

Changes in SPARQ Release 6.5

To complete the changes that DOL committed to in response to the OIG report, the following changes were made to the OJE fields:

- Edit U8-3 was previously a warning (“Did employer provide OJE training site?” is Yes and “Type of training received OJE” is not Yes. Please correct this information. Otherwise, SPARQ will assume that “Did employer provide OJE training site?” is No.) A filter has been added so it only triggers for exits on or after 7/1/2013, and it was turned into a reject (“Did employer provide OJE training site?” can only be Yes if there is an assignment where “Type of training received OJE” is Yes.)
- A message has been added to the Training Information screen in the assignment record to remind users that the training provider must not be the same organization as the host agency.

In addition, as Judith announced last fall as part of the data validation (DV) changes:

- A field was added to record the Date of Termination Letter.
- There is a new edit on the new field:
 - E6.b-2 (“Date of termination letter” must be at least 30 days prior to “Date of exit.”)
- A second edit will be added in the next release:
 - E6.b-1 (Since “Other reason for exit” is “For cause” or “Non-income eligible” or “Durational limit,” “Date of termination letter” must be valued.)

Functionality

Information about open placements has been added to the SPARQ Home Participant Search page to help users resolve the reject for A13-16 (This person is currently employed through the [GRANTEE NAME of the grantee with the UE] grantee and cannot be given an assignment).

Grantee administrators are now able to give accounts with a role of Sub-Grantee Administrator the ability to verify warnings. To do so, please contact BCT and provide the User ID.

QPR

The authorized positions and performance goals for program year 2014 have been uploaded.

E4, Common Measures Entered Employment, will be revised to bring the QPR in sync with how the UI wage record match will work for SCSEP.

Edits

In order to minimize the burden on grantees:

The following edits no longer trigger for records where the exit date is before the current program year:

- P8a (“Urban/rural” is blank.)
- P34-2 (“Eligibility” is not ineligible and there is at least one Yes for “If ineligible, reason.” Please correct this information. Otherwise, SPARQ will assume that “Eligibility” is ineligible.)
- P34-3 (“Eligibility” is not ineligible and there is at least one Yes for “If ineligible, action taken.” Please correct this information. Otherwise, SPARQ will assume that “Eligibility” is ineligible.)

The following edits have been removed:

- P39a (“County of authorized position” is blank.)
- A6-2 (This FEIN already exists in the database.)
- A6-3 (This FEIN already exists in the database.)
- U5-2 (This FEIN already exists in the database.)
- U5-3 (This FEIN already exists in the database.)

The following edit has been changed to a screen reject when “Has the participant re-enrolled in SCSEP within the first 90 days after exit?” is Yes in the same placement record in which the Follow-up 1 data is entered:

- U27a-5 (Since “Has the participant re-enrolled in SCSEP within the first 90 days after exit?” is Yes, “Follow-up 1 completed date” must be blank.)

This will enable users to resolve the error before leaving the page. In cases where “Has the participant re-enrolled in SCSEP within the first 90 days after exit?” is Yes in a different placement record, the message will still appear on the DQR and EDQP.

Management Reports

Two new Actions Reports have been added:

- Host Agency Actions
- Employer Actions

The ability to select multiple sub-grantees has been added to the following reports:

- Current/Exited
- MIN/WFA
- Pending Follow-up by Quarter
- Started Employment
- Entered Employment

The Current/Exited report has been revised to include records where non-exit reason for closing the record is valued. This will allow users the ability to obtain a list of participants who were active during some time period in the past.