

Summer 2021 technical update

NEW FUNCTIONALITY AVAILABLE TO POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

You can now set the maximum number of applications that an applicant can submit during an application period to your post-secondary institutions. This new functionality is available in the EPBC production environment to all BC PSIs for the 2021/22 application period.

The plan is to move this to a self-serve functionality available through the EPBC Management Console. Please contact: techsupport@educationplannerbc.ca if you are interested to utilize this functionality now.

SURVEY FOLLOW-UP

Earlier this year, EPBC surveyed our PSI partners to learn more about their use and future implementation of our services. We are now organizing a virtual “Fall Tour” to meet with each PSI individually so we can find out more about your plans, timelines, and blackout periods. Most importantly, we want to know how you are using EPBC services and how to enhance them.

EPBC XML DATA EXCHANGE MODULE FOR BANNER

The EPBC Module for Banner version 9.4.1 is now available with enhanced features for high school and post-secondary transcripts.

SIS	Component	Version	Target Release Date	Major Functionality
Banner	EPBC Module for Banner	9.4.1	Available Now	Contains enhanced updates for high school and post-secondary transcripts, as well as the ability to handle students with single names in the application.
	EPBC Module for Banner	9.4.2	Mid-September	Will contain the new Gender Identity Data Standard, in addition to other beneficial enhancements.

If your Banner PSI is interested in installing 9.4.1, please contact: techsupport@educationplannerbc.ca.

Transcripts Update

XML HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

There are now 22 PSIs receiving XML high school transcripts. EPBC is working with the Ministry of Education to support PSIs with transcript request updates. Since April 1, 2021, there were 324,285 XML HS TXs transcripts provided to PSIs.

XML POST-SECONDARY TRANSCRIPTS

Calling all testers! EPBC has several PSIs interested in finding new post-secondary transcript exchange partners. We can help you identify potential exchange partners and coordinate testing activities.

If your PSI is interested in starting or getting more BC PSIs transcript exchange partners, please contact:

client.relations@educationplannerbc.ca.



Applications Update

MINISTRY OF ADVANCED EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING GENDER IDENTITY DATA STANDARD

Most PSIs are moving to or have moved to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training Gender Identity Data Standard. EPBC had the Gender Identity Data Standard available in the production application as of August 19, 2021.

For support with the Gender Identity Data Standard, please contact:

techsupport@educationplannerbc.ca.

EPBC INSTITUTION LIST

Work is underway on the latest updates to the EPBC Institution List. The new entries are planned to be in production. EPBC will contact PSIs with more detailed information once development work has been completed at the end of August.

EPBC would like to thank the members of the Institution List Working Group for their support and guidance on this project. A sector advisory committee will be formed in the Fall to continue with the governance of the EPBC Institution List.

COLLEAGUE XML APPLICATIONS

All nine Colleague PSIs have successfully implemented XML applications in their production systems this summer. The changeover to XML applications will support:

- a consistent application platform for BC PSIs that allows changes to be implemented more seamlessly for the sector
- the flexibility for Colleague institutions to tailor their applicant experience at a level on par with the other BC PSIs

EPBC will continue to work with OA Solutions and the Colleague PSIs to review and prioritize any items and change requests related to this project.

UPCOMING: GET READY TO TEST EPBC 3.0 – MANAGEMENT CONSOLE

EPBC 3.0 - Management Console will be ready in January 2022! We are currently piloting Management Console with UBC and UVic and expect to complete the pilot by December 2021. EPBC plans to retire EPBC 2.0 - Program Manager once all PSIs have transitioned to EPBC 3.0. We will be contacting PSIs in the Fall to identify when you would like to start testing.

EPBC IS HERE TO HELP!

Please let us know if you have any questions or issues with Applications, Transcripts and Document Deliveries, Program Manager and Management Console operations, or any other enquiries related to EPBC services.

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