

UCAS technical briefing document

odbc-link and xml-link changes to UKPRN data available to providers

Summary

From 2014, at the request of HESA, the data provided as part of UCAS data for HESA transaction (StarJ) changed, from the entry of a school code to the UKPRN in the PREVINST field.

The UKPRN is an external reference number assigned by the UKRLP.

Providers can use the UKPRN to map the output from the StarJ file, to obtain further information from the UCAS schools database tables. To enable this, the schools data presented to providers via odbc-link and xml-link will now include the UKPRN value.

Changes

The change will make the UKPRN, stored in the UCAS schools table, available as an additional field in the link products:

- cvSchool in odbc-link
- getReferenceSchools in xml-link



odbc-link changes

cvSchool

Name	Type	Size	Nulls?	Description
UkPrn	number	8	Y	UKPRN of a school

xml-link changes

getReferenceSchools

XML document	Element	Type	Size	Description
ReferenceSchool	ukPrn	Integer	8	UKPRN of a school

These changes will also be detailed in the xml-link and odbc-link manuals.

Release schedule

Date	Activity	Resources
21 April 2017	Deploy changes to HEP2 test environment	Draft manual available on ucas.com
28 April 2017	Deploy changes to HEP1 test environment	Draft manual available on ucas.com
16 September 2017	Deploy changes in production environment	New live manual

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