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HESES24 training

Essential updates for
experienced staff

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Webinar housekeeping

- Who is presenting today:
 - Host: Roger Lear (backup host – Will Awad)
 - Ross Lawlor, Head of Funding Operations at the Office for Students (OfS)
- Closed captions are available – click the CC icon
- A recording of this session will be available via the OfS website
- Intended audience: provider staff with previous knowledge of HESES
- How to ask a question:
 - please use Q&A rather than ‘chat’
 - use ‘chat’ box to communicate with our events team
- Please let us have your feedback.

Today's session

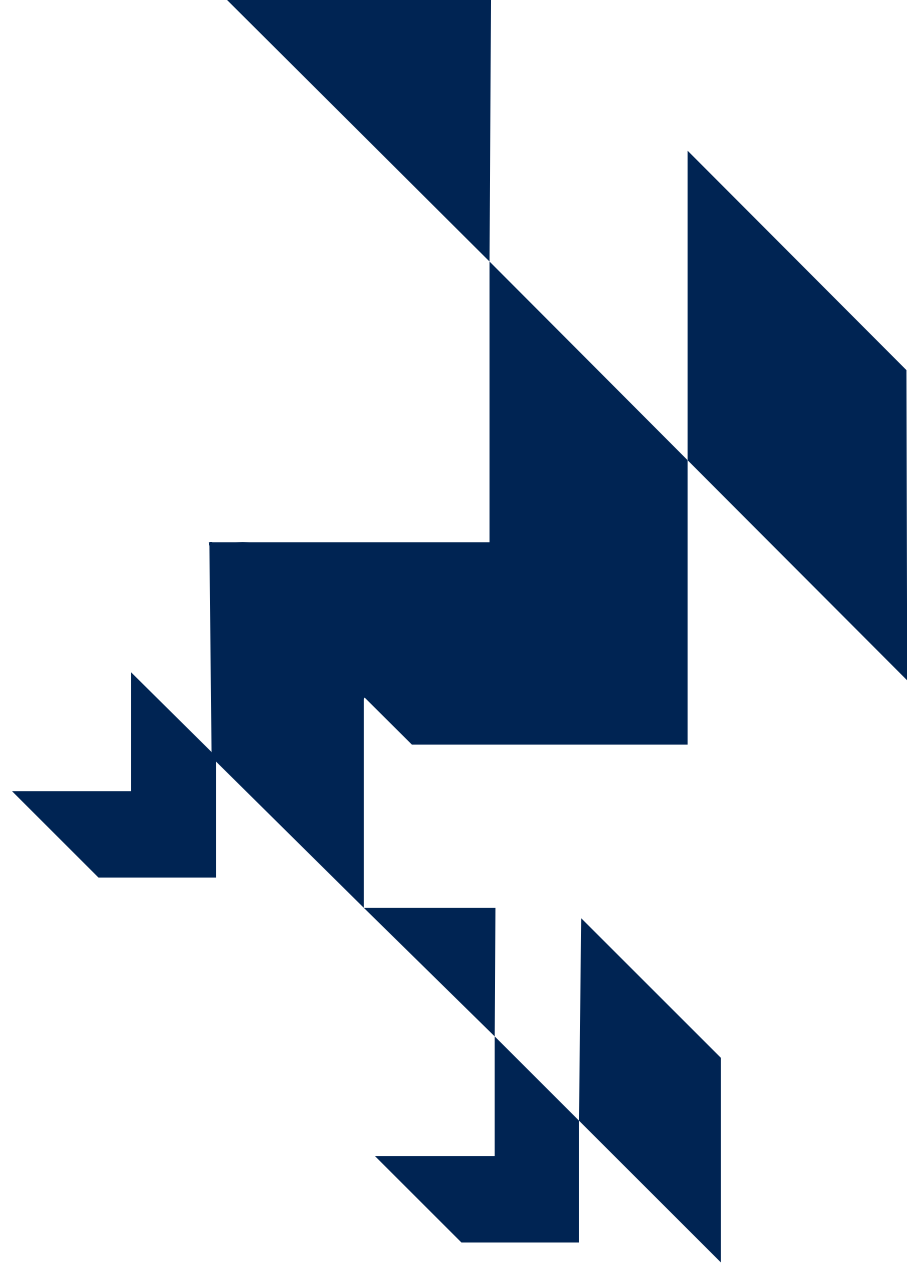
- Format
 - Presentation by Ross Lawlor, Head of Funding Operations
 - Questions and answers
- Your questions
 - Changes to HESES and policy issues related to them
 - Batched wherever possible
 - May take offline if that is more suitable
 - Questions that are very specific to a particular provider should be sent to **heses@officeforstudents.org.uk**



Supporting materials

- A recording of this event and today's slides will be available from the OfS website at www.officeforstudents.org.uk/events
- Providers should also refer to:
 - www.officeforstudents.org.uk/heses: updated as resources are published
 - will include model HESES24 workbooks
 - 'How to complete the HESES24 workbook' publication
 - HESES24 – Higher Education Students Early Statistics survey 2024-25 publication aka '**The HESES guidance document**' (publication due next week)
 - 'HESES24 multiplication factors representations process' publication
 - 'Guide to funding 2024-25' publication
 - search for 'OfS 2024.35' on our website

Changes to data collection for HESES24



Overview of changes for HESES24

Today we will cover:

- changes to student support regulations
- colleges only – Assignment of LDCS / HECoS codes to learning aims
- the 2024-25 HESES workbook and collection / verification process
- use of multiplication factors to derive FTEs to inform 2025-26 funding.

Initially announced in 'Changes to 2024 student data surveys to inform funding' – published 29 July.



Student support regulations

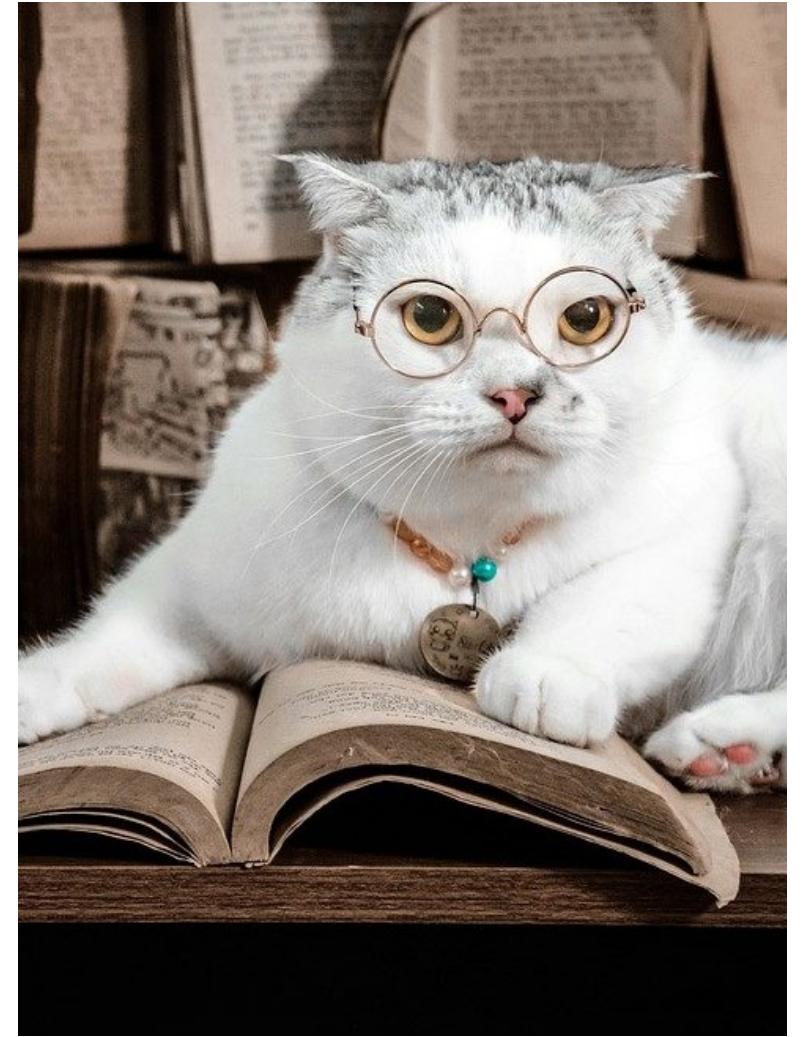
- HESES definitions of residential (fee) and fundability status remain unchanged.

‘Students are classified as ‘Home fee’ if they can be regarded as eligible as defined in [the student support regulations]. Students from specified overseas territories may be classified as eligible for Home fees if they meet the criteria set out in those regulations.’

- Review the legislation for any changes – see information note published by the SLC.
- One change to highlight:
 - ‘Students gaining settled status part-way through their course will become eligible for student support for the rest of their course and will qualify for home fee status.’
- Student fee status should be assessed each year.

Colleges only – learning aim subject codes

- From 2024-25, the ESFA has introduced HECoS codes to the Learning Aims database
- HESES24 reflects this – all providers should use HECoS codes to identify the price group for students
- Information on the HECoS code(s) assigned to a learning aim can be downloaded from the ESFA ‘find a Learning aim’ (FaLA) service
- We will use this information in the HESES24 courses table

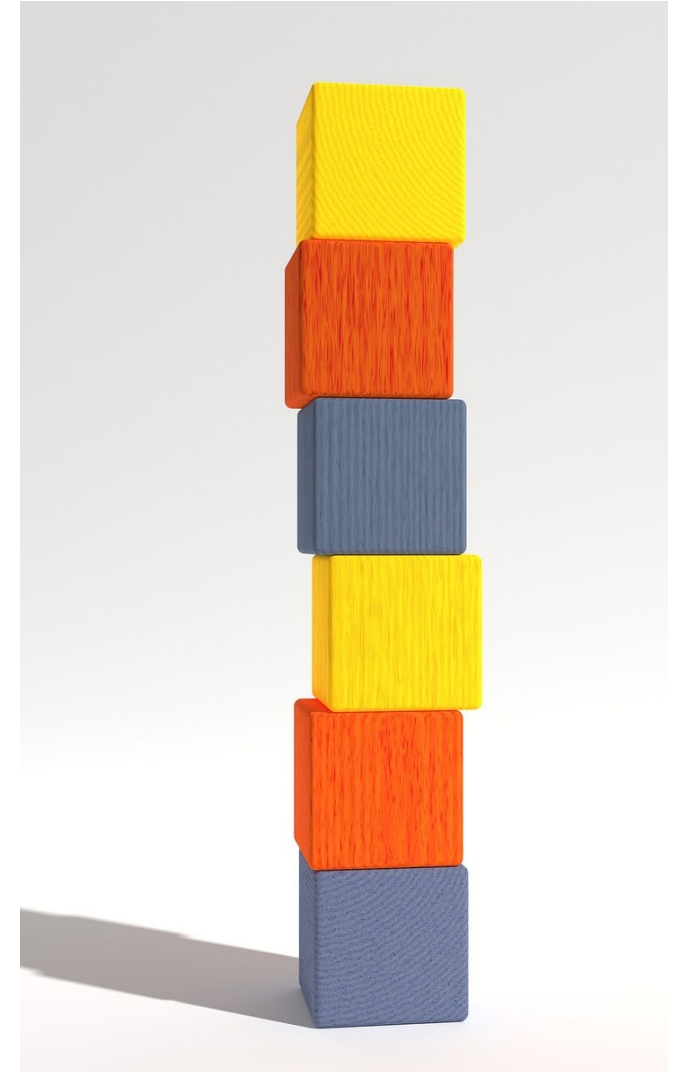


HESES24 – the basics

- Submission deadline – noon on:
 - 13 November 2024 - FECs
 - 11 December 2024 - All other providers
- Sign-off deadline – 31 January 2025
- HESES24 guidance – to be published w/c 16 September
- “Beginners’ webinars”: 17 → 26 September

Key changes for HESES24:

- HESES data tables will remain the same as last year
- Additional tables incorporated to show the multiplication factors for your provider



HESES23 Multiplication factors timeline

Late October 2023	HESES23 workbook available to download from OfS portal
13 November 2023	HESES23 submission deadline for FECs
18 January 2024	HESES23 submission deadline for all other providers
31 January 2024	Sign-off deadline (FECs)
29 February 2024	Sign-off deadline (Other providers)
21 March 2024	Release of multiplication factors and funding FTEs to providers
16 May 2024	Deadline to submit representations on multiplication factors
June 2024	Representations considered by OfS panel
July 2024	Funding allocations for AY24-25 announced

HESES24 & Multiplication factors combined timeline

Late October 2024	HESES24 workbook available to download from OfS portal
1 November 2024	HESES24 census date – further education and sixth form colleges (FECs)
13 November 2024	HESES24 submission deadline for FECs
1 December 2024	HESES24 census date – all other providers
11 December 2024	HESES24 submission deadline for all other providers
31 January 2025	Sign-off deadline for HESES24 data for all providers
14 February 2025	Deadline to submit representations on multiplication factors
Late February 2025	OfS to consider representations
Early March 2025	FTEs to inform funding for 2025-26 agreed

HESES24 workbook changes

- HESES data and comparison tables will remain the same as last year
- Additional tables will show:
 - the current multiplication factors for your provider
 - funding FTEs that result when multiplication factors are applied to your HESES data
 - indicative funding for these funding FTEs (caution!)
- The additional tables will also allow you to identify where multiplication factors do not accurately represent your provider's provision for the 2024-25 academic year

One workbook, two purposes

HESES tables

- Tables 1 → 6c – used to record student year of engagement data
- Comparison tables – used in the data verification process

Multiplication factor tables

- Tables 1→3,6a, 6c – show multiplication factors, calculated funding FTEs and indicative funding for each combination of:
 - mode of study
 - price group
 - length of year
 - level of study
 - healthcare profession (tables 6a and 6c).

How multiplication factors inform funding 1

HESES records 'years of engagement' categorised by mode / level / price group, etc



HESES24 data does **not** reflect:

- the study intensity of part-time students
- historical rates of non-completion.

We use multiplication factors to account for these.

How multiplication factors inform funding 2

For 2023-24 provision

- March 2024 – initial M factors calculated from provider / sector HESES22 data
- May 2024 – representations process
- June 2024 – M factors agreed as representative of 23-24 provision

For 2024-25 provision

- Starting point - use the M factors agreed as representative for 23-24
- New provision only – apply an M factor based on HESES22 data

Multiplication factor representations

- If you think an M factor should be amended to better reflect your 2024-25 provision, this can be entered into the workbook
- When you upload a workbook to the OfS portal it will also read in any representations
- No limit to the number of times you can upload
- On 14 February we will take the most recent version of the workbook to identify any representations you want to make
- Representations can be uploaded at any point, but will not be reviewed until after HESES verification closes

Questions

Please use the Q&A box



Other HESES24 training

- For those new to HESES
 - **Introduction to OfS funding and HESES24**
 - Tuesday 17 September 2024
 - **Categorising your students using HESES24 definitions**
 - Thursday 19 September 2024
 - **Identifying and counting students to be included in HESES24**
 - Tuesday 24 September 2024
 - **Getting HESES24 signed-off & multiplication factors**
 - Thursday 26 September 2024

- More information and recordings: www.officeforstudents.org.uk/events.

How to find out more

Website: www.officeforstudents.org.uk/heses

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