

## **Non-continuation rates for ACCESS students**

### Tables included

The attached tables show the percentage of students not continuing in HE after their first year in an institution, for mature full-time first degree entrants. As the interest is in Access students, only mature entrants are shown (few young entrants have such entry qualifications). Table 1 provides a split by entry qualification, giving rates for those with Access qualifications separately from Foundation course entry qualifications. Table 2 provides rates within subject groups, for those with Access entry qualifications and for all (mature) students. The number of students in each category is provided.

These tables are an extract from table B14 in Annex B of last year's PI publication. They refer to entrants in 1998-99, and whether or not they continued in HE in 1999-2000.

Further details of the calculations used, and a breakdown of the rates for young entrants, and for mature entrants in other categories, can be found in the PI publication HEFCE 01/69, available on the web-site [www.hefce.ac.uk/pi](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pi). Previous year's publications can also be found there.

### Non-continuation rates

The non-continuation rate for mature students entering from Access courses is higher than the rate for all mature students, but lower than the rate for entrants with no qualification on entry, or those with unknown qualifications. The rate for those entering with BTEC or GNVQ level 3 qualifications is also slightly higher than the rate for Access entrants

The non-continuation rates vary by subject group, but the variation for Access students is similar to that for all mature students. The non-continuation rate for such students is one or two per cent higher than the average in nearly all subjects.

**Table 1: By entry qualification**

<b>Entry qualifications</b>	<b>Number of entrants</b>	<b>Non-continuation rates</b>
Access	9270	16.5
Foundation	3670	14.5
A-levels <12	8419	15.4
A-levels 12-22	5670	12.5
A-levels over 22	2309	7.8
BTEC / GNVQ3	5803	17.9
HE	17573	14.0
None	4213	24.0
Others/unknown	7932	20.6
<b>All entry quals</b>	<b>64859</b>	<b>16.0</b>

**Table 2: By subject group**

	<b>Access entry qualifications</b>		<b>All entry qualifications</b>	
	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Non-continuation rates</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Non-continuation rates</b>
Subjects allied to medicine	846	13.1	6535	11.7
Biological & Physical sciences	955	17.8	5430	15.8
Maths & Computer science	597	23.3	5165	20.0
Engineering & technology	205	24.4	4717	20.5
Architecture, planning & building	84	16.7	2006	15.8
Social studies & Law	1903	16.3	8449	17.5
Business administration	572	20.8	8775	17.4
Languages & Humanities	1061	13.8	4634	13.8
Creative arts	537	15.3	6540	13.7
Education	906	10.7	3693	11.7
Combined studies	1562	17.9	7200	18.1
<b>All subjects</b>	<b>9270</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>64859</b>	<b>16.0</b>