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# **Pupil Premium 2014 to 2015: conditions of grant**

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## Introduction

1. Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) 2014-2015 will be paid pursuant to Section 14 of the Education Act 2002 and, in accordance with Section 16 of that Act, the Secretary of State lays down the following terms and conditions on which assistance is given in relation to the PPG payable to the local authority for the financial year beginning 1 April 2014.

2. PPG provides funding for two policies:

- Raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and closing the gap with their peers; and
- Supporting children and young people with parents in the regular armed forces

The PPG per pupil for 2014-2015 is as follows:

<b>Disadvantaged pupils</b>	<b>Pupil Premium per pupil</b>
Pupils in Year Groups R to 6 recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£1,300
Pupils in Year Groups 7 to 11 recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£935
Looked After Children (LAC)	£1,900
Children adopted from care under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 <sup>1</sup> and children who have left care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order	£1,900
<b>Service children</b>	
Pupils in Year Groups R to 11 recorded as Ever 4 Service Child or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.	£300

## Ever 6 FSM

The Pupil Premium for 2014-2015 will include pupils on the January 2014 School Census known to have been eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) in any of the previous six years, as well as those first known to be eligible at January 2014.

For the purposes of these grants conditions, “**Ever 6 FSM**” means those pupils recorded on the January 2014 School Census<sup>2</sup> who were recorded as known to be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) on any of the termly censuses since Summer 2008, including the January 2014 School Census. Each pupil will only be counted once: for example, if a pupil on the January 2014 Census is recorded as known to be eligible for FSM and was recorded as known to be eligible for FSM on the Summer 2013 and Autumn 2013 Censuses, they will be counted as **one** Ever 6 FSM pupil for calculating allocations for

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<sup>1</sup> Eligible children are those adopted from care on or after 30 December 2005 which is the date the Adoption and Children Act 2002 was implemented.

<sup>2</sup> References to the School Census and other termly censuses, are those collected by the Department for Education in England.

the PPG in 2014-2015.

## Children adopted from care

The Pupil Premium for 2014-2015 will include those pupils recorded on the January 2014 School Census who were looked after immediately before being adopted on or after 30 December 2005<sup>3</sup>, or were placed on a Special Guardianship or Residence Order immediately after being looked after (known as **post-LAC** for the remainder of this document). A child should be recorded as such where the parent or guardian of the child has informed the school that the child has been adopted from care or has left care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order.

## Ever 4 Service Child

For the purposes of these grant conditions, “**Ever 4 Service Child**” means a pupil recorded on the January 2014 census who was eligible for the Service Child premium in 2011-2012, 2012-2013 or 2013-2014, as well as those recorded as a Service Child for the first time on the January 2014 Census. Each pupil will only be counted once: for example, if a pupil on the January 2014 Census is recorded as a Service Child in January 2014 and on the January 2013 Census, they will only be counted as **one** Ever 4 Service Child for calculating allocations for the PPG in 2014-15.

The grant will be allocated as set out in sections A, B and C below. Where National Curriculum Year Groups do not apply to a pupil, the pupil will attract PPG if aged 4 to 15 as recorded on the January 2014 Census.

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<sup>3</sup> The Adoption and Children Act 2002 was implemented on 30 December 2005.

## **A. Pupil Premium for Ever 6 FSM Pupils, post-LAC, and Ever 4 Service Children in Mainstream Schools<sup>4</sup>**

3. This element of the PPG will be allocated to local authorities on the basis of:

- £1,300 per pupil for each Ever 6 FSM full time equivalent (FTE) pupil aged 4 and over in Year Groups R to 6 in mainstream schools, except where the pupil is allocated the LAC or post-LAC Premium;
- £935 per pupil for each Ever 6 FSM FTE in Year Groups 7 to 11 in mainstream schools, except where the pupil is allocated the LAC or post-LAC Premium ;
- £1,900 per pupil for each post-LAC in Year Groups R to 11 in mainstream schools;
- £300 per pupil for each Ever 4 Service Child FTE pupil aged 4 and over in Year Groups R to 11 in mainstream schools; and
- £300 for each pupil aged 4 and over in Year Groups R to 11 who is in receipt of pensions under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS).

For pupils recorded as aged 5 and over on the School Census, PPG will be allocated on the basis of Sole and Dual Main registrations only.

4. The local authority must allocate to each school it maintains for each FTE pupil on the January 2014 School Census, the following amounts:

- for each Ever 6 FSM FTE pupil aged 4 and over in Year Groups R to 6, £1,300 per pupil, except where the pupil is allocated the LAC or post LAC Premium;
- for each Ever 6 FSM FTE pupil in Year Groups 7 to 11, £935 per pupil , except where the pupil is allocated the LAC or post-LAC Premium.
- for each post-LAC pupil in Year Groups R to 11, £1,900;
- for each FTE pupil who is an Ever 4 Service child aged 4 and over in Year Groups R to 11, £300 per pupil; and
- for each pupil aged 4 and over in Year Groups R to 11, who is in receipt of pensions under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS), £300.

5. For pupils recorded as aged 5 and over on the School Census, PPG must be

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<sup>4</sup> For the purposes of these conditions of grant, mainstream school means infant, junior, primary, middle, secondary, high schools, special school and Pupil Referral Units. It does not include General Hospital Schools or other Alternative Provision.

allocated on the basis of Sole and Dual Main registrations only.

Local authorities should not pay PPG to Academies (including special and AP academies) that have converted by the start of Summer Term 2014, as they will receive their PPG directly from the Education Funding Agency (EFA). Local authorities should pay PPG to a mainstream school due to convert to Academy status: by the start of the Autumn Term 2014, 5/12ths of their annual allocation; or, by the start of the Spring Term 2015, 9/12ths of their annual allocation. Schools converting after the start of the Spring Term 2015 should be paid their full allocation by the local authority. The Department will adjust the local authority's PPG allocation to reflect this and the remaining allocation will be paid directly to the Academy by the EFA.

6. Schools federated, or to be federated, under the provisions of section 24 of the Education Act 2002, during the financial year beginning 1 April 2014 shall have grant allocated to them as if they were not federated.

7. The grant must be made available irrespective of the existence of any deficit relating to the expenditure of the school's budget share. PPG is not part of schools' budget shares and is not part of the Individual Schools Budget. It is not to be counted for the purpose of calculating the Minimum Funding Guarantee.

## **Terms on which PPG is allocated to schools**

8. The grant may be spent by maintained schools for the purposes of the school; that is to say for the educational benefit of pupils registered at that school, or for the benefit of pupils registered at other maintained schools; and on community facilities, for example services whose provision furthers any charitable purpose for the benefit of pupils at the school or their families, or people who live or work in the locality in which the school is situated.

9. The grant does not have to be completely spent by schools in the financial year beginning 1 April 2014; some or all of it may be carried forward to future financial years.

## **Pupil numbers to be used in calculation of PPG for mainstream schools**

10. The following pupil numbers will be used to allocated the Pupil Premium to mainstream schools:

(a) the number of pupils recorded on the January 2014 School Census who are Ever 6 FSM (not eligible for the LAC and post-LAC premium), post-LAC and Ever 4 Service child FTE pupils aged 4 and over in Year Groups R to 11; or

(b) in the case of a school which is to open during the 2014-2015 financial year; the number of Ever 6 FSM (not eligible for the LAC and post-LAC premium), post-LAC and Ever 4 Service child pupils (FTE) aged 4 and over in Years Groups R to 11, on the Autumn 2014 School Census; or

(c) in the case of a school where proposals for the establishment of the school have not been fully implemented, and at the start of the Autumn term 2014, the number of years elapsed since the day on which the school opened is less than

the number of year groups in the school, 7/12ths of the number of Ever 6 FSM pupils (not eligible for the LAC or post LAC premium) and post-LAC pupils aged 4 and over in Years Groups R to 11 on the Autumn 2014 School Census plus 5/12ths of the number of pupils (FTE) aged 4 and over in Year Groups R to 11 eligible for Ever 6 FSM and post-LAC pupils on the January 2014 School Census.

For pupils recorded as aged 5 and over on the School Census, only Sole and Dual Main registrations should be used.

11. A school opening during the financial year beginning 1 April 2014 should receive PPG for the proportion of the financial year for which it is open.

12. In the case of a school which closes during the financial year, the local authority should allocate an amount proportionate to the period of the financial year for which the school is open.

13. Notwithstanding paragraph 10(b) above, in the case of a school which opens during the financial year and receives all the pupils from two, or more, schools which close during the financial year, the school shall receive grant equal to the total which would be payable to those schools had they remained open, proportionate to the period of the financial year for which the school is open.

14. In the case of schools which are to have pupils transferred from a closing school in 2014- 2015; the local authority should allocate the grant that would have been paid to the closing school, had it remained open, to the schools receiving those pupils. The amount to be allocated to each school should be agreed with the schools receiving the pupils but must not exceed in total the amount which would have been allocated to the closing school had it remained open. The amount allocated to the closing school is set out in paragraph 12 above.

## **B. Pupil Premium for Ever 6 FSM Pupils in non-mainstream schools**

15. PPG has also been allocated to each local authority for Ever 6 FSM pupils in General Hospital Schools and Alternative Provision (ie attending schools not maintained by the local authority<sup>5</sup> for which the local authority is paying full tuition fees, plus all pupils educated otherwise than in schools under arrangements made by the local authority). Where the pupil is educated in a non-maintained special school Pupil Premium Grant must be paid to the school. This can be allocated to the non-maintained special school on a termly basis. For other alternative provision pupils, the grant can be allocated to the setting where the child is being educated or held by the local authority to spend specifically on additional educational support to raise the standard of attainment for the aforementioned pupil in 2014-2015. The local authority must consult the non-mainstream settings about how to use the amount held by the local authority to support children educated in non-mainstream settings.

16. For non-mainstream schools that complete the School Level Annual Census (SLASC), rather than the main School Census, Pupil Premium will be based on the number of FTE pupils recorded as FSM on the January 2014 SLASC.

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<sup>5</sup> Including Non-maintained Special Schools

## C. Looked After Children (LAC)<sup>6</sup>

### Basis of the allocations to the local authority

16. The Department will allocate a **provisional** allocation of £1,900 per child for the number of children looked after for at least one day as recorded in the **March 2013** Children Looked After Data Return (SSDA903) and aged 4 to 15 at 31 August 2012. This allocation will be **updated and finalised in October 2014** based on the number of children looked after for at least one day as recorded in the **March 2014** Children Looked After Data Return (SSDA903) and aged 4 to 15 at 31 August 2013.

### Use of the Looked After Children Premium

17. The grant allocation for Looked After Children must be managed by the designated Virtual School Head<sup>7</sup> in the authority that looks after those children to be used for the benefit of the looked after child's educational needs as described in their Personal Education Plan (PEP). The Virtual School Head should ensure there are arrangements in place to discuss with the child's education setting – usually with the designated teacher – how the child will benefit from any pupil premium funding. The local authority is not permitted to carry forward funding held centrally into the financial year 2015-2016. Grant held centrally that has not been spent by 31 March 2015 will be recovered as set out in paragraphs 21 and 24 below.

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<sup>6</sup> As defined in Section 22 of the Children Act 1989

<sup>7</sup> This role currently exists in local authorities on a non-statutory basis. Subject to the Children and Families Bill receiving royal assent the role will be statutory.

## **D. Allocation and Payment arrangements**

18. Allocations for the grant will be confirmed in summer 2014 once pupil number data from the January 2014 Census has been validated and agreed. The Grant will be paid by the Secretary of State to the local authority in quarterly instalments by: 30 June 2014; 30 September 2014; 31 December 2014; and 31 March 2015.

### **Certification**

19. Local authorities will be required to certify that they have passed on the correct amount of funding to schools or, where funding has been spent centrally, that it has been spent in line with the conditions of grant. We will issue details of this process in March 2015.

### **Variation**

20. The basis for allocation of grant may be varied by the Secretary of State from those set out above, if so requested by the local authority

### **Overpayments**

21. Any overpayment of grant shall be repaid by the local authority to the Secretary of State.

### **Further information**

22. That the books and other documents and records relating to the recipient's accounts shall be open to inspection by the Secretary of State and by the Comptroller and Auditor General. The Comptroller and Auditor General may, pursuant to Section 6 of the National Audit Act 1983, carry out examinations into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the recipient has used its resources in discharging its grant-aided activities.

23. The local authority shall provide such further information as may be required by the Secretary of State for the purpose of determining whether it has complied with the conditions set out in this document.



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