

# Reducing Bureaucracy and Improving Efficiency

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## 1) Update on *information authority* projects

- Harmonisation of success rates.
- Reducing data burden project.
- Reducing paper-based learner documentation project.
- Individualised learner record (ILR) specification 2009/10 support timetable.
- Important changes to the ILR timetable.

## 2) Exercise – Simplifying the Learner Record

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## Harmonisation of Success Rates

- Working group includes LSC, Ofsted, DIUS, DCSF, Data Service and *information authority*
- FE success rates
  - 2006/07 and 2007/08 harmonised across LSC and Ofsted
  - will be identical in future years
- Apprenticeship and Train to Gain success rates
  - LSC and Ofsted committed to common approach
  - influence reporting for 2007/08
  - address methodologies for 2008/09
- Communication about differences

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## Reducing the Data Burden (1)

- LSC Ad-hoc data demands
  - Response presented to *information authority* board
  - LSC committed to further progress
- LSC audit
  - Case study to be completed with Construction Learning World
- ESF
  - Working with ESF team
  - Meeting with provider (Stratford Business Services)

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## Reducing the Data Burden (2)

- Awarding Bodies
  - Workshop 23<sup>rd</sup> July
  - Various meetings including NAA, Becta and FAB
  - Paper proposing way forward
- Connexions
  - Being progressed
- Data Service
  - New Service Desk support arrangements will help to tackle data burden issues

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## Reducing paper-based learner documentation

- Carrying out independent review
  - with support of LSC
  - existing practice for collecting and storing data
  - audit requirements
- Delivery date for report: December 2008

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## **Individualised learner record (ILR) specification 2009/10 support timetable**

- Board meeting 1 October 2008 agreed changes
- Publish summary of changes in October 2008
- Publish full specification 26 November 2008
- Publish support manuals March 2009

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## Important changes to the ILR timetable

The timetable for the individualised learner record (ILR) returns has been amended after consultation with colleagues in the further education system.

- The firm close of 2007/08 ILR F05 on 6 February 2009.  
**Providers cannot submit amended returns after this date.**
- The timetable for using data from the ILR F01 for 2008/09 and F05 for 2007/08 to inform the LSC allocations process.

# Exercise – Simplifying the Learner Record

## Introduction

- Issue: providers needing to keep paper records in addition to ILR data for auditors
- Independent research commissioned by *the information authority* highlighted many additional issues
- An independent examination of current practices is being carried out
- Recommendations will then be made for improvement

# Exercise – Simplifying the Learner Record

## How can you get involved?

- *Where are we now?*
  - Plotting the Learner Journey as it is now
- *Where do we want to get to?*
  - Plotting the Learner Journey in an ideal world
- *How can we get there?*
  - Your recommendations for our report