

Designated locations data for providers with specific course designation – explanation of data

On 1 April 2018 the Office for Students (OfS) commenced operation as the regulator for higher education in England. A new [Regulatory framework](#) (OfS 2018.01) has been published which will come into force from 1 August 2019.

From 1 April 2018 until 31 July 2019, when the new regulatory framework comes into full effect, transitional regulatory arrangements are in place. During this time, the OfS will operate through a combination of powers and duties from previous legislation and the new Higher Education and Research Act 2017 (HERA) powers and duties. Further guidance for providers on how they will be regulated during the transition period can be found in Regulatory Notices 2 (OfS 2018.12) and 3 (OfS 2018.13).

Data about providers regulated during the transition period, can be found in four downloadable data files (in CSV or XML format):

- Provider level data
- Course level data for providers with specific course designation
- **Designated locations data for providers with specific course designation**
- Sub-contractual arrangements for providers that are currently funded up to 31 July 2019 by the OfS.

This document explains the meaning of the data within the **designated locations data** files, where there are links between the data and where further information can be found. References to 'columns' throughout refer to the data in CSV format.

The meaning of the data within the other files is explained in separate explanation documents.

For queries in relation to this regulatory data please contact regulation@officeforstudents.org.uk

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Designated locations data for providers with specific course designation

Up until 31 July 2019 providers with specific course designation will continue to be designated and regulated by the Department for Education (DfE) under the Secretary of State's powers. The DfE has published [guidance on the criteria and conditions for specific course designation](#). [Regulatory Notice 3](#) (OfS 2018.13) sets how the DfE and the OfS will work together during the transition period.

[Specific course designation](#) enables higher education providers that are not currently in receipt of government higher education funding to apply for access to [undergraduate student support](#), [disabled students' allowances \(DSA\)](#) and [postgraduate masters' loans](#).

Each location where eligible students receiving support are to be taught must be designated. This data lists the locations designated for each provider with specific course designation, including institutional level specific course designation.

For providers with specific course designation, this locations data should be considered together with the 'designated courses' data for details of the specific courses designated at each location.

For providers with institutional level specific course designation, all courses that meet the requirements in student support regulations at each designated location are designated for student support.

The University of Buckingham (UKPRN: 10007787) is not included in the designated locations data as there are no location restrictions on its designation. Eligible students studying on courses delivered by this provider at any location, that meet the requirements set out in student support regulations, can apply for student support.

	Data	Explanation
A	UKPRN	This is the unique identifier allocated to a provider by the UK Register of Learning Providers (UKRLP).
B	Legal name	The legal name of the provider. Legal names are sourced from the UK Register of Learning Providers (UKRLP), and are verified by the UKRLP from a recognised legal source, such as Royal Charter, Companies House etc. Providers may also use one or more trading name(s) and these are detailed in the provider level data.
C	Has institutional level specific course designation	Institutional level specific course designation (ILSCD) means that all eligible courses at the provider's designated locations are automatically designated for student support, rather than being designated at specific course level. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Yes' in this column confirms that the provider has ILSCD. Details of the locations that have been designated can be found in columns D-G.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘-’ in this column confirms that the provider does not have ILSCD. See the course level data for details of the specific courses that have been designated at the designated locations.
D	Location code	A unique location code applied to each location by the provider, to enable accurate identification of the location of teaching by students, the student loans company and other interested parties.
E	Location name	The name of the provider’s designated location.
F	Location address	The address of the provider’s designated location.
G	Location postcode	The postcode of the provider’s designated location.
H	Type of designation	<p>The type of student support available at this designated location.</p> <p>Providers with specific course designation (excluding institutional level specific course designation):</p> <p>The type of designation at each location could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate student support (‘UG loans’) • Postgraduate masters’ loans (‘PG loans’) • Disabled students’ allowances. <p>The ‘designated courses’ data includes details of the specific courses that have been designated at each designated location, and the type of designation for each specific course.</p> <p>Disabled students’ allowances (DSA) are available to eligible students on any undergraduate course designated for undergraduate student support and any postgraduate course which is designated for postgraduate masters’ loans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSA is not listed separately in this column for locations where the provider delivers courses designated for undergraduate student support. • DSA is listed separately in this column for locations where the provider delivers courses designated for postgraduate masters’ loans, or where the provider delivers postgraduate courses which are only designated for DSA. <p>Providers with institutional level specific course designation (ILSCD):</p> <p>The type of designation at each location could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate student support (‘UG loans’) • Postgraduate masters’ loans (‘PG loans’). <p>All courses that meet the requirements in student support regulations at each designated location are designated for student support.</p>

		<p>Disabled students' allowances (DSA) are available to eligible students at any location designated for undergraduate student support and any location designated for postgraduate masters' loans. It is not listed separately as a type of designation for providers with ILSCD.</p>
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