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# **Pupil Premium:**

**Conditions of grant 2014 to 2015 for  
academies and free schools**

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## Introduction

1. Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) 2014 to 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 academy 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
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

3. The Pupil Premium for 2014 to 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.

4. 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

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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.

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 the PPG in 2014-2015

## Children adopted from care

5. The Pupil Premium for 2014 to 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 academy that the child has been adopted from care or has left care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order.

## Ever 4 Service Child

6. 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 to 2012, 2012 to 2013 or 2013 to 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 to 2015.

7. The grant will be allocated as set out 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

## **Pupil Premium for Ever 6 FSM Pupils, post-LAC, and Ever 4 Service Children in Academies**

8. 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.

9. PPG is paid to academies in quarterly installments. The payment splits between EFA and local authorities (LA) for academies opening within year are:

- 100% from EFA for academies open at 1 April 2014
- 5/12 from LA and 7/12 from EFA for academies open 1 May 2014 to 1 September 2014
- 9/12 from LA and 3/12 from EFA for academies open 1 October 2014 to 1 January 2015
- 100% from LA for academies opening after 1 January 2015

10. PPG is not part of academies' budget shares and is not part of the Individual Schools Budget. It will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the Minimum Funding Guarantee.

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

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

12. The grant does not have to be completely spent by the academy 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 academies**

13. The following pupil numbers will be used to allocate Pupil Premium to academies:

- (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 free school or new academy which are not included in the January 2014 census; 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 an academy where proposals for the establishment of the academy 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,  $\frac{7}{12}$ ths 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  $\frac{5}{12}$ ths 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.

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

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

16. In the case of an academy which closes during the financial year, the academy should be allocated an amount proportionate to the period of the financial year for which the academy is open.

17. Notwithstanding paragraph 13(b) above, in the case of an academy which opens during the financial year and receives all the pupils from two, or more, schools which close during the financial year, the academy 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 academy is open.

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

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

19. PPG has also been allocated for Ever 6 FSM pupils in General Hospital Schools and Alternative Provision (i.e. attending schools not maintained by the local authority<sup>4</sup>). Where the pupil is educated in a non-maintained special academy Pupil Premium Grant must be paid to the academy. For other alternative provision pupils, the grant will be allocated to the setting where the child is being educated in 2014-2015.

20. 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>4</sup> Including Non-maintained Special Schools

## **Allocation and payment arrangements**

21. The Grant will be paid by the EFA in quarterly instalments in July 2014; October 2014; January 2015, and April 2015.

## **Variation**

22. The basis for allocation of grant may be varied by the Secretary of State from those set out above.

## **Overpayments**

23. Any overpayment of grant shall be repaid by the academy to the EFA, by adjustment to future payments if in year and by adjustment to the general annual grant if after the final payment.

## **Further information**

24. 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.



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