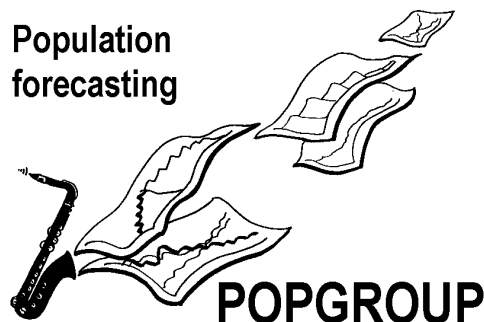


POPGROUP Educational License

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POPGROUP and Derived Forecast software are now available for teaching use under a two year license, costing £100. The full license application is available from alexandra.marshall@local.gov.uk to whom completed applications should be sent. Enquiries about the software capability and its use in teaching should be directed to ludi.simpson@manchester.ac.uk.

The aim is to encourage use in teaching of the industry standard for public sector demographic forecasting in the UK. Its use in research or for commercial work requires full purchase of the software as set out in the current pricing structure on the website home page.

The Excel platform, and the extensive reporting and graphical interrogation procedures, make POPGROUP suited to support teaching demographic concepts and analysis as well as projections per se. Its main **POPGROUP** module prepares population forecasts by standard cohort component methods, using an Excel platform and coping with multiple single-region projections in which any of the components, or the projection itself, can be constrained to inputs for the total of regions. Inputs may be counts of demographic events, or demographic rates, expressed as specific to age and sex or as total summaries. The **Derived Forecasts** module prepares forecasts of anything related to age-sex composition, including households, labour force, illness and disability. The software has been used for demographic projections for Europe and for developing countries – it is not limited to the UK.

The user enters data about assumptions for each component of a forecast. Recent government forecasts for all local authorities in Scotland or England are available (cost £300).

Administration of the Educational License

- a. **The Applicant** in an academic department (the **End User Organisation**) requests the software for teaching (including students' research required by an academic qualification), and signs up to the whole procedure, by submitting an **End User License Application**.
- b. The **End Users** of the software (students) each sign the **Declaration**, a list which can be circulated around a class.
- c. The Declaration states that they have each been given and agree to the **Educational End User License Agreement**. The Declaration listing those signed up, is sent back to POPGROUP by the Applicant.
- d. Support is through one person in the educational institution, and is limited to ten enquiries during the year. That person is expected to become familiar with the software sufficiently to answer most students' enquiries.

The terms of the Educational License will be reviewed by POPGROUP's Steering Committee in October 2013, which may affect licenses beginning after that date.