Apprenticeships and the ESFA's new online PDSATs

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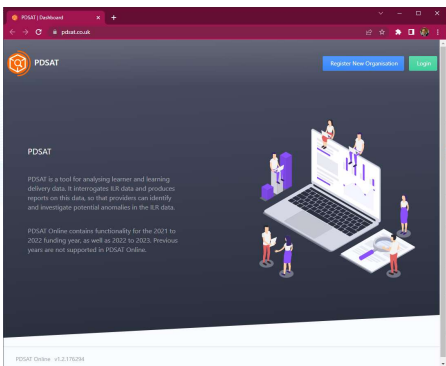
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Online PDSAT finally launched

https://www.pdsat.co.uk/

4. Information: provider data self-assessment tool (PDSAT) now live

On Friday 16 December, PDSAT online went live. This completes the first phase of a long-term transformation plan to improve and increase accessibility and useability to PDSATs for our post-16 education providers.

All pre-registrants have been loaded onto the online system and their accounts have been created. This will result in an email with instructions on how to gain super-user access being emailed to the pre-registrant. These emails are being sent over the next few days.

As per our original communications we have limited the pre-registration to one user per organisation.

If you do not receive an email with instructions, please check your spam folder and with other colleagues, who may have pre-registered, in the first instance, before following up with an email to DSAThelpdesk@KPMG.co.uk.

If you did pre-register, please do not register in the PDSAT online environment as this may lead to a delay in receiving your access email.

Anyone who has not yet registered, please feel free to do so. We expect to process new registrants who registered over the Christmas period by 6 January 2023 with an ongoing fortnightly review period, depending on volumes of new registrants.

Phase 2 of our transformation plan is to receive feedback from PDSAT online users, with a view to enhancing PDSAT online wherever we're able to do so.

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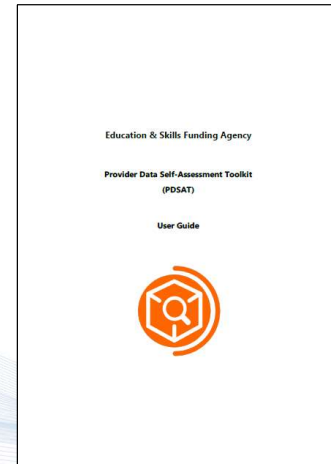
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First user guide for online PDSAT

The Provider Data Self-Assessment Toolkit (PDSAT) is a tool for further education and training providers (colleges, training providers and employers) to output a series of reports to test the integrity of their Individualised Learner Record (ILR) data. This will assist providers in carrying out their routine data cleansing and submitting accurate ILR data returns to the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

PDSAT is now an online tool accessed from https://www.pdsat.co.uk/, and is regularly updated to incorporate the latest LARS data and changes per the specification from the ESFA. This PDSAT platform is replacing the existing installable application and provides similar functionality.

The current release of PDSAT includes:

- Release of PDSAT Online, including functionality around organisation and user management
- Importing of ILR and FIS returns for the current (2022 to 2023) and prior (2021 to 2022) funding years
- PDSAT reports for current and prior funding years
- Dashboard view of reports, enabling viewing and exploration of return data within the app
- New reports added:
  - o 23A-109: All Skills Bootcamp leaners and learning aims
  - o 23A-110: All community learning learners and learning aims
  - o 23A-216: Actual off-the-job training hours

Education & Skills Funding Agency

Provider Data Self-Assessment Toolkit
(PDSAT)

User Guide

https://tinyurl.com/pdsat-v1

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PDSATs

What we will cover:

Changes to 22/23 PDSAT

Dashboards

Apprenticeship PDSAT reports

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Key changes

What's changed?

- Purely online product – no requirement to download software – www.pdsat.co.uk

- Three levels of users – Organisation Owner, Uploader and Reviewer

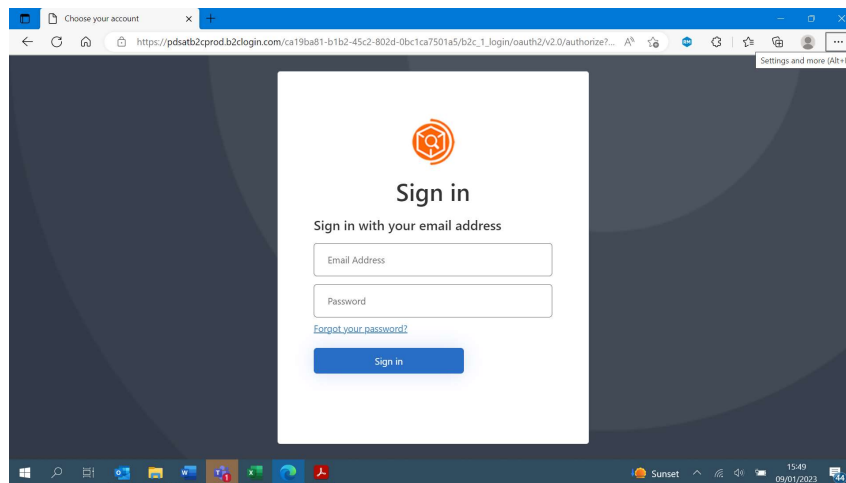- Outputs to excel – found on 'Downloads

- New Dashboards

You must be registered to access the new platform - access is reviewed and granted by ESFA

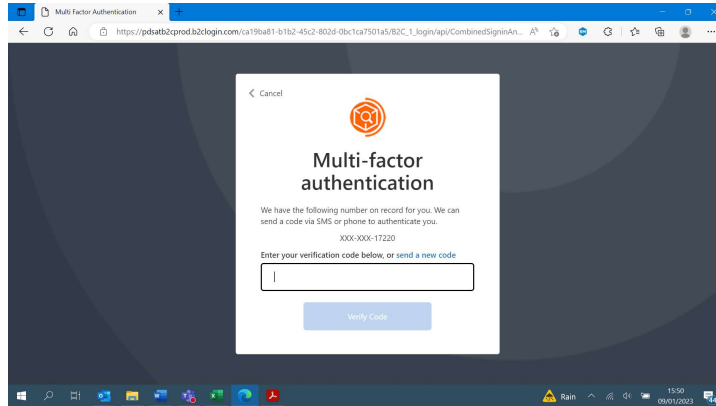THE POWER OF BEING UNDERSTOOD
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Getting started

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MFA and limited time login

For enhanced security PDSAT online used MFA as part of the login process – make sure you have your phone with you!!! Also note that login session only last 20 minutes
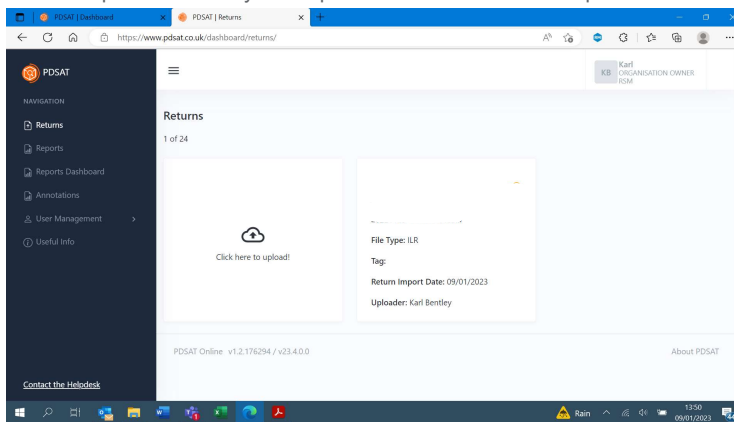

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Uploading XML or FIS CSV zip files

Clicking on the 'Returns' option will allow you to upload an XML or FIS CSV zip file
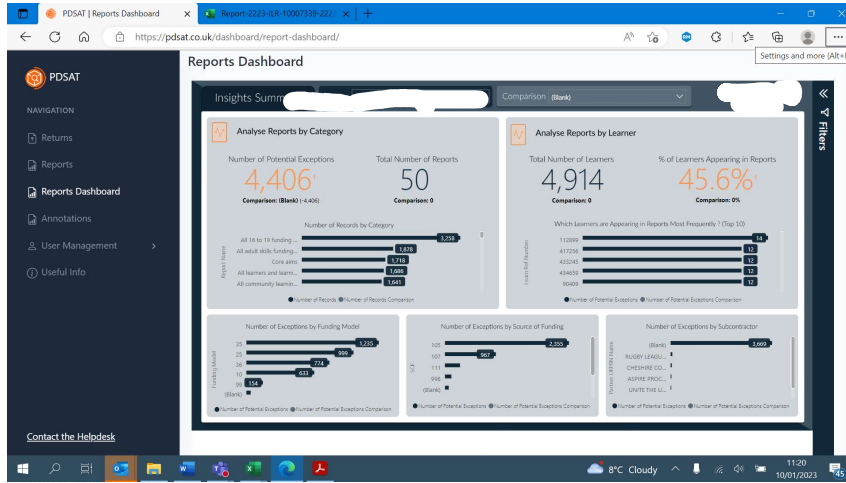

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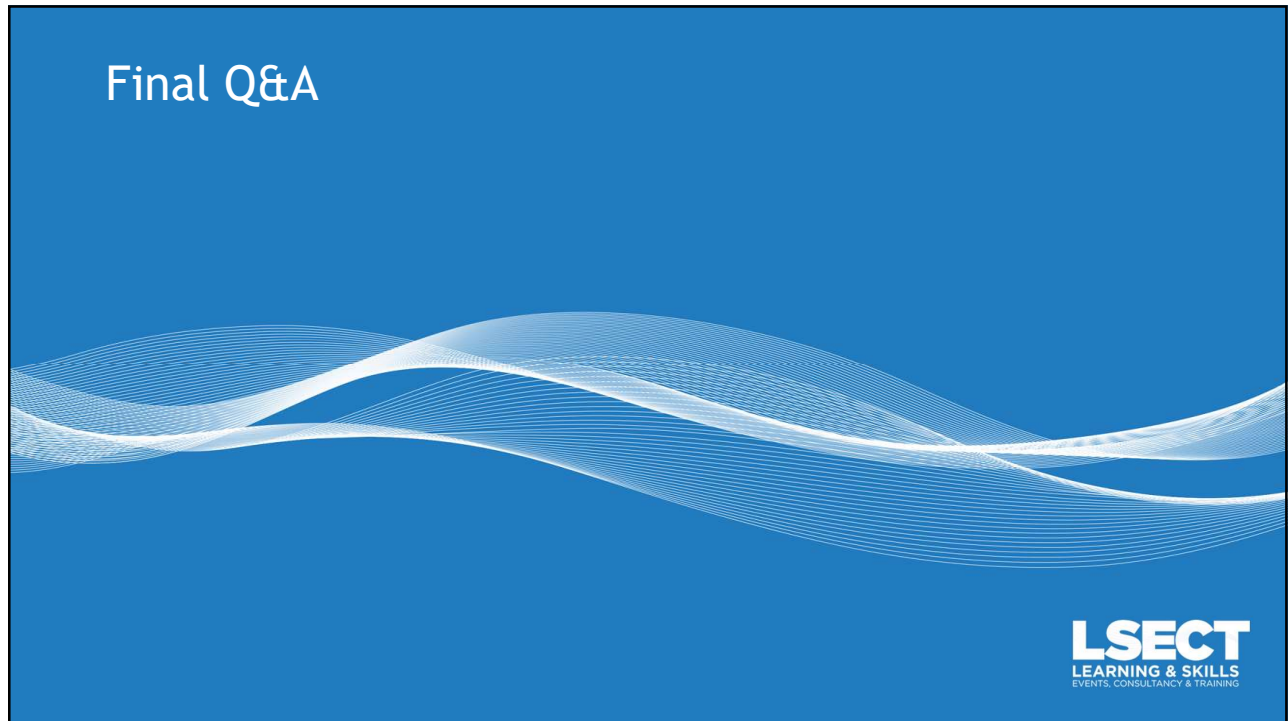AUDIT | TAX | CONSULTING

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