

UCAS Advisory Group Efficiencies

Postgraduate Advisory Group/ Data Advisory Group efficiencies update February 2018

This table outlines the combined efficiencies raised by PAG and the Data group and provides an update on the status and progress of each efficiency. Yellow highlighted items indicate where progress has been made on the item raised.

Green – indicates where solution is in place

Yellow – solution is in progress and has a delivery date

There is a specific question re. DG/PAG9 about whether the collection of scholarship URLs would meet this need?

Number	Short name	Efficiency	Status	Delivery date
DG/PAG1	Fee status	FSQ data Collection; Some HEPs have requested FS calculation service as well. By default, current immigration status data is collected too.	In progress: Will be delivered with PG, for inclusion with UG Calculation tool not currently in scope.	Jun-18
DG/PAG2	International applicants	Previous study in the UK: UKVI compliance; data collection on previous visas and UK Study	In progress: Will be delivered with PG, for inclusion with UG	Jun-18
DG/PAG3	Applicant information - Criminal convictions	Criminal convictions: More details data collection; sensitivity, requires further discussion	In progress: We are collecting the standard and enhanced check (improvement on legacy) and have made improvements to I&A	Jun-18
DG/PAG4	Applicant information - Disability	Disability information: More details data collection; sensitivity, requires further discussion	Will be moving towards allowing a learner to pick more than one disability category but will not be in PG AMS launch, but is included in post launch improvements	TBC
DG/PAG5	Fraud Service	Fraud Service: Extend current detection service, and include option for online lookup for HEPs	Part of wider F&V programme	TBC
DG/PAG6	Qualification verification	English language verification; Should include as many English Language providers as possible, not just UKVI approved	In progress: Ability to add non UKVI is in hand. Ability to validate (e.g. document upload) is in hand. Validation through	Jun-18

			document upload is the only option currently available	
DG/PAG7	Courses subject to approval	In course finder, service for publishing courses subject to approval, and collecting registered interest - for action once approved	No delivery method identified Will be reviewed when EoI decision is made	TBC
DG/PAG8	Data service - all schemes	Monitored data/equality data/protected characteristics: Offer Compliant data collection and Monitoring service	Continue to offer contextual data service and look to make improvements to this annually. MCDS trial is ongoing - reporting July 2018	Ongoing
DG/PAG9	Applicant information - financial	Scholarship/Funding: Expanded service to include intention to apply for national/ international scholarships and funding	Historically when we tried to collect scholarships information on Collect, it was not used by providers. Would collection of scholarship URLs meet this need?	TBC
DG/PAG10	Qualification verification	Qualification verification for PG service: Results service for degree level qualifications	No delivery method identified	TBC
DG/PAG11	Qualification verification	Extension of qualification verification for UG service: Extend results service to include more school and FE level qualifications	In progress: Level 2 proof of concept with CCEA in flight for 2018 cycle (Maths and English only)	2018 entry
DG/PAG12	Visibility of applications in PG	Visibility of current applications in PG service: Show where else the applicant has applied to	Included in future of application tracker product	TBC
DG/PAG13	Application expression of interest	Pre-application Research Proposal Service: Allows those interested in PGR to submit a research proposal to see if HEP can support it; much slimmed down submission prior to full application – to limit number of speculative full applications	EoI for PGR - is included in Search backlog	TBC
DG/PAG14	Data services - PG	Offer App Track and Decision Tracker for PG Service	On backlog for PG	TBC
DG/PAG15	Schools dataset	Further development of schools/colleges dataset: To include mechanisms for gatekeeping Apply centres and dataset	Considered as part of contacts database / schools database review - being addressed as part of continuous work with reference data	TBC
DG/PAG16	Development of agents and partners datasets and portal(s)	Development of agents and partners datasets and portal(s): To include mechanisms for gatekeeping centers and dataset, & ability for agents and	Should follow after PG launch	After PG launch

		partners to control and view their applications		
PAG1	Applicant information - In care/ Carer	in care/registered carer information: More details data collection; sensitivity, requires further discussion	In progress: New questions included in PG AMS	Jun-18