ApplyTexas

EDI Technical Specifications and Technical Changes

Below is an overview of key changes to the ApplyTexas system that will impact how institutions – both from a technical and programmatic standpoint – prepare for the upcoming cutover to the new ApplyTexas system in May 2024.

The application was built to be backwards compatible. Connections, fields, and APIs were all mapped, and the vast majority will still transfer over to institutional systems as before. Of note, there will be new and amended fields that institutional IT leads will need to adjust on their end, so the institution is able to accept this data. These changes will take effect at the time of cutover for both all open applications in the current cycle and all new applications in the upcoming cycle beginning July 1, 2024.

Please provide your IT teams with the information included below as soon as possible. The "EDI Technical Specifications" section includes all the information they will need for changes to your internal systems.

EDI Technical Specifications

1. **Dual credit as a separate application**

   a. EDI files being sent to NSC for a Dual Credit application have the prefix "**dc**."
   The naming convention for sending files to NSC will be the following: pr (Four Year applications), cc (Two Year applications), Es (Essays), sa (Scholarship), or dc (Dual Credit), and a timestamp (e.g., dc202309050908114.spe).

   b. The specifications for Dual Credit applications are the same as the Undergraduate Four Year (22ufr => us freshman for four years) and the Undergraduate Two Year (22jfr => us two year) applications.
   There are segments on each application listed above that identify whether an application is Dual Credit or not: **Line 457 of the ufr** (Undergraduate Four Year) and **line 392 of the jfr** (Undergraduate Two Year).

   c. Since Dual Credit applications include the same questions as Undergraduate Four Year and Undergraduate Two Year applications, the only change required in the specification is the header starting on line 50 of the two attached specifications as shown:

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      REF!48!0800000638!FFRESHMAN APPLICATION ID\ =>
      REF!48!0800000638!DDUAL CREDIT\

      REF!48!0800000241!JTWO YEAR APPLICANT APPLICATION ID\ =>
      REF!48!0800000241!DDUAL CREDIT\

  d. Links to the specs below have changes highlighted. It is a single character identifier in REF 03.

      22ufr189-DUALCREDITMODS.xlsx

      22jfr189-DUALCREDIT.xlsx

2. **Rich text format for essays**

  a. Institutions will be able to configure whether they want to accept essay responses in plain text format or rich text format through a setting configuration added in the Admin suite when creating/editing essays.
If an institution chooses to accept essays in rich text format, these will be sent in the same segment as regular essays but with rich text format markup.

3. **Regular cycle updates (EDI files, Quick and Easy (Q&E) application)**

  a. Other than the Dual Credit application changes noted above, no updates were made to EDI specs for upcoming cycles.

  b. Updates are being made to the Quick and Easy application to parse Dual Credit applications, but other than that, no additional changes were made to the Q&E application.

4. **Changes to configurable modules**

  a. While this item is not a "technical" change to EDI specifications, this item was noted as a functional change for the Admin suite experience.

  b. With the future ApplyTexas site, the "Core Questions" section is redesigned and reorganized. The restructured "Core Questions" section contains the same information as the "Profile" section in the current site plus common questions from across the application types.
This restructuring will not require any changes or work on the institution's side.

  c. If institutions are looking for specific questions within the "Core Questions" and "Extended Core Questions" (displayed based on application type), here is the Core Questions Inventory and Change Summary that was approved by the ApplyTexas Advisory Committee.

Additional Technical Changes

We have also included below a summary of additional changes coming to the ApplyTexas system as well as the staff who will be needed to address these changes. These changes were referenced in the December 13, 2023, webinar, Technical Changes Overview.

#	Description	Resources Required
Technical/Process Changes		
1	CIP-Major mapping	Admissions/Academic Staff
2	Dual Credit as a separate app	IT/Admissions Staff
3	Change to configurable modules	IT/Admissions Staff
4	Removal of payment via ApplyTexas	IT/Admissions Staff
5	Rich text format for essays (and doc upload)	IT Staff
6	Transcript Requests via TREx	IT/Admissions Staff
Non-Technical Changes		
7	Core questions structural updates and content updates	Admissions Staff
8	College Scorecard data	Admissions Staff
9	Application submission review in app	Admissions Staff
10	Regular cycle updates (EDI files, Quick & Easy Application)	IT Staff/Admissions Staff
11	Reorg of admin portal (cover changes/reorganization)	Admissions Staff