

MIAP On A Plate

All the key information that an awarding body needs – on one page!

Key Dates

Sep 2007 – Early Adopters Trial

14 Feb 2008 – Formal Launch

March 2008 – Rollout to all (learners can access their Learner Record)

Sep 2008 – First candidates registered

Key Entities

LRS: Learner Registration Service

Learner Record

ULN: Unique Learner Number (10 digits)

UKRLP: UK Register of Learning Providers (Centres/Colleges)

UKPRN: Learning Provider Number from UKRLP (8 digits)

Key Links

www.miap.gov.uk
www.ukrlp.co.uk

Key Actions

Add ULN & UKPRN fields to your systems

Consider linking your systems to www.miap.gov.uk to automatically pick up ULNs

What is MIAP?

MIAP stands for Managing Information Across Partners. It is run by the Learning & Skills Council (LSC) out of Coventry on behalf of the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills. The Partners involved in MIAP include QCA, SQA, Welsh Assembly, UCAS, Becta and many other government and education bodies.

From an IT perspective, MIAP is a web-site, <http://lrs.miap.gov.uk> (part of www.miap.gov.uk) which provides a human interface as well as *web services*. These are services that other web-sites and internal IT systems can access over the internet, for example your internal system could request a ULN from the MIAP web-site in a similar way that a human would.

What Does MIAP Do?

<http://lrs.miap.gov.uk> has been chosen as the UK's central register for Unique Learner Numbers (ULNs). These are unique numbers that stay with you all the way through your education, from the age of 14, through college or university and any other QCA-accredited education during your lifetime.

It is hoped that ULNs will make the administration processes of colleges and awarding bodies more efficient in the long run, for example it should help to cut down on the number of duplicate student records etc.

<http://lrs.miap.gov.uk> also provides a single repository for the records of all learners in the UK. You will be able to see all of the qualifications you have achieved throughout your life. This is known as the Learner Record.

Other Useful Information

MIAP also maintain a register of schools, colleges and other centres: the UK Register of Learning Providers (UKRLP). The web-site is www.ukrlp.co.uk and is run by the DfES.

Each learning provider is allocated an 8-digit unique number called a UKPRN. It is important to note that UKRLP is simply a list of learning providers – there is no associated accreditation or approval process.

What Should You Do Now?

As a minimum you will need to add the ULN and UKPRN fields to your systems so that you can track candidates and centres using these numbers.

You should consider extending your systems to automatically look up ULNs and UKPRNs from the relevant web-sites using web services. Centres should provide these numbers when they register with you. However on many occasions this information will not be provided – and you could automatically retrieve a list of possible ULNs from www.miap.gov.uk based on surname, forename and date of birth.