

Live Implementation of EPAS Online

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Following a very positive response from LAs to the EPAS online pilot, NCER's steering group has taken the decision to complete the work to move EPAS desktop functionality to the online system. All of the key functions will be transferred to EPAS online for Summer 2009.

Key benefits of EPAS online over the desktop system include:

- The ability to carry out flexible local to national reporting
- Flexible means of navigating through the data and analyses including the ability to drill down
- Full support for a range of different types of user with data and analyses accessibility being determined by user type
- Faster dissemination of data
- Availability of two versions of the database concurrently
- Ease of installation and support
- A higher degree of data security
- The ability to access analyses wherever there is an internet connection
- A range of additional analyses
- The inclusion of KS2

A new EPAS Help Desk has been put in place to support the new system. In order to focus resources on the online system, support of EPAS desktop has been discontinued.

Questions & Answers

Q1. How do I contact the EPAS helpdesk?

The helpdesk is contactable by phone and email.

Query/requirement	Contact
User account information	bathusers@forvus.co.uk
General support and data queries	epas@forvus.co.uk
Centre information	bathcentres@forvus.co.uk
To talk to support staff	0845 3077848

Q2. I don't have a log in for EPAS Online. How do I get one?

You should ask your Local Authority's EPAS Online LA Administrator to set you up with an account.

If you do not know who your LA Admin is, please email bathusers@forvus.co.uk and a member of the Help Desk will look up the contact for you.

Q2. How can I get help in the new system?

The Help in EPAS is very comprehensive and can be accessed using the tab at the top of the EPAS screen. If you need further assistance please contact the EPAS Help Desk.

NCER are running a number of courses in EPAS online – please refer to <http://www.ncer.org/Training.aspx>

Q3. What reports are available in EPAS online?

The table at the end of this document provides details of which reports will be available in EPAS online together with their equivalent in EPAS desktop where one exists. Detailed layouts will be provided when they have all been specified.

Reports have been rationalised in the move to EPAS online and some of the older analyses have been discontinued.

Q4. Will I be in control of when I accept new version of data?

Yes.

LA Administrators will be able to create a separate version of their data (changed version) which they can then apply changes to. When a new version of data is released, the LA Administrator will be in control of whether to overwrite the changed version with the new release.

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Q5. Will EPAS online allow me to change my candidate and result details?

Yes.

LA Administrators will be able to create a separate version of their data (changed version) which they can then apply changes to. This extends to changing, adding and deleting candidates and their results.

EPAS will allow users to report against this changed version or the version which was released to them (released version).

When a new version of data is released, the LA Administrator will be in control of whether to overwrite the changed version with the new release.

Q6. Will I be able to amend details for my Centre ?

Yes.

Administrators will be able to amend Centre names and numbers on roll on both the version of data released to them and any changed version which they have created.

Q7. I have found selecting subjects in EPAS desktop difficult. Have there been any improvements in moving to EPAS online?

Yes. EPAS will have a more flexible selection of subjects.

It will be possible to select subjects by qualification type, QAN, awarding body, syllabus and/or subject name/part name. This selection could then be used in reports.

Q8. How can I select Candidates ?

It will be possible to select candidates by name (forename and/or surname), school, UPN, subject, postcode, NC year, date of birth and Local Authority external reference.

Q9. What historical data for my LA will be available in EPAS online?

You will have access to data for 2006, 2007 & 2008.

2009's Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 data is due to be loaded during September.

The data for 2006, 2007 & 2008 will be the versions based on the final data received from the Awarding Bodies

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Q10. I currently use EPAS data in my local systems. Will EPAS online have facilities to allow me to do this?

Similarly to EPAS desktop, users are able to export data from reports in a variety of formats.

LAs will be provided with exported tables from the EPAS online database using the released version of data. This data will be provided in a Microsoft Access format.

The following tables will be provided.

- YYYY ALEVEL Candidate
- YYYY ALEVEL Result
- YYYY ALEVEL_GCSE Result
- YYYY Centre
- YYYY Exam
- YYYY Exam Board
- YYYY Exam Grade
- YYYY GCSE Candidate
- YYYY GCSE Result
- YYYY GCSE_KS2 Result
- YYYY GCSE_KS3 Result
- YYYY LEA
- YYYY NOR
- YYYY NOR Centre
- YYYY Subject

A more detailed technical bulletin including field names will be provided.

EPAS Online Reports

Key Stage	Analysis Type	Analysis	Report Name	Under Development	EPAS Desktop Equivalent(s)	Comments
2	Centres	List of Centres	ListCentres		N/A	New report, available now
		Centre Details	CentreDetails		N/A	New report, available now
	Pupils	Pupil Details	Pupil201		N/A	New report, available now
		Pupil Summary	Pupil202		N/A	New report, available now
	Subjects	List of Subjects	ListSubjects		N/A	New report, available now
	Progress	KS 1-2 Centre Progress	VA12PLC	Y	N/A	New report
		KS 1-2 Pupil Progress	VA12PLP		N/A	New report, available now
		KS 1-2 Progress Levels	VA12TLP		N/A	New report, available now
		KS 1-2 Transition Matrix	VA12D		N/A	New report, available now
	3	Centres	List of Centres	ListCentres		Desktop Maintenance
Centre Details			CentreDetails		Desktop Maintenance	
Pupils		Pupil Details	Pupil301		K3CR1(Standard) or M23CR1(Standard)	
		Pupil Summary	Pupil302		K3CR1(Summary) or M23CR1(Summary)	New feature – drill down to detail
Subjects		List of Subjects	ListSubjects		Desktop Maintenance	
Progress		KS 2-3 Centre Progress	VA23PLC	Y		New report
		KS 2-3 Pupil Progress	VA23PLP	Y		New report
		KS 2-3 Progress Levels	VA23TLP			New report, available now
		KS 2-3 Transition Matrix	VA23D		VA23D	

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4	Indicators	Performance Indicators	GG1		GG1	
		Gold Standard Proximity: 5+A*-C, Eng & Maths	GSP			New report, available now. Gives a good breakdown of near misses to the 'Gold Standard' of 5+ A*-C incl Eng & Maths; Can drill down to pupils in each category.
		Performance Indicator Trends	TR401	Y		New report (like GG1 over time)
	Centres	Grade Summary	G2		G2	
		List of Centres	ListCentres		Desktop Maintenance	
		Centre Details	CentreDetails		Desktop Maintenance	
		NCER Subject Residuals	NSR02	Y	PR2	
		Trends Breakdown	GST02	Y	GST02	Extended report. Covers all Level 1/2 quals;
		Trends Summary	GST02a	Y	GST02a	Extended report. Covers all Level 1/2 quals. 2 grade ranges per page
		Performance by Geodemographic Groups	IAM4a	Y	IAM4A	
		Indicators EMS	GEM	Y	GEM1, GEM2	
		Indicators (DIY)	HT02G	Y	HT02G	Extended report. 4 updated indicators charted
		Indicators Comparators	HT03G	Y	HT03G	Extended report. Indicator choice; Centre-NCER & LA-NCER calculated

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4	Pupils	Pupil Details	Pupil401		GCR1(Standard) GKnMCR1(Standard)	
		Pupil Summary	Pupil402		GCR1(Summary) GKnMCR1(Summary)	New feature – drill down to detail
		Pupil / Qual / Subject	Pupil403	Y	GCS1	
		NCER Subject Residuals	NSR04	Y		New report
	Subjects	Grade Summary	G3		G3	
		Entries by Board	G4		G4	
		List of Subjects	ListSubjects		Desktop Maintenance	
		NCER Subject Residuals	NSR03	Y	PR3	
		Centre Trends Summary	GST03	Y	GST03	Extended to all Level 1/2 quals; 2 grade ranges per page
		Qual / Subject / Pupil	Pupil404	Y	GSR1	
	Progress	KS 2-4 Centre Progress	VA24PLC	Y		New report
		KS 2-4 Pupil Progress	VA24PLP			New report, available now
		KS 2-4 Progress Levels	VA24TLP			New report, available now
		KS 2-4 Transition Matrix	VA24D		VA24D	
		KS 3-4 Centre Progress	VA34PLC	Y		New report
		KS 3-4 Pupil Progress	VA34PLP	Y		New report
		KS 3-4 Progress Levels	VA34TLP			New report, available now
		KS 3-4 Transition Matrix	VA34D		VA34D	
	Reference	Qualifications	Qual01		Exam01	
		NCER Subject Residuals	NSR01		GNSD1	NCER National Residuals

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5	Indicators	Performance Indicators	AA1		AA1 / AEDP1	
	Centres	Grade Summary	A2		A2	
		List of Centres	ListCentres		Desktop Maintenance	
		Centre Details	CentreDetails		Desktop Maintenance	
		Trends Breakdown	AST02	Y	AST02	Extended to all Level 3 quals
		Trends Summary	AST02a	Y	N/A	New report
	Pupils	Pupil Details	Pupil501		ACR1(Standard) AGMCR1(Standard)	
		Pupil Summary	Pupil502		ACR1(Summary) AGMCR1(Summary)	New feature – drill down to detail
		Pupil / Qual / Subject	Pupil503	Y	ACS1	
	Subjects	Grade Summary	A3		A3	
		Entries by Board	A4		A4	
		List of Subjects	ListSubjects		Desktop Maintenance	
		Centre Trends Summary	AST03	Y	AST03	Extended to all Level 3 quals; 2 grade ranges per page
		Qual / Subject / Pupil	Pupil504	Y	ASR1	
Reference	Qualifications	Qual01		Exam01		