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# 2020-21 HESA Student Alternative data checking tool

HESES20 comparison rebuild  
instructions

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# Summary

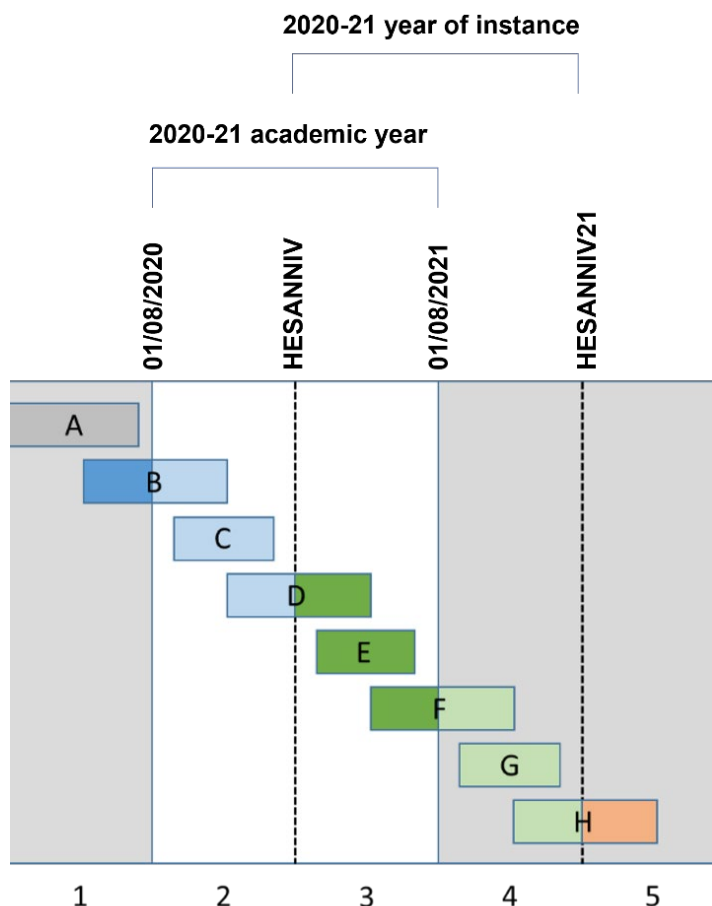
1. This document describes how the Higher Education Students Early Statistics (HESES) recreation data can be rebuilt from the HESES20 comparison individualised file.
2. The HESES20 comparison is formed of two files. These are:
  - a. HESES20 comparison workbook 'HES20\_DCT\_XXXXXXXX.xlsx'
  - b. HESES20 comparison individualised file 'HES20\_DCT\_XXXXXXXX\_IND.csv'.
3. Further details on each aspect of the calculation of teaching grant can be found in the 'Annual funding' section of the Office for Students (OfS) website ([www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/funding-for-providers/annual-funding/](http://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/funding-for-providers/annual-funding/)).
4. Each section of this document details how to rebuild specific populations of students that appear on the tables in the HESES20 comparison workbook. These tables are listed below.

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1 Full-time	HESES20 recreation Table 1: Full-time counts of years of instance
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D Overseas	2021-22 Grant tables Table D: 2021-22 Overseas study programmes
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Worksheet	Title
F Student access and success	2021-22 Grant tables Table F: 2021-22 Student access and success
G Parameters	2021-22 Grant tables Table G: 2021-22 Parameters in the funding models

## Method of estimating FTE for part-time years of instance

5. The diagram below shows six different types of instance periods (labelled A to F) that could be recorded in the 2020-21 HESA Student Alternative record. Other types could be recorded, but for understanding the method we use to estimate FTE, it is not necessary to illustrate all of them. The instance period types labelled G and H cannot be recorded in the 2020-21 HESA Student Alternative record, but it is necessary to consider these types when estimating FTE.



6. The numbers at the bottom of the diagram correspond to the numbers assigned to HESSTARTCASE and HESENDCASE; for example, an instance period of type F would have HESSTARTCASE = 3 and HESENDCASE = 4.
7. Column 4a of Tables 3 and 6c of the HESES20 recreation shows estimated FTE for 2020-21 part-time years of instance. This is the estimated FTE for the activity between COMDATE, or the anniversary of COMDATE in the 2020-21 academic year (HESANNIV), and the anniversary of COMDATE in the 2021-22 academic year (HESANNIV21). This activity is shaded dark and light green.
8. Where an instance period starts before HESANNIV and ends in the 2020-21 academic year (i.e. instance period type D), we calculate the fraction of the period that occurred in the 2020-21 year of instance and multiply this by the period's STULOAD to estimate the FTE. In this case, the FTE would be less than the value of STULOAD.

9. Where an instance period starts on or after HESANNIV and ends in the 2021-22 academic year (i.e. after 31 July 2021), but before HESANNIV21 (i.e. instance period type F), we calculate the fraction of the period that will occur in the 2021-22 academic year, multiply this by the period's STULOAD, then add the result to STULOAD to estimate the FTE. In this case, the FTE would be greater than the value of STULOAD.
10. Where an instance period starts before HESANNIV, and ends after 31 July 2021 and before HESANNIV21 (i.e. if instance period types D and F were joined together), we add FTE for the activity after 31 July 2021, and subtract FTE for the activity before HESANNIV.
11. Where an instance period starts after 31 July 2021 (i.e. instance period types G and H), it would not be recorded in the 2020-21 HESA Student Alternative record. However, any activity that occurs before HESANNIV21 (shaded light green) should be included when estimating FTE for the 2020-21 year of instance. We estimate the contribution from this activity by calculating the FTE for the activity from corresponding instance periods in the 2020-21 academic year (i.e. instance period types C and D). This activity is shaded light blue in the diagram as it occurred in the 2019-20 year of instance. The contribution excludes the FTE from instance periods starting before 1 August 2020 (i.e. the light blue part of instance period type B), because this activity corresponds with the light green part of instance period type F in the 2020-21 year of instance, and this activity is already included in the FTE estimation.
12. When rebuilding the Column 4a figures in the workbook, it is necessary to distinguish between fields ending in '\_INCLEST' and those ending in '\_EXCLEST'. Fields ending in '\_INCLEST' include an estimate of the contribution from activity that is predicted to occur after 31 July 2021 (based on activity in the 2020-21 academic year), and fields ending in '\_EXCLEST' exclude this estimate. The estimate is used to calculate the total contribution to a Column 4a figure in the workbook from instance periods starting after 31 July 2021. FTE values including and excluding the estimate are shown in the instance period file because the estimate may not necessarily be applicable to the instance for which it has been calculated. For example, a student may complete their studies on the anniversary of their COMDATE in the 2020-21 academic year, but have an instance period associated with them that started on or after 1 August 2020. In this case, an estimate of predicted activity after 31 July 2021 would be shown in the instance period file, even though the student would no longer be studying at this point. Nevertheless, it is necessary to include this estimate when aggregating FTE values so that we can more accurately estimate the activity of a student in their first year of the same course, for whom there would be no activity before COMDATE that could be used to predict activity after 31 July 2021.
13. The method described in paragraphs 8 to 11 is applied to every instance period in order to calculate the proportion of its STULOAD that can be attributed to the 2020-21 year of instance. However, we only use the estimated FTE in the instance period file that is associated with part-time years of instance to rebuild the HESES20 tables. As a result, the FTE shown in the individualised file for a particular full-time or sandwich year out year of instance will not always correspond with the FTE shown for the associated instance periods in the instance period file.

# HESES20 tables recreated using 2020-21 HESA Student Alternative data

**Table 1: Full-time counts of years of instance**

14. For the population that appears in this table, the first filters to apply to the individualised file are:

HESEXCL = 0

HESMODE = FTS

15. Additional filters can be applied to specify years of instance in a particular cell, such as filtering by price group, length of year of instance, level of study, and residential and fundability status.

Derived field	Definition	Values and definitions
HESPRGA, HESPRGB, HESPRGC1, HESPRGC2, HESPRGD	Used to filter to a specific price group	HESPRGA ≠ 0 for price group A HESPRGB ≠ 0 for price group B HESPRGC1 ≠ 0 for price group C1 HESPRGC2 ≠ 0 for price group C2 HESPRGD ≠ 0 for price group D
HESLENGTH	Used to filter to the length of year of instance	HESLENGTH = S for students on a standard length of year of instance HESLENGTH = L for students on a long length of year of instance
HESLEVEL	Used to filter to the level of study	HESLEVEL = UG for students on an undergraduate course HESLEVEL = PGT_UGF for students who are postgraduate taught and eligible under the undergraduate student support regime HESLEVEL = PGT_ML for students who are on postgraduate taught courses that are eligible under the masters' loan arrangements HESLEVEL = PGT_OTH for students who are on postgraduate taught courses that do not fall under the previous two categories HESLEVEL = PGR for students who are on postgraduate research courses
HESATYPE	Used to filter to the residential and fundability status of the year of instance	HESATYPE = HOMEF for Home and EU fundable HESATYPE = HOMENF for Home and EU non-fundable HESATYPE = ISOV for Island and overseas
HESREG	Used to filter Column 1 and Column 2 years of instance	HESREG = 1 for Column 1 HESREG = 2 for Column 2
HESCOMP	Used to filter the completion status of the year of instance	HESCOMP = 3 for Column 3 (non-completions) HESCOMP = 4 for Column 4 (completions)

16. For example, to filter to years of instance on this table that are fundable, in Column 1, and on a standard length year of instance of an undergraduate course, the filters to apply to the individualised file are the following:

HESEXCL = 0

HESMODE = FTS

HESLENGTH = S

HESLEVEL = UG

HESATYPE = HOMEF

HESREG = 1.

17. To count the years of instance that are in price group C1, sum the values of HESPRGC1.

## **Table 2: Sandwich year out counts of years of instance**

18. For the population that appears in this table, the first filters to apply to the individualised file are:

HESEXCL = 0

HESMODE = SWOUT.

19. Further filters to apply are the same as those in Table 1: Full-time counts of years of instance.

20. To find the total years of instance in this population, sum the values of HESPRGC2. The FTEs in this table are calculated by multiplying each year of instance by 0.5.

## **Table 3: Part-time counts of years of instance and FTE**

21. For the population that appears in this table, the first filters to apply to the individualised file are:

HESEXCL = 0

HESMODE = PT.

22. Further filters that can be applied are the same as those in Table 1: Full-time counts of years of instance.

23. To find the FTEs for the years of instance (i.e. the figures in Column 4a) apply the appropriate filters, sum the values of the relevant FTE fields (FTEA\_INCLEST, FTEB\_INCLEST, FTEC1\_INCLEST, FTEC2\_INCLEST, and FTED\_INCLEST) and then divide by 100. This can only be done if the filter HESCOMP = 4 is applied.

24. For example, to identify the total FTEs for years of instance that are in price group B, on a standard length year of instance, at undergraduate level and who are OfS-fundable the filters to apply to the individualised file are:

HESEXCL = 0

HESMODE = PT

HESPRGB ≠ 0



HESLENGTH = S  
HESLEVEL = UG  
HESTYPE = HOMEF  
HESCOMP = 4.

Then sum the values of FTEB\_INCLEST and divide this by 100.

### **Table 5: Further student breakdowns for planning purposes**

25. For the population that appears in this table, the first filter to apply to the individualised file is HESEXCL = 0.

26. To further filter these years of instance, the following fields can be used:

HESLEVEL  
HESREG  
HESTYPE  
HESRESSTAT  
HESMODE.

27. For example, to filter to full-time years of instance that are in Column 1, on an undergraduate course, are fundable and UK-domiciled, then the filters to apply to the individualised file are as follows:

HESEXCL = 0  
HESREG = 1  
HESLEVEL = UG  
HESMODE = FTS  
HESRESSTAT = HOMEF\_UK.

28. To find the equivalent population of new entrants (i.e., students in Section B of this table), apply the above filters as well as HESNEWENTRANT = 1. To find the total headcount of this population sum the HESNEWENTRANT variable.

### **Table 6a: Full-time counts of years of instance on pre-registration health courses**

29. For the population that appears in this table, the first filters to apply to the individualised file are:

HESEXCL = 0  
HESHEALTHPOP = 1  
HESMODE = FTS.

30. To identify OfS-fundable years of instance in Column 1(a) and Column 2(a), the filter to apply to the individualised file is HESTYPE = HOMEF.
31. To identify non-fundable years of instance in Column 1(b) and Column 2(b), the filter to apply to the individualised file is HESTYPE = HOMENF.
32. To identify starters in 2020-21, the filter to apply to the individualised file is HESHEALTHYEAR = 2020-21.
33. Use HESHEALTHPROF1 and HESHEALTHPROF2 to identify years of instance for a particular profession.
34. Further filters can be applied to identify those with a particular length of year of instance or level of study.
35. For example, to identify OfS-fundable years of instance for full-time, undergraduate level, standard length podiatry courses, the filters to apply to the individualised file are:
- HESEXCL = 0  
HESHEALTHPOP = 1  
HESMODE = FTS  
HESTYPE = HOMEF  
HESHEALTHPROF1 = PODCHI  
HESLENGTH = S  
HESLEVEL = UG.
36. Providers with pre-registration nursing, midwifery and allied health courses that are split between two professions will also need to use HESHEALTHPROF2 to identify these years of instance.
37. To find the count of years of instance of a given population in this table, sum the HESHEALTHPOP variable with the relevant filters applied.

### **Table 6b: Sandwich year out counts of years of instance on pre-registration health courses**

38. For the population that appears in this table, the first filters to apply to the individualised file are:
- HESEXCL = 0  
HESHEALTHPOP = 1  
HESMODE = SWOUT.
39. To identify years of instance in the different columns, apply filters as set out in paragraphs 30 to 32.
40. Similar filters can be applied to those in paragraphs 33 and 34 to identify years of instance counted in a particular row.

41. To find the FTE of a given population, sum the HESHEALTHPOP variable with the relevant filters applied and multiply by 0.5.

### **Table 6c: Part-time counts of years of instance on pre-registration health courses**

42. For the population that appears in this table, the first filters to apply to the individualised file are:

HESEXCL = 0

HESHEALTHPOP = 1

HESMODE = PT.

43. To identify years of instance in the different columns, apply filters as set out in paragraphs 30 to 32.

44. Similar filters can be applied to those in paragraphs 33 and 34 to identify years of instance counted in a particular row.

45. To identify Column 4a FTEs firstly apply the filters in paragraph 42 then apply HESCOMP = 4. The sum of HESESFTE\_INCLEST divided by 100 will provide the FTE value of this column.

## Funding tables

46. This section details how the 2021-22 funding allocations can be modelled using the 2020-21 HESA Student Alternative data, where HESES20 data has previously been used.
47. Within these tables the columns titled '2021-22 allocation using HESES20 data (£)' and 'Calculations using HESES20 data' are the figures shown in the latest 2021-22 grant tables. Some of these values may not match the grant tables if there have been any amendments to HESES20 data since the grant announcement or where mergers have taken place.
48. The columns titled '2021-22 allocation using 2020-21 HESA Student Alternative data (£)' and 'Calculations modelled using 2020-21 HESA Student Alternative data' contain values from the 2020-21 HESA Student Alternative data, and calculations that are based on this data.
49. The columns titled 'Difference (£)' are the figures calculated using 2020-21 HESA Student Alternative data minus the figures calculated using HESES20 data.

### Table A: 2021-22 Summary of allocations

50. This table is a summary of the teaching grant allocations shown in Tables B, C, D, E and F. This table will be used to identify unusual differences at a high level; the tables on the five other sheets can then be used to look at the differences in more detail.

### Table B: 2021-22 High-cost subject funding

51. This table shows the calculation of 2021-22 high-cost subject funding.
52. 'FTEs from '1 Full-time', '2 Sandwich' and '3 Part-time' is the sum of Column 4 of the '1 Full-time' tab, Column 4 of the '2 Sandwich' tab multiplied by 0.5 and Column 4a of the '3 Part-time' tab.
53. 'FTE adjustment' is taken from column E.
54. 'Total FTEs for 2021-22 high-cost subject funding' is the sum of the FTEs in columns H and I.
55. 'High-cost subject funding (£)' is the 'Total FTEs for 2021-22 high-cost subject funding' multiplied by the rates of funding and scaling factor shown on the 'G Parameters' tab.

### Table C: 2021-22 Nursing, midwifery and allied health supplement

56. This table shows the calculation of the 2021-22 Nursing, midwifery and allied health supplement.
57. 'FTEs from '6a Full-time', '6b Sandwich' and '6c Part-time' are taken from '6a Health full-time', '6b Health sandwich' and '6c Health part-time' of this workbook. It includes the following sections:
- 'Full-time and sandwich year out' is the sum of full-time students taken from Column 4(a) of the '6a Health full-time' tab and sandwich year out students taken from Column 4(a) of the '6b Health sandwich' tab multiplied by 0.5.

b. 'Part-time' is taken from Column 4a(a) of the '6c Health part-time' tab.

58. 'FTE adjustment' is taken from column E.

59. 'Total FTEs for NMAH supplement' is the sum of the FTEs in columns H to J.

60. The 'Nursing, midwifery and allied health supplement (£)' column is the 'Total FTEs NMAH supplement' multiplied by the rate of funding for that profession and level, as shown on the 'G Parameters' tab.

## **Table D: 2021-22 Overseas study programmes**

61. This table shows the calculation of the 2021-22 Overseas study programmes allocation. As it is not possible to recreate Table 4 using 2020-21 HESA Student Alternative data, all figures calculated from 2020-21 HESA Student Alternative data in this table will be shown as zero.

## **Table E: 2021-22 Other high-cost targeted allocations**

62. This table shows the calculation of other targeted allocations.

63. 'FTEs from '1 Full-time', '2 Sandwich' and '3 Part-time' is the sum of Column 4 of the '1 Full-time' tab, Column 4 of the '2 Sandwich' tab multiplied by 0.5 and Column 4a of the '3 Part-time' tab.

64. 'FTE adjustment' is taken from column F.

65. 'Total FTEs for 2021-22 other targeted allocations' is the sum of the FTEs in columns K and L.

66. 'Postgraduate taught supplement (£)' is the 'Total FTEs for 2021-22 other targeted allocations' multiplied by the postgraduate taught supplement parameters shown on the 'G Parameters' tab.

67. 'Intensive postgraduate provision (£)' is the 'Total FTEs for 2021-22 other targeted allocations' multiplied by the intensive postgraduate parameters shown on the 'G Parameters' tab.

68. 'Accelerated full-time undergraduate provision (£)' is the 'Total FTEs for 2021-22 other targeted allocations' multiplied by the accelerated full-time undergraduate provision parameters shown on the 'G Parameters' tab.

## **Table F: 2021-22 Student premium allocations**

69. This table shows the calculation of 2021-22 student premium allocations.

70. **Premium to support successful student outcomes: full-time (main allocation and supplement).** The figure in the 'Total FTEs for 2021-22 Full-time and sandwich year out UG' row is the total FTE for full-time and sandwich year out UGs from the 'Total FTEs for 2021-22 other targeted allocations' column in 'E Other high-cost TAs'.

71. **Premium to support successful student outcomes: part-time.** The figure in the 'Total FTEs for 2021-22: Part-time UG' row is the total FTE for part-time UGs from the 'Total FTEs for 2021-22 other targeted allocations' column in 'E Other high-cost TAs'.

72. **Disabled students' premium.** The 'Total FTEs for 2021-22' figure is the total FTE for all modes and levels from the 'Total FTEs for 2021-22 other targeted allocations' column in 'E Other high-cost TAs'.
73. **Premium for student transitions and mental health.** The 'Headcount of OfS-fundable undergraduate entrants' figure is the total OfS-fundable undergraduates included in 'Section B: New entrants' of the '5 Planning' tab.



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