



Data Futures Update

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Programme background

- The Data Futures transformation project will deliver:
- A new, performant, adaptable HESA Data Platform (HDP) with improved quality assurance processes
- A unified data model combining the Student and Student Alternative data models
- A platform that can support the requirement for collection and dissemination of data in-year, agreed to start from the 2024/25 collection with 2 discrete reference periods



Programme update

- Delivery is continuing at a rapid pace, on track for delivery of HDP for March 2023
- Beta is underway and release 2 was completed end of May 2022
- Online Validation Toolkit (OVT) is available to all providers to help support them in their readiness for the Student 2022/23 collection
- Burden review outcomes have confirmed requirement for in-year data, with 2 discrete reference periods starting in 2024/25 collection





Beta update

- Beta is now LIVE!
- 150 Record Contact roles issued
- 255 provider roles have been accepted
- Approx. 50 providers have already uploaded files
- 630 files submitted during Beta 1
- Over 300 files submitted to date during Beta 2
- Beta timeframe: February August 2022
- Extended sign-off period: July November 2022



Beta update

- Engagement with Liaison continues to increase
- We encourage participation from all providers (no cap)
- Beta release 2 released in June 2022
- Beta release 3 planned for early August 2022
- Have not found any major bugs but good engagement and feedback received
- Providers are getting value from submitting files including:
 - Gaining confidence in the system
 - Identifying how their systems need to be developed
 - Ensuring they understand the guidance for new concepts
 - Considering how their existing student data fits into the Data Futures model



Beta support and resources

- More information now available on the website:
 - Overview of the Beta phases: 1, 2 and 3
 - Data requirements overview
 - Beta introduction presentation
 - HDP login and e-learning
 - HDP demo
 - HDP release history
 - Data Entry Tool
 - Known issues
 - Support materials
 - Submission stages on HDP: step by step
 - Engagement boosting tips and scenarios webpage



Student 22056 – Implementation Year

- Annual collection: 1 August 2022 31 July 2023
- Online Validation Toolkit now available
- HESA Data Platform open from early 2023
- 2 interim submissions in place of mandatory trial:
 - May 2023 a partial submission to the Online Validation Toolkit
 - August 2023 a complete submission to the HESA Data Platform
- Last submission date: mid October 2023
- Sign-off: 20 October 2023
- Data Delivery: early November 2023
- Increased monitoring of provider readiness
 - Readiness Surveys
 - Monitoring by HESA Provider engagement with HESA training, involvement in Beta, etc



Provider engagement

- First Readiness Survey published in April, closed May 2022
- 85% response rate
- SCs were informed of those who did not complete the survey by the deadline
- Key themes from the first survey responses
- Approx. 32% of providers have completed their software upgrades
- Approx. 55% of providers have completed a gap analysis on the 22056 data model
- Engagement steadily climbing
- Some providers waiting for outcomes of the burden review
- Some concern around resource required to make organisational changes a success
- Majority of providers believe software suppliers are positively engaging with them
- Providers currently prioritising efforts on familiarisation with software solutions
- Remaining surveys to be issued :
 - September 2022
 - January 2023



DfE burden review

- Part 1 of Burden Review outcomes issued May 2022
- In-year collection will commence in the 2024/25 reporting year
- In-year collection requirements confirmed as two individualised student data collections per year
- Part 2 of Burden Review outcomes to be issued July 2022
- Outcomes unlikely to impact the 2022/23 annual collection due to timescales
- Outcomes will be implemented for the 2023/24 reporting year, which will continue as an annual collection



What's next for Data Futures?

- Further refinement on the 22056 Student Collection
- Increased monitoring of provider engagement and readiness
- Next readiness survey in June 2022
- Additional e-learning training coming soon:
- Quality Assurance
- Data Migration
- HDP
- Attendance at sector events
- Further detailed planning as a result of the Burden Review outcomes
- Two interim submissions in May 2023 and August 2023 in place of the Mandatory Trial



Key milestones

- Available now: Online Validation Toolkit (OVT)
- 1 August 2022: Data needs to be collected in the new format
- **31 March 2023:** HESA Data Platform (HDP) open for the 2022/23 collection
- 31 May 2023: Interim Submission via OVT
- 18 August 2023: Interim Submission via HDP
- 13 October 2023: Final Submission
- 20 October 2023: Sign-off of 2022/23 collection
- 2 November 2023: Delivery to SCs



Key Resources

Coding Manual

https://codingmanual.hesa.ac.uk/

Provider readiness checklist

https://www.hesa.ac.uk/innovation/data-futures/202223collection#provider-readiness-checklist

• E-learning

https://www.hesa.ac.uk/services/e-learning/data-futures-training

• Beta Webpages

https://www.hesa.ac.uk/innovation/data-futures/beta-phase

• DF Monthly Newsletter

https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/data-futures-monthly-update-sign-up

- Liaison
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Key points

- It's not too late to join Beta!
- Readiness checklist
- Readiness surveys
- Is your software provider ready/talking to HESA?
- 1st of August is almost upon us!
- Interim submission next summer



Any questions?

