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HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT SUPPORT APPLICATIONS TO STUDENT FINANCE ENGLAND IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/11 (PROVISIONAL) AS AT 12 AUGUST 2010

INTRODUCTION

As we approach the start of university and college courses for academic year 2010/11, the Student Loans Company, in conjunction with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, is publishing figures to show progress with assessing applications for Student Support in England.

This publication covers applications for maintenance and tuition fee support (i.e. core support) to Student Finance England (SFE) assessed by the Student Loans Company and by English Local Authorities. It includes applications made by continuing students and aspiring new entrants to full time higher education.

Table 1 shows the total number of applications that have been submitted to SFE; of these, the number of applications that are still live and a further breakdown into the following three categories:

- Prepared for payment
- Further evidence or signature is required from the applicant
- Currently with Student Finance England for assessment

More detailed statistics will be included in future publications, including additional information on processing; which stage of the payment process applications have reached; and updates on the processing of applications for Disabled Students' Allowance.

KEY POINTS

- The number of live applications as at 12th August 2010 was 859,000
- 583,000 (68%) have been prepared for payment
- 237,000 (28%) are awaiting customer action to progress
- 39,000 (5%) are currently being assessed by Student Finance England i.e. the Student Loans Company and English Local Authorities

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Table 1 shows the status of Student Support applications to Student Finance England for academic year 2010/11 submitted by 12th August 2010

Appendix A contains footnotes.

Appendix B contains definitions for terms used in this publication.

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RELATED STATISTICAL PUBLICATIONS

These official statistics cover applications for which the resultant student support awards are analysed as part of National Statistics published by the Student Loans Company called 'Student Support for Higher Education in England'. That publication provides statistics on English domiciled and EU domiciled applicants studying in England, which have been awarded for student support by academic year of application.

Publications can be found on SLC Web site: http://www.slc.co.uk/statistics/national_statistics.html

Table 1 : Student Support Applications [1] for Higher Education in England as at 12 August 2010
English domiciled applicants [2]
Full time regulations [3] core applications [4] - high level summary

Application Status [5]	Number of applications for academic year 2010/11 Thousands [6] 12/08/2010	% of live applications for academic year 2010/11 [7] 12/08/2010
Application submitted	881	
Live applications	859	100%
Applications prepared for payment	583	68%
Awaiting further evidence or signature from customer	237	28%
Currently with Student Finance England (i.e. SLC and Local Authorities) for assessment	39	5%

Footnotes - See Appendix A

Appendix A

FOOTNOTES

[1] Applications for student support come from students continuing a course of study or from applicants aspiring to enter a higher education course this year.

[2] This publication covers English domiciled applicants only. It excludes those EU domiciled applicants who attend/ desire to attend English institutions for which they can receive Fee Loan support from the Department for Business Innovation and Skills (BIS) payable by the Student Loans Company directly to the institutions.

[3] This publication covers applications for full time maintenance and tuition fee support only (i.e. core support). There is a different package of support for part time study which is not covered by this publication.

[4] This table is a high level summary covering applications for core support only. Some of the applicants will also apply for “targeted support” such as disabled students’ allowance, childcare grant etc. Applications for disabled students’ allowance will be the subject of a separate table in releases from 26 August onwards.

[5] For an explanation of the Application status see the definitions in Appendix B.

[6] All numbers of applications are rounded to the nearest 1,000. Totals are calculated from un-rounded numbers and, therefore, totals may not add due to rounding.

[7] Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number and, therefore, may not add up to 100%.

Appendix B

DEFINITIONS

Applications submitted	Applications for full-time support that have been submitted online or received on paper.
Live applications	Applications for Student Finance England to take forward after removing those found to be ineligible or those applications cancelled by the applicant before they were prepared for payment.
Prepared for payment	Applications assessed by Student Finance England and prepared for payment. The applicant has signed their declaration form. Where a maintenance grant and/or maintenance loan is due it will be paid once attendance on the course has been confirmed by the institution and, in the case of the loan, once the National Insurance Number (NINO) has been verified. NINO verifications are only required for the first year of study.
Awaiting further evidence or signature from customer	Applications that cannot be progressed until the applicant has provided additional information to Student Finance England. This may include evidence of eligibility or household income or a signed declaration form for application submitted online.
Currently with Student Finance England for assessment	Applications with Student Finance England (i.e. the Student Loans Company and English Local Authorities) for assessment.

Appendix C

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. The statistics were compiled by the Student Loans Company (SLC).
2. Student Finance England is responsible for assessing applications for student support from English domiciled applicants. In 2010/11 the Student Loans Company is responsible for assessing all new applicants and those who were new entrants in 2009/10 whilst the English Local Authorities are responsible for assessing all other continuing students.
3. This publication was produced by the Student Loans Company in collaboration with statisticians in the Department for Business Innovation & Skills (BIS).