

Changes in SPARQ – Release 7.3

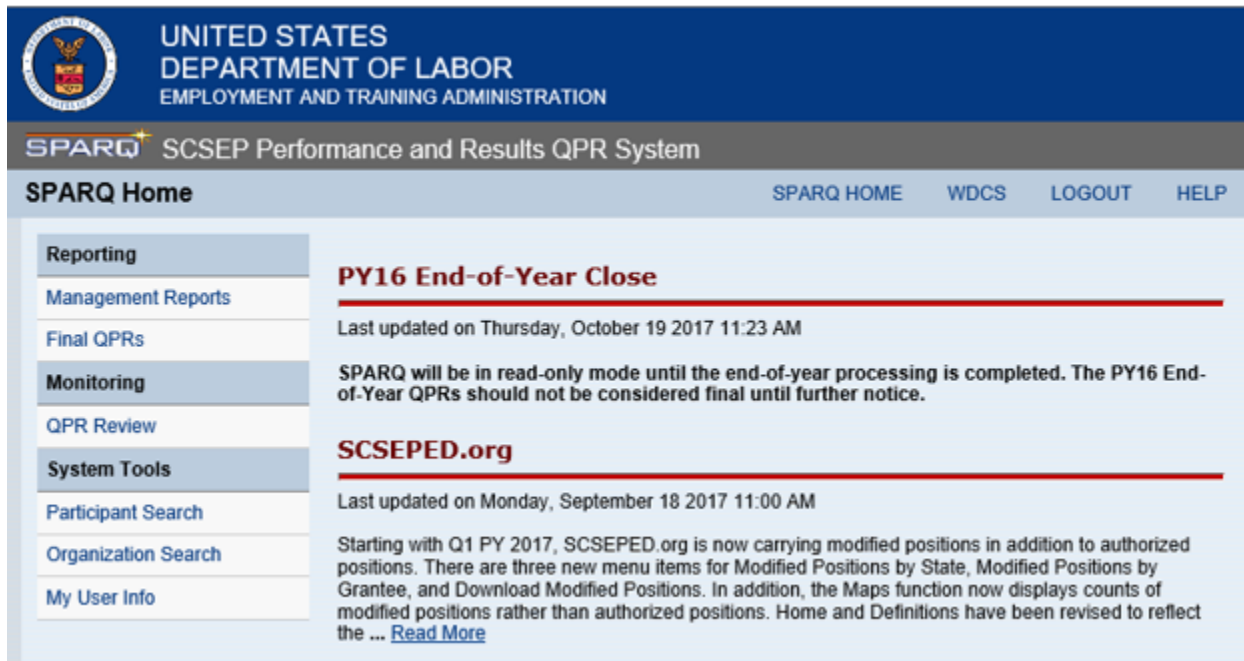
This release focused on

- Changes in the graphical user interface (GUI) of SPARQ,
- Reducing grantee burden,
- Revision of the Durational Limit Report,
- Revision of QPR item B12 (% Participants Assigned 18-22 Hours per Week) and
- Revisions to the Sub-Grantee Authorized Position page.

Below is a synopsis of the modifications implemented, but you may click [Release 7.3 Features](#) for details of the changes.

Changes in the Graphical User Interface (GUI) of SPARQ

The look and feel of the SPARQ application has been changed to give the user a more modern experience when navigating the application. Below are a few images showing the new look of the SPARQ application.



The screenshot displays the SPARQ Home Page. At the top, there is a blue header with the United States Department of Labor logo and the text "UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION". Below this is a grey bar with the "SPARQ" logo and the text "SCSEP Performance and Results QPR System". The main content area has a light blue background. On the left, there is a vertical navigation menu with sections for "Reporting" (containing "Management Reports" and "Final QPRs") and "Monitoring" (containing "QPR Review" and "System Tools"). Below "System Tools" are links for "Participant Search", "Organization Search", and "My User Info". On the right, there are two main announcements. The first is titled "PY16 End-of-Year Close" and states that the system will be in read-only mode until processing is completed. The second is titled "SCSEPED.org" and announces that the system is now carrying modified positions in addition to authorized positions, with new menu items and revised maps.

SPARQ Home Page

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Grantee QPRs [SPARQ HOME](#) [WDCS](#) [LOGOUT](#) [HELP](#)

Reporting
Management Reports
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QPR Review
System Tools
Participant Search
Organization Search
My User Info

Program Year/Quarter:
2017 Quarter 1

Grantee	
***	SUB-GRANTEES
AARP Foundation Programs	SUB-GRANTEES STATES
Alabama	SUB-GRANTEES

QPR Review Page

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Participant Search [SPARQ HOME](#) [WDCS](#) [LOGOUT](#) [HELP](#)

Reporting
Management Reports
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System Tools

Search Within

Grantee: Program-wide And State: Nationwide

Last Name: Or SSN: Or PID:

To search by the first few letters of Last Name, enter those letters followed by % [SEARCH](#)

Participant Search Page

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Web Data Collection System [SPARQ HOME](#) [MY ROLES](#) [LOGOUT](#) [HELP](#)

Grantee: Example Grantee | Subgrantee: 101 NJ101 Role: SUBGRANTEE


Administrative Functions: [Organizations](#) [CSA Hours](#) [Waiver Factor](#)

PARTICIPANT SEARCH

Last Name: OR SSN #: OR PID: [Find Participant](#)


WDCS Page

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The application now has a new section called “Info” which houses the “Current Durational Limit Date”, “Application Date”, “Status” and “Exit Date.” The “Info” section can be collapsed and expanded by the user as needed. When a participant’s record is locked beyond durational limit, a padlock  is visible in the “Info” section highlighting the record status.



The “Info” section can be accessed through the “Enrollment”, “Assignments/Exits” and “Placements” modules. See below for images of the “Info” section.

[WDCS Main](#) > Edit Enrollment

Participant Name: Testy Test	PID: 2551781	
Current Durational Limit Date: 12/31/2019	Application Date: 01/01/2016	
Status: Ineligible	Exit Date:	

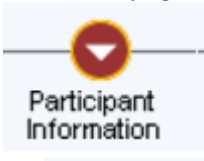

Info Section – Expanded

[WDCS Main](#) > Edit Enrollment

Participant Name: Testy Test	PID: 2551781		
Current Durational Limit Date: 12/31/2016 Locked — Beyond Durational Limit	Application Date: 01/01/2016		
Status: Ineligible	Exit Date:		

Info Section Showing Record that is Locked Beyond Durational Limit

In addition, most of the links on the SPARQ application pages have been changed to buttons and the color scheme on these pages have also changed. The radial navigation buttons (e.g. Participant

Information ) have been replaced with rectangular navigational buttons (e.g. Participant Info ). **The functionality of the application remains the same.**

Reducing Grantee Burden

Date filters and verification checkboxes were added to reduce the number of warnings and errors grantees receive. Some of the areas where improvements were made are:

- **“A13-16** - This person is currently employed through the [GRANTEE NAME of the grantee with the UE] grantee and cannot be given an assignment.” – has been revised so that it doesn’t trigger for records with placement dates before 7/1/2011
- **“P33-3** - Applicant "Date of signing" is before 1986; please verify.” – has been revised to expire when the record no longer counts for performance.

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Revision of the Durational Limit Report

The Actions: Most In Need/Waiver Factor Management report has been updated to reflect the following:

- Number of Participants beyond Durational Limit Date with updated Waiver Factor in Current Program Year
- Percent of Participants beyond Durational Limit Date with updated Waiver Factor in Current Program Year
- Number of Extended Participants with Durational Limit Date and updated Waiver Factor in Current Program Year
- Percent of Extended Participants with Durational Limit Date and updated Waiver Factor in Current Program Year

Revision of QPR item B12 (% Participants Assigned 18-22 Hours per Week)

Item B12 on the QPR has been revised to show average number of hours per week among participants who were continuously enrolled and did not receive training during the report period.

Revisions to the Sub-Grantee Authorized Position page

The labels on the Sub-Grantee Authorized Position page have been revised to more accurately reflect the content of the fields. In addition, when an action is successfully completed, the message indicating the successful completion will be displayed in green.