.2	2.4	2.3	6.5	7.8	7.9	2,970	3,230	3,360
	Maintenance Loan and Tuition Fee Loan	42.0	44.0	46.4	247.0	270.7	314.7	5,880	6,150	6,780
Total		49.7	51.4	54.2	269.1	291.8	337.4	5,410	5,670	6,230
Alternative Provider	Maintenance Loan Only	*	*	*	0.1	0.1	*	4,510	5,310	n/a
	Tuition Fee Loan Only	*	*	*	*	*	*	3,360	3,950	n/a
	Maintenance Loan and Tuition Fee Loan	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.9	1.5	2.6	7,210	7,960	9,250
Total		0.2	0.2	0.3	1.0	1.6	2.6	6,750	7,720	9,070
All Providers	Maintenance Loan Only	5.5	5.0	5.5	15.7	13.4	14.9	2,830	2,690	2,720
	Tuition Fee Loan Only	2.2	2.4	2.3	6.6	7.8	7.9	2,970	3,230	3,360
	Maintenance Loan and Tuition Fee Loan	42.1	44.2	46.7	247.9	272.2	317.3	5,880	6,150	6,800
Grand Totals		49.9	51.6	54.5	270.1	293.4	340.0	5,420	5,680	6,240

* - negligible but not zero, 'n/a' - not applicable, '.' - not available

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

2011/12 figures as at 31/08/2012

2012/13 figures as at 31/08/2013

2013/14 figures as at 31/08/2014

This table combines the loan amounts shown in Tables 4A and 4B. The number of students is higher than in either of those tables because although the majority take out both types of loans, some take out Maintenance Loans only and some take out Tuition Fee Loans only.

Section 5: Part Time and Postgraduate support

Table 5A: Payments to Part-Time Students domiciled in Wales and EU (Outside UK) domiciled students studying in Wales [1]

Academic years 2011/12 to 2013/14

Key Points

- In academic year 2013/14, 7,000 part-time students were paid some part-time Grants and Loans, which amounted to £15.2m, compared to 7,300 students paid in 2012/13 academic year which amounted to £15.6m paid. On average, part-time students were paid grants worth £2,190 for the 2013/14 academic year compared to £2,150 paid for the 2012/13 academic year.

Part-Time Product Types		Number of Students Paid (000's)			Total Amount Paid (£m)			Average Amount Paid (£) [22]		
		2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2013/14 (Provisional)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2013/14 (Provisional)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2013/14 (Provisional)
Part-Time Grants	Course Grant and Grants for Dependants	7.2	7.2	6.9	10.2	10.7	10.3	1,420	1,480	1,490
	Tuition Fee Grant	6.3	6.4	6.2	3.9	4.2	4.1	630	660	660
Part-Time DSA		0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.8	2,870	2,870	3,070
Total		7.2	7.3	7.0	14.8	15.6	15.2	2,050	2,150	2,190

*** - negligible but not zero, 'n/a' - not applicable, '..' - not available

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

Table 5B: Payments of DSA to Postgraduate students [1]

Academic years 2011/12 to 2013/14

Key Points

- Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) is administered separately to other types of student support. Students submit suppliers invoices over a period longer than the academic year concerned; for this reason figures for 2013/14 remain subject to change.
- Provisional figures for 2013/14 show that so far 300 students have received Postgraduate DSA support to the amount of £0.7m.

Postgraduate Product Types	Number of Students Paid (000's)			Total Amount Paid (£m)			Average Amount Paid (£) [22]		
	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2013/14 (Provisional)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2013/14 (Provisional)	2011/12 (Final)	2012/13 (Final)	2013/14 (Provisional)
Postgraduate DSA	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.7	2,430	2,510	2,190

*** - negligible but not zero, 'n/a' - not applicable, '..' - not available

Source: Student Loans Company Limited (SLC)

2011/12 figures as at 13/11/2013

2012/13 figures as at 12/11/2014

2013/14 figures as at 12/11/2014

These tables show the breakdown of different products paid to students not covered by full time regulations. They cover Wales domiciled students studying in the UK and EU (outside UK) students studying in Wales. Part time course grants are paid directly to the student while the part-time tuition fee grant and part-time tuition fee loan is paid directly to the HEI on behalf of the student. Post graduate students on Initial Teacher Training (ITT) courses are covered by full time regulations so appear in the other tables. All other post graduate students only have access to DSA and they are shown in Table 5B.

FOOTNOTES

[1] For explanation refer to 'Definitions' section within this publication.

[2] The rate of Maintenance Grant and Loan is applicable to students normally domiciled in Wales. Extra help is also available for students in certain circumstances.

[3] Using 2014/15 prices based on the September RPI, excluding mortgage interest payments at the beginning of each academic year.

[4] The amount of Maintenance Loan available is reduced by £0.60 for every £1 of Welsh Government Learning Grant (WGLG) received up to a maximum of £2,844 for 2012, 2011 and 2010 cohort (new entrants prior to 2010/11 reduced by £1,288). The maximum amount of support available is therefore lower than the sum of the maximum Maintenance Loan and the maximum Maintenance Grant.

[5] Information is for students domiciled in Wales.

[6] The amount of Tuition Fee Loan is equivalent to the tuition fee charged, up to a maximum of £3,685 in 2014/15. HE institutions in Wales could only charge £1,200 for tuition fees in 2006/07 but will be able to charge up to £9,000 from 2012/13.

[7] Applicants entering Higher Education (HE) from 2012/13 will be eligible to apply for a non means-tested fee grant to cover the difference between the maximum fee loan and the actual fee charged by the University or College (up to a maximum of £9,000). In 2014/15 the maximum fee loan is £3,685 so the maximum fee grant is £5,315.

[8] Based on the 'Elsewhere' rate of loan.

[9] Students in lower-income households will have part of their maintenance needs met through a non-repayable WGLG. Their entitlement to repayable support through a Maintenance Loan will therefore be reduced to reflect this. In practice, this means that the amount of Maintenance Loan a student can receive will be reduced by £0.60 for every £1 of WGLG entitlement up to £2,844.

[10] Reduced by £1 for every £3.77 of income above £18,370.

[11] Reduced by £1 for every £4.315 of income above £26,500.

[12] Reduced by £1 for every £9.67 of income above £34,000.

[13] The Maintenance Loan is reduced by between £50 and £1,106 depending on the amount of WGLG received.

[14] The full 'Elsewhere' rate of Maintenance Loan.

[15] All students are entitled to 75% of the appropriate student loan, but the remaining 25% is subject to means-testing.

[16] The number of students applying to the relevant Award Authority and successfully being awarded student support of some kind under the student support scheme.

[17] This is the distinct count of applicants with at least one awarded product type.

[18] WGLG for students entering HE from 2006/07.

[19] Those that are eligible to apply for a WGLG but were not awarded a grant because their household residual income is greater than the upper earnings threshold to receive a partial grant, or the applicant has not supplied household income information. Note that those applicants who are receiving an NHS bursary are omitted from the grant eligible population.

[20] Constituent parts may not add to totals due to rounding.

[21] Includes the cost of need assessing of the applicants.

[22] Rounded to the nearest £10.

[23] The number will continue to increase as applications continue to be approved and this may change the average value of loan.

[24] Tuition Fee Loans for 2013/14 will be incurred by students at the point of payment to their HEI. Generally 25% will be paid in October 2014, 25% will be paid in February 2015 and 50% will be paid in May 2015.