

ESFA Update: 22 July 2020

Action Education and Skills agreements for 2020 to 2021
Reminder July financial collection from colleges deadline
Reminder Change of Control/Ownership Information Provider Relief Scheme (July – October 2020)
Information Sector-based work academies Information revised guidance for the 2020 to 2021 academic year
delivery of industry placements, capacity and delivery fund
Information apprenticeships carry-in allocations for the 2020 to 2021 funding year
Information 2019 to 2020 final claim reconciliation
Information post-16 audit code of practice for 2019 to 2020. Information Summer support to new & existing learners – best practice toolkit of case studies. Information guidance on the coronavirus (COVID-19) catch-up premium

June 2020 Transaction Data

News story

This data provides information about the number and types of applications that HM Land Registry completed in June 2020.



Please note this data shows what HM Land Registry has been able to process during the time period covered and is not necessarily a reflection of market activity.

In June:

- HM Land Registry completed more than 1,431,590 applications to change or query the Land Register
- the South East topped the table of regional applications with 335,601

HM Land Registry completed 1,431,598 applications in June compared with 934,380 in May and 1,662,826 last June 2019, of which:

- 309,329 were applications for register updates compared with 170,249

in May

- 763,301 were applications for an official copy of a register compared with 511,354 in May
- 160,007 were search and hold queries (official searches) compared with 122,626 in May
- 15,665 were postal applications from non-account holders compared with 9,504 in May

Applications by region and country

Region/country	April applications	May applications	June applications
South East	207,028	218,337	335,601
Greater London	169,837	186,442	267,940
North West	99,425	103,848	163,854
South West	79,731	86,804	138,215
West Midlands	70,638	77,657	121,146
Yorkshire and the Humber	64,669	72,103	112,525
East Midlands	62,833	66,259	106,257
North	36,845	43,951	68,061
East Anglia	37,578	38,189	60,465
Isles of Scilly	20	23	22
Wales	37,328	40,735	57,440
England and Wales (not assigned)	38	32	72
Total	865,970	934,380	1,431,598

Top 5 local authority areas

Top 5 local authority areas	April applications	Top 5 local authority areas	May applications	Top 5 local authority areas	June applications
City of Westminster	13,467	City of Westminster	14,252	Birmingham	20,852
Birmingham	12,657	Birmingham	14,002	City of Westminster	20,662
Leeds	10,168	Leeds	10,811	Leeds	17,181
Manchester	9,268	Cornwall	9,223	Manchester	14,305
Cornwall	7,872	Wandsworth	8,716	Cornwall	14,049

Top 5 customers

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Infotrack Limited	35,427	Enact	39,424	Infotrack Limited	58,135

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Enact	30,347	Infotrack Limited	30,487	Enact	45,351
O'Neill Patient	21,274	O'Neill Patient	20,092	O'Neill Patient	34,710
Optima Legal Services	13,954	Optima Legal Services	13,632	Optima Legal Services	20,832
Legal & General Surveying Serv Ltd	11,704	Land Technologies Ltd	10,339	My Home Move Limited	19,686

[Access the full dataset on data.gov.uk](#)

Next publication

Transaction Data is published on the 15th working day of each month. The July data will be published at 11am on Friday 21 August 2020.

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[UK reiterates concern over global cyber attacks](#)

Press release

Alongside allies, UK condemns targeting of those working to respond to the coronavirus pandemic



Following the US Department of Justice's announcement yesterday (Tuesday 21 July) of charges relating to cyber attacks against institutions in 11

countries, including the UK, the Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said:

I am deeply concerned by the evidence announced yesterday that China is engaged in malicious cyber attacks against commercial, medical and academic institutions, including those working to respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

Our message to governments prepared to enable these activities is clear: the UK will continue to counter those conducting such cyber attacks, and work with our allies to hold perpetrators to account and deter further malicious activity around the world.

Notes to editors

- The UK [announced](#) on 20 December 2018 that actors on behalf of the Chinese Ministry of State Security carried out a malicious cyber campaign targeting intellectual property and sensitive commercial data in Europe, Asia and the US.
- The Foreign Secretary [called for an end](#) to cyber attacks by hostile actors who are using the coronavirus pandemic as an opportunity to carry out malicious cyber activity, including targeting medical facilities around the world.
- The UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has produced [practical advice](#) for individuals and organisations on how to deal with COVID-19 related malicious cyber activity.

Further information

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[Ministerial direction for the purchase of OneWeb](#)

Ministerial direction letters authorising support for the purchase of OneWeb, a company that develops satellite technology in the UK and US.

The first letter is from the Acting Permanent Secretary for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to the BEIS Secretary of

State requesting the ministerial direction.

The second letter is from the BEIS Secretary of State to the Acting Permanent Secretary setting out the ministerial direction.

[Green light for ground-breaking bovine TB vaccine field trials](#)

World-leading bovine tuberculosis (bTB) TB cattle vaccination trials are set to get underway in England and Wales as a result of a major breakthrough by government scientists.

These trials enable work to accelerate towards planned deployment of a cattle vaccine by 2025, in the latest milestone to eradicate this highly damaging animal disease.

bTB is one of the most difficult and intractable animal health challenges that England and Wales face today. More than 40,000 cattle are slaughtered each year due to infection from bTB. However, a cattle vaccine could become a powerful tool in the battle against the disease following the necessary testing and subsequent approvals to ensure its safety and efficacy.

It is one of several key elements of the long-term bTB strategy to eradicate the disease in England by 2038. Measures include plans to phase out intensive badger culling in England, improve the cattle testing regime and vaccinate more badgers against the disease and improved testing to intercept bTB earlier.

The field trials will be conducted over the next four years on behalf of Defra, the Welsh Government and the Scottish Government, following 20 years of ground-breaking research into bovine TB vaccines and diagnostic tests.

Environment Secretary George Eustice said:

Bovine TB is a slow-moving and insidious disease which can cause considerable trauma for farmers as they suffer the loss of highly prized animals and valued herds.

This scientific breakthrough is a major step forwards in our battle to see the disease eradicated from this country. As wider preventative measures like cattle vaccines are introduced, we will accelerate other elements of our strategy and start to phase out badger culling in England, as no one wants to continue the cull of a protected species indefinitely.

The UK Chief Veterinary Officer Christine Middlemiss said:

The Animal Plant and Health Agency's ground-breaking research has been pivotal in developing this potential vaccine. Whilst there is no single way to combat this damaging and complex disease, cattle vaccination is a potential new tool for our multi-pronged approach to tackle it and importantly prevent it, providing vital support to our farming communities.

Bovine TB presents a global challenge and the UK has harnessed its world-leading science to develop potential solutions such as vaccination and new diagnostic tests that could also be valuable to other countries.

Development of a deployable cattle bTB vaccine was a top priority outlined in the [government's response to an independent review of its 25 year bTB strategy](#), led by Professor Sir Charles Godfray. The response to the Godfray Review set out plans to phase out intensive culling in the next few years, and outlined the need for a combined approach which includes badger and cattle vaccination to eradicate the disease in England by 2038.

British Veterinary Association Junior Vice President James Russell said:

The deployment of a viable cattle vaccine used in combination with a validated DIVA test has the potential to be an absolute game changer in our efforts to control and eradicate bovine tuberculosis, and is something that our own expert bTB working group's upcoming report has identified as a key priority.

These field trials mark the culmination of years of ground-breaking research and efforts by the veterinary scientific community to expand the range of tools available to vets and farmers to tackle bovine tuberculosis.

The latest statistics on bTB in England show the overall number of new herd incidents of the disease is down by 9% in the last year (to Nov 2019), a 10% reduction in the number of herds not officially free of the disease and a 4% reduction in the total number of animals slaughtered due to the disease. Full details of [these statistics are available here](#).