

Revised (current) implementation – England, Wales

Type	Entity
Name	Full-time equivalence
Description	This entity records the full-time equivalence for Students returned every reference period in a Student course session.
Uniquely Identified By	Each Full time equivalence is uniquely identified by the FullTimeEquivalence.REFPERIOD, the StudentCourseSession.SCSESSIONID and the FullTimeEquivalence.YEAR.
Applicable to Coverage	England, Wales All StudentCourseSessions at providers in England, Wales
Notes	<p>One entity must be returned for each reference period that the StudentCourseSession overlaps with.</p> <p>Typically, we would expect either 3 or 4 entities to be returned for active students, per Student course session (for standard or non-standard students respectively).</p> <p>The reference period that the FTE in FullTimeEquivalence.FTE applies to is identified by the FullTimeEquivalence.YEAR and FullTimeEquivalence.REFPERIOD.</p> <p>Generally, all entities associated with a Student course session should add up to equal no more than 100, unless the student is on an accelerated course.</p>
Quality rules	No more than 4 entities returned per Student Course Session
Reason required	To enable the Office for Students and HEFCW to create a STULOAD for students for the last three reference periods. This is used in SLC eligibility and take up rates.
Part of	Student Course Session
Minimum occurrences	0
Maximum occurrences	4
Has parts	Reference period Year FTE

Fields that would be part of this entity:

Type	Field
Short name	REFPERIOD
Long name	Reference period
Description	This field records the reference period that the FullTimeEquivalence.FTE applies to
Applicable to	England, Wales

Coverage	All FullTimeEquivalence entities
Valid entries and labels	1, 2 or 3
Notes	<p>This records the reference period that the FTE is being recorded for. A value of 1, 2 or 3 would be returned based on which reference period is being recorded as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reference period running from August to November: 1 - Reference period running from December to March: 2 - Reference period running from April to July: 3 <p>This combined with the FullTimeEquivalence.YEAR therefore identifies the reference period that FTE is being recorded for.</p>
Quality rules	Quality rules to follow
Reason required	To uniquely identify the Full-time equivalence and enable linking between entities.
Part of	Full-time equivalence
Field length	2

Type	Field
Short name	YEAR
Long name	Year
Description	This field records the academic year in which the reference period for which FTE is being recorded falls.
Applicable to	England, Wales
Coverage	All FullTimeEquivalence entities
Notes	<p>For the purposes of this field the academic year runs from the 1st of August to the 31 of July.</p> <p>The year recorded in this field refers to the Y1 of academic year Y1/Y2 in which the reference period fall. So the reference period starting in November 2018 or April 2019 both fall within the 2018/19 academic year and so would have 2018 as the year in the FTE entity returned.</p> <p>The FullTimeEquivalence.REFPERIOD field then records the reference period within that academic year for which the FTE is being recorded.</p>
Quality rules	Quality rules to follow
Reason required	To uniquely identify the Full-time equivalence and enable linking between entities.
Part of	Full-time equivalence
Field length	4

Type	Field
Short name	FTE
Long name	Full-time equivalence
Description	This records the full-time equivalence that is applicable to the relevant reference period
Applicable to	England, Wales
Coverage	All FullTimeEquivalence entities
Notes	The FTE value returned should only relate to the relevant year and reference period indicated in FullTimeEquivalence.YEAR and FullTimeEquivalence.REFPERIOD.
Quality rules	Quality rules to follow
Reason required	To record the full-time equivalence for students against each reference period that covers their student course session.
Part of	Full-time equivalence
Field length	4

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Type	Field
Short name	PREDICTEDFTE
Long name	Predicted full time equivalence
Description	This field records the FTE that a student is expected to complete for the StudentCourseSession.
Applicable to	Northern Ireland
Coverage	All StudentCourseSessions at providers in Northern Ireland.
Notes	<p>For providers in Northern Ireland, this collects the FTE that the student is expected to complete for this StudentCourseSession.</p> <p>All students engaging with a CourseSession would generally initially be given the same predictive FTE if they are expected to engage with the full CourseSession. An adjustment may need to be made at individual student level if a student is not expected to complete the full CourseSession, for example if they joined the CourseSession late.</p> <p>The actual FTE completed by the student during the StudentCourseSession must be recorded in the StudentCourseSession.STULOAD once the StudentCourseSession has ended.</p>
Quality rules	Quality rules to follow
Reason required	To monitor intensity of study and to allow analysis by FTE rather than by headcount. Particularly significant for analysing load and allocations of funding for part-time students
Part of	Student course session
Field length	4