## **Edu.Dex User manual**

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SETA - Sector Education and Training Authority		_		
UNC - Universal naming convention	_	-		

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## 1 Introduction

The Edu.Dex data validation utility is a custom designed application that ensures that data transmitted within the Education and Training sector of South Africa conforms to the education and training data exchange (Edu.Dex standard) standard.

The primary objective for the development of the Edu.Dex standard is to ensure that any learner registration related data that is transmitted from one information system to another system in batch format complies to the South African Qualifications Authority's (SAQA) National Learner's Records Database (NLRD) Load Specifications.

The NLRD Load Specification has been developed for the transmission of data from an Education and Training Quality Assurance body (EQTA) to the NLRD system. The NLRD Load Specification therefore does not specifically accommodate the transmission of learner registration data from and to other education and training sector stakeholders.

The secondary objective of the development of the Edu.Dex standard is Therefore to provide the Education and Training sector of South Africa with a comprehensive standard, which complies with the NLRD Load Specification standard, for the transmission of learner registration data between all Education and Training sector stakeholders.

## 2 Starting Edu.Dex

The Edu.Dex data validation utility can be started from the Windows Start menu or from the Edu.Dex Data Validation desktop folder.

## 2.1 Starting Edu.Dex from the Windows Start menu

To start Edu.Dex from the Windows Start menu, click on the Windows **Start** menu button, select the **Programs** option, then select the **Edu.Dex Data Validation** option and click on the **Edu.Dex** icon.

## 2.2 Starting Edu.Dex from the Edu.Dex Data Validation desktop folder

To start Edu.Dex from the Edu.Dex Data Validation desktop folder, locate and open the Edu.Dex Data Validation folder on your Windows desktop (see Screen 2.2.1).

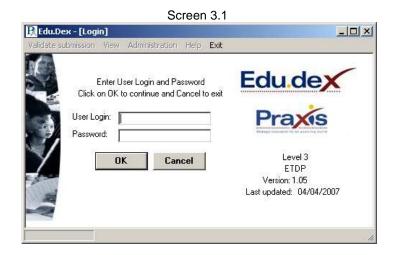


Once the Edu.Dex Data Validation folder is open, select the Edu.Dex icon to start the Edu.Dex application (see Screen 2.2.2).

Screen 2.2.2

## 3 The Edu.Dex login

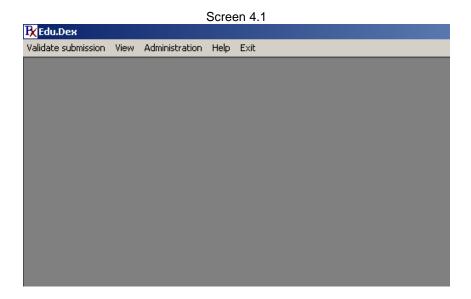
After starting the Edu.Dex application, you must login (see Screen 3.1). This process authenticates you as a user of the system, after which the full functionality of the Edu.Dex application is made available to you.



- 1. Enter your **User Login** details (the initial login details will have been supplied to you with the installation set of Edu.Dex).
- 2. Enter your Password and click on OK to proceed.
- 3. Click on **Cancel** if you want to close the application.

## 4 The Edu.Dex main menu

After you have successfully logged into the Edu.Dex application, the main menu screen will be displayed (see Screen 4.1). This screen presents the main menu items.



## 4.1 Main menu overview

#### Validate Submission

This menu item contains options that allow you to validate incoming (data has been supplied to you) or outgoing (data that you are supplying to another education and training stakeholder) data submissions. The menu items available in this main menu item are:

## Incoming submission

## Outgoing submission

The sub-menu items available in each of the above mentioned menu items are activated in accordance with your organization's specific needs.

#### View

This menu item contains options that allow you to view the results of the most recently completed data validation. The menu items available in this main menu are:

## Reports

This option presents you with the following types of reports relating to the last data validation that has been completed:

#### **Files**

This menu option presents you with a view of the last data files that have been submitted for validation. The individual sub-menus available for this menu item are dependent on the data files that you submitted for validation.

## Administration

This menu item contains options that allow you to administer the Edu.Dex application. The individual sub-menus available for this menu item are dependent on the configuration of the Edu.Dex application.

## Help

This menu item contains options that allow you to access help files in regard the utilization of the Edu.Dex application and Edu.Dex standard.

## Exit

This menu item allows you to exit the Edu.Dex application.

Detailed descriptions of each of the main menu items are provided in this user manual.

## 5 Validate submission menu

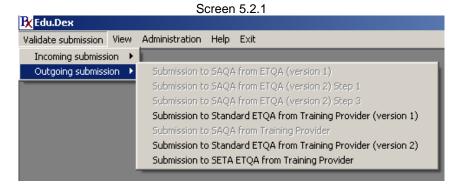
This menu item contains options that allow you to validate incoming (data has been supplied to you) or outgoing (data that you are supplying to another education and training stakeholder) data submissions. The menu items that are available to you from this menu are customized in accordance with your type of organization.

## 5.1 Incoming submission menu

All of the menu items in this menu are inactive for training providers as the organization does not receive any learner registration records from another education and training stakeholder.

## 5.2 Outgoing submission menu

The outgoing submission menu options (see Screen 5.2.1) that are available in this version of Edu.Dex are described below.



#### 5.2.1 Submission to Standard ETQA from Training Provider (version 1)

This menu item allows you to validate data submissions that your organization would like to submit to an ETQA<sup>1</sup>. The ETQA selection screen is displayed on selection of this menu item (see Screen 5.2.1.1).



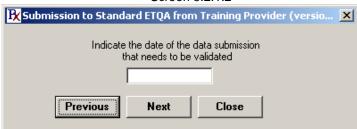
- Select the ETQA that you will be submitting the data submission to and click on Next to continue. Click the Close button to cancel the process and return to the main menu.
- 2. The date selection screen will be displayed (see Screen 5.2.1.2). Click on the date edit box to activate the calendar (see Screen 5.2.1.3).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An ETQA requires that your data submission conforms to the ETQA file specification format which is completely compliant with the NLRD Load Specifications.

Screen 5.2.1.2



3. Select the data submission date on the calendar screen by indicating the data submissions year, month and day. The application will return to the date selection screen (Screen 5.2.1.2) once a valid date has been entered. Click on the Next button to continue, click on Close to return to the main menu or click on Previous to return to the previous screen.

Screen 5.2.1.3

Select Date						
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Note that the Edu.Dex application uses this information, in combination with your provider code<sup>2</sup>, to identify your data submission file/s.

Ensure that the first characters of the data submission file names represent your provider code:

File name: nnnnffyymmdd.dat

Where nnnn represents your provider code like FOOD-111

Ensure that the last six characters of the data submission file names represent the date of submission in the following manner:

File name: nnnnffyymmdd.dat

Where yy represents the year of the submission (06). Where mm represents the month of the submission (07). Where dd indicates the day of the submission (11).

Ensure that the ff characters of the data submission file name represent the type of file as indicated in the file specification document.

4. The Edu.Dex application will display the data submission location screen (see Screen 5.2.1.4). The screen will have the default import submission folder path loaded (see Section 7.2 on how to change the default import submission folder path). If the data submission is not found in the default import submission folder path then click on the Search button and browse to the correct location. Click on the Next button to continue, click on the Previous button to return to the previous screen or click on the Close button to return to the main menu.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Training provider code issued by the primary ETQA of your organization

Screen 5.2.1.4



5. The Edu.Dex application will display the export location screen (see Screen 5.2.1.5). The screen will have the default export submission folder path loaded (see Section 7.3 on how to change the default export submission folder path). If you would like the Edu.Dex application to save the validated data submission to a location other than the default export location shown then click on the **Search** button and browse to the correct location. Click on the **Next** button to continue, click on the **Previous** button to return to the previous screen or click on the **Close** button to return to the main menu.

Screen 5.2.1.5



Note that the Edu.Dex application expects to find your data submission files with the naming convention specified in step 3 at the location specified in step 4. The system will return an error if any of these details or if the remainder of the file name/s is/are incorrect. If the data submission has the correct naming convention and is found in the path indicated then the validate submission screen will be displayed (see Screen 5.2.1.6).

The validate submission screen (see Screen 5.2.1.6) presents a number of information fields to enable you to ensure that the correct data submission will be validated by the system.

The **Data supplier** field displays your provider code.

The **Submission date** field indicates the date of your data submission.

The **Data submission** files area indicates which data files have been located by the Edu.Dex application. Each data file that is located has a check mark in the data file's respective check box.

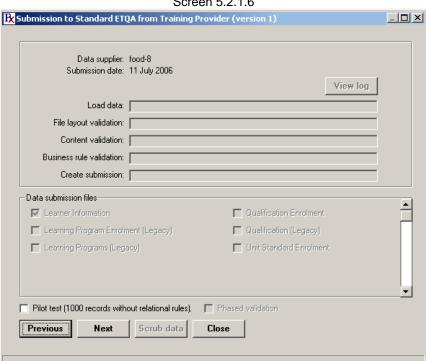
The screen provides a customisable processing option:

 Pilot test (1000 records without relational rules) performs a pilot test of the data submission limited to 1000 records or less per file. This processing option has been included to allow pre-testing of large data submissions prior to validation of the full submission.

If this option is not selected then the Edu.Dex application will validate all aspects of the full submission.

Ensure that the information that this screen is displaying is correct. Click on the **Next** button to start the data validation. Click on the **Previous** button to return to the previous screen or click on the **Close** button to return to the main menu.

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Screen 5.2.1.6

Note: The submission of Qualification (Legacy) and Learning Programs (Legacy) records can be completed in two different ways:

- 1. The qualification or learning program may be offered by all Providers that are accredited at the ETQA. In this scenario the uniqueness of a legacy qualification or learning program is validated on the Qualification\_Code or Course\_Code field. This option requires that you enter the provider code that all the qualifications or learning programs are accredited against (contact the recipient ETQA for further information).
- 2. The qualification or learning program may only be offered by a particular Provider that is accredited at the ETQA. In this scenario the uniqueness of a legacy qualification or learning program is validated on the combination of the Qualification\_Code and your Provider\_Code or Course\_Code and your Provider\_Code fields.

The Edu.Dex application will display the Legacy qualification submission and/or Legacy learning program submission screens if the submission contains a Qualification (Legacy) and/or Learning Program (Legacy) file/s (see Screen 5.2.1.6.a).

The system has detected that legacy qualifications (file 4) have been submitted. Please indicate the following in order to allow Edu.Dex to complete the validation of this file correctly:

Qualifications are recorded on an ETQA level

Associated provider code:

Qualifications are recorded on a training provider level

Next

Cancel

Screen 5.2.1.6.a

Indicate the nature of the legacy qualification or learning program records by selecting the relevant tick box. Click on the **Next** button to start the data validation or click on the **Cancel** button to return to the validate submission screen.

- 7. The Edu.Dex application will complete the required data validation on the data submission. The five progress indicators (Load data, File layout validation, Content validation, Business rule validation and Create submission) will provide you with an indication of the progress.
- The system will display the following type of message if the data validation process has been completed successfully (see Screen 5.2.1.7). Click on **OK** to return to the data validation screen.



The **View log** button will be active if any of the data fields or records in the data submission generated a warning message. The results presented in this report are also available from the **View menu** (see Section 6.1.1). Click on the **View log** button to access the validation log (see item 10 and Screen 5.2.1.9 for more information). Click on the **Close** button to return to the main menu.

The data submission that you must submit to the ETQA can be found at the export location that you indicated in item 5. Please note that the data submission found in this location has been prepared in a particular format for the recipient ETQA:

- a. The data submission has been compressed for ease of transmission.
- b. The compressed file contains the standard Edu.Dex reports that are automatically generated during the data validation process. These reports have been included for the ETQA as proof of the quality of your data submission.
- The compressed submission has been encrypted to prevent anyone from tampering with your data submission.
- d. The compressed submission naming convention is:

File name: nnnnyymmdd.zip
Where nnnn represents your provider code like FOOD-111
Where yy represents the year of the submission (06).
Where mm represents the month of the submission (07).
Where dd indicates the day of the submission (11).

Please note that the specially prepared compressed and encrypted submission file must be submitted to the recipient ETQA and **NOT** your original data submission.

 The system will display the following message if the data validation process could not be completed successfully (see Screen 5.2.1.8). Click on **OK** to return to the data validation screen.

Screen 5.2.1.8

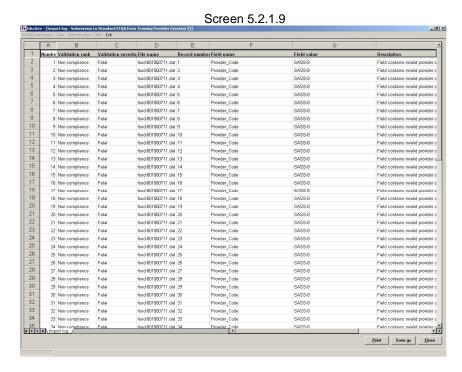
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WARNING: The data submission contains FATAL errors. The results of the validation process can be viewed by accessing the detailed and/or aggregated reports in the View/Reports menu.

The **View log** button will be active on the data validation screen. The results presented in this report are also available from the **View menu** (see Section 6.1.1). Click on the **View log** button to access the validation log (see item 10 and Screen 5.2.1.9 for more information).

10. The validation log presents you with a detailed report of the specific fields in a data submission that have failed validation. On selecting this menu option the Import log screen will be displayed (see Screen 5.2.1.9).

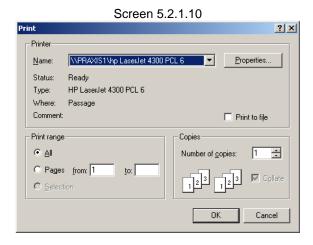
The log provides you with the following information so that you can better understand the factors that contributed to the data submission failing the data validations:



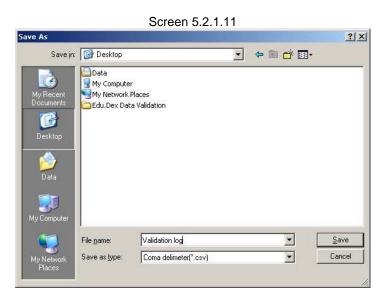
- 1. The **Number** column indicates the number of the error reported.
- The Validation rank column indicates the type of error that was encountered (non-compliance, content, general information and critical information).
- The Validation severity column indicates whether the error that was encountered is preventing the successful validation of the data submission (fatal or non-fatal).

- 4. The File name column indicates the file in which the error was encountered.
- The Record number column indicates the record (line) in the file that holds the invalid value. Note that the record numbering is sequential, starting at the first valid data record found in the file.
- 6. The **Field name** column indicates the name of the field that has failed validation.
- The Field value column indicates the value found in the field that has failed validation.
- 8. The **Description** column provides you with a description of the factor that caused the field content to fail validation.

Selecting the **Print** button allows you to print the log to your default printer (see Screen 5.2.1.10).



The **Save** as button allows you to save the report to a comma delimited format (.csv) file which is recognized by Microsoft Excel (see Screen 5.2.1.11). Browse to the location to which you would like to save the log. Type the name that you want the log saved to in the **File name** box and click on **Save**.



The **Close** button allows you to exit the Import log screen and return to the validate submission screen.

## 5.2.2 Submission to SETA ETQA from Training Provider

This menu item allows you to validate data submissions that your organization would like to submit to a SETA ETQA<sup>3</sup>. The ETQA selection screen is displayed on selection of this menu item (see Screen 5.2.2.1).



- Select the ETQA that you will be submitting the data submission to and click on Next to continue. Click the Close button to cancel the process and return to the main menu.
- 2. The contact details screen will be displayed (see Screen 5.2.2.2).

button to cancel the process and return to the main menu.



Enter a contact name and email address for an individual in your organization that must receive any feedback in regard to the data submission and click on **Next** to

continue (see Section 7.7 on how to change the default contact name and email values). Click the **Previous** button to return to the previous screen. Click the **Close** 

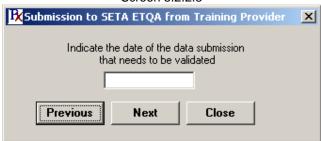
3. The date selection screen will be displayed (see Screen 5.2.2.3). Click on the date edit box to activate the calendar (see Screen 5.2.2.4). Click the **Previous** button to return to the previous screen. Click the **Close** button to cancel the process and return to the main menu.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A SETA ETQA requires that your data submission conforms to the SETA ETQA file specification format.

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Screen 5.2.2.3



4. Select the data submission date on the calendar screen by indicating the data submissions year, month and day. The application will return to the date selection screen (Screen 5.2.2.3) once a valid date has been entered. Click on the **Next** button to continue, click on **Close** to return to the main menu or click on **Previous** to return to the previous screen.

Screen 5.2.2.4

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Note that the Edu.Dex application uses this information, in combination with your provider code<sup>4</sup>, to identify your data submission file/s.

Ensure that the first characters of the data submission file names represent your provider code:

File name: nnnnffyymmdd.dat

Where nnnn represents your provider code like MQAU-111

Ensure that the last six characters of the data submission file names represent the date of submission in the following manner:

File name: nnnnffyymmdd.dat

Where yy represents the year of the submission (05). Where mm represents the month of the submission (04). Where dd indicates the day of the submission (11).

Ensure that the ff characters of the data submission file name represent the type of file as indicated in the file specification document.

5. The Edu.Dex application will display the data submission import location screen (see Screen 5.2.2.5). The screen will have the default import submission folder path loaded (see Section 7.2 on how to change the default import submission folder path). If the data submission is not found in the default import submission folder path then click on the **Search** button and browse to the correct location. Click on the **Next** 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Training provider code issued by the primary ETQA of your organization

button to continue, click on the **Previous** button to return to the previous screen or click on the **Close** button to return to the main menu.

Screen 5.2.2.5



6. The Edu.Dex application will display the export location screen (see Screen 5.2.2.6). The screen will have the default export submission folder path loaded (see Section 7.3 on how to change the default export submission folder path). If you would like the Edu.Dex application to save the validated data submission to a location other than the default export location shown then click on the **Search** button and browse to the correct location. Click on the **Next** button to continue, click on the **Previous** button to return to the previous screen or click on the **Close** button to return to the main menu.

Screen 5.2.2.6

K Submission to	SETA ETQA fr	om Training	Provider - expor	t location	X	
Inc		to which you validated da	would like the system ta submission	n		
Export Location:	t Location: d:\DataSubmission\ToBeSentToSETAETQA\ Search					
	Previous	Next	Close			

Note that the Edu.Dex application expects to find your data submission files with the naming convention specified in step 4 at the location specified in step 5. The system will return an error if any of these details or if the remainder of the file name/s is/are incorrect. If the data submission has the correct naming convention and is found in the path indicated then the validate submission screen will be displayed (see Screen 5.2.2.7).

7. The validate submission screen presents a number of information fields to enable you to ensure that the correct data submission will be validated by the system.

The **Data supplier** field indicates your provider code.

The **Submission date** field indicates the date of the data submission.

The **Data submission** files area indicates which data files have been located by the Edu.Dex application. Each data file that is located has a check mark in the data file's respective check box.

The screen provides a customisable processing option:

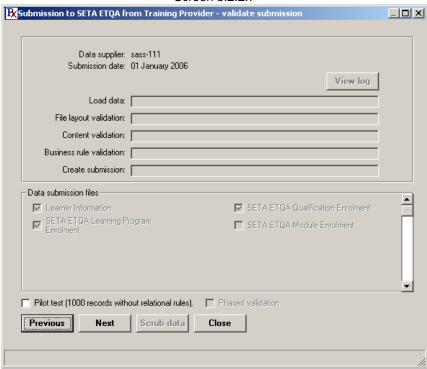
 Pilot test (1000 records without relational rules) performs a pilot test of the data submission limited to 1000 records or less per file. This processing option has been included to allow pre-testing of large data submissions prior to validation of the full submission.

If this option is not selected then the Edu.Dex application will validate all aspects of the full submission.

Ensure that the information that this screen is displaying is correct. Click on the **Next** button to start the data validation. Click on the **Previous** button to return to the previous screen or click on the **Close** button to return to the main menu.

The Edu.Dex application will complete the required data validation on the data submission. The five progress indicators (Load data, File layout validation, Content validation, Business rule validation and Create submission) will provide you with an indication of the progress.

Screen 5.2.2.7



 The system will display the following type of message if the data validation process has been completed successfully (see Screen 5.2.2.8). Click on **OK** to return to the data validation screen.

Screen 5.2.2.8

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Process completed successfully. The validated submission has been saved as mgau-111050411.zip path/directory/. The results of the validation process can be viewed by clicking on the View Log button or by accessing the View menu.

OK

The **View log** button will be active if any of the data fields or records in the data submission generated a warning message. The results presented in this report are also available from the **View menu** (see Section 6.1.1). Click on the **View log** button to access the validation log (see item 10 and Screen 5.2.2.10 for more information). Click on the **Close** button to return to the main menu.

The data submission that you must submit to the SETA ETQA can be found at the export location that you indicated in item 6. Please note that the data submission found in this location has been prepared in a particular format for the SETA ETQA:

- The data submission has been compressed for ease of transmission.
- b. The compressed file contains the standard Edu.Dex reports that are automatically generated during the data validation process. These reports have been included for the SETA ETQA as proof of the quality of your data submission.
- c. The compressed submission has been encrypted to prevent anyone from tampering with your data submission.
- d. The compressed submission naming convention is:

File name: nnnnyymmdd.001

Where nnnn represents your provider code like MQAU-111
Where yy represents the year of the submission (05).
Where mm represents the year of the submission (04).
Where dd indicates the day of the submission (11).

Please note that the specially prepared compressed and encrypted submission file must be submitted to the SETA ETQA and **NOT** your original data submission.

9. The system will display the following message if the data validation process could not be completed successfully (see Screen 5.2.2.9). Click on **OK** to return to the data validation screen.

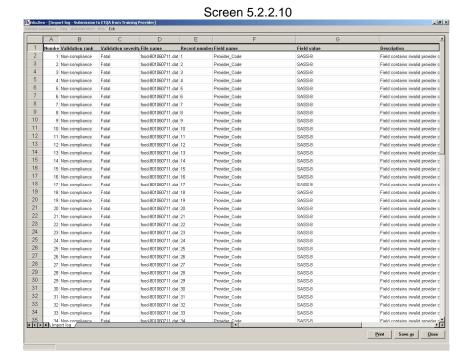


The **View log** button will be active on the data validation screen. The results presented in this report are also available from the **View menu** (see Section 6.1.1). Click on the **View log** button to access the validation log (see item 10 and Screen 5.2.2.10 for more information).

10. The validation log presents you with a detailed report of the specific fields in a data submission that have failed validation. On selecting this menu option the Import log screen will be displayed (see Screen 5.2.2.10).

The log provides you with the following information so that you can better understand the factors that contributed to the data submission failing the data validations:

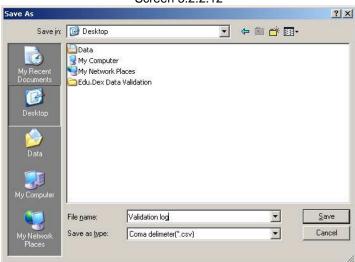
- 1. The **Number** column indicates the number of the error reported.
- 2. The **Validation rank** column indicates the type of error that was encountered (non-compliance, content, general information and critical information).
- The Validation severity column indicates whether the error that was encountered is preventing the successful validation of the data submission (fatal or non-fatal).
- 4. The **File name** column indicates the file in which the error was encountered.
- 5. The **Record number** column indicates the record (line) in the file that holds the invalid value. Note that the record numbering is sequential, starting at the first valid data record found in the file.
- 6. The **Field name** column indicates the name of the field that has failed validation.
- The Field value column indicates the value found in the field that has failed validation.
- 8. The **Description** column provides you with a description of the factor that caused the field content to fail validation.



11. Selecting the **Print** button allows you to print the log to your default printer (see Screen 5.2.2.11).



a. The **Save** as button allows you to save the report to a comma delimited format (.csv) file which is recognized by Microsoft Excel (see Screen 5.2.2.12). Browse to the location to which you would like to save the log. Type the name that you want the log saved to in the **File name** box and click on **Save**.



Screen 5.2.2.12

 The Close button allows you to exit the Import log screen and return to the validate submission screen.

## 5.2.3 Submission to Standard ETQA from Training Provider (version 2)

This menu item allows you to validate data submissions that your organization would like to submit to an ETQA<sup>5</sup>. The ETQA selection screen is displayed on selection of this menu item (see Screen 5.2.3.1).



1. Select the ETQA that you will be submitting the data submission to and click on **Next** to continue. Click the **Close** button to cancel the process and return to the main menu.

2. The date selection screen will be displayed (see Screen 5.2.3.2). Click on the date edit box to activate the calendar (see Screen 5.2.3.3).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> An standard ETQA requires that your data submission conforms to the Standard ETQA file specification format which is compliant with the NLRD Load Specifications.

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3. Select the data submission date on the calendar screen by indicating the data submissions year, month and day. The application will return to the date selection screen (Screen 5.2.3.2) once a valid date has been entered. Click on the Next button to continue, click on Close to return to the main menu or click on Previous to return to the previous screen.

R Select Date X 2008 April April 2008 🕶 ▼| Tue Sun 5 3 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 25 22 23 24 26 27 28 29 30

Screen 5.2.3.3

Note that the Edu.Dex application uses this information, in combination with your provider code<sup>6</sup>, to identify your data submission file/s.

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Ensure that the first characters of the data submission file names represent your provider code:

File name: nnnnffyymmdd.dat

Where nnnn represents your provider code like CHED-1

Ensure that the last six characters of the data submission file names represent the date of submission in the following manner:

File name: nnnnffyymmdd.dat

Where yy represents the year of the submission (07). Where mm represents the month of the submission (12). Where dd indicates the day of the submission (02).

Ensure that the ff characters of the data submission file name represent the type of file as indicated in the file specification document.

4. The Edu.Dex application will display the data submission location screen (see Screen 5.2.3.4). The screen will have the default import submission folder path loaded (see Section 7.2 on how to change the default import submission folder path). If the data submission is not found in the default import submission folder path then click on the Search button and browse to the correct location. Click on the Next button to continue, click on the Previous button to return to the previous screen or click on the Close button to return to the main menu.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Training provider code issued by the primary ETQA of your organization

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5. The Edu.Dex application will display the export location screen (see Screen 5.2.3.5). The screen will have the default export submission folder path loaded (see Section 7.3 on how to change the default export submission folder path). If you would like the Edu.Dex application to save the validated data submission to a location other than the default export location shown then click on the **Search** button and browse to the correct location. Click on the **Next** button to continue, click on the **Previous** button to return to the previous screen or click on the **Close** button to return to the main menu.

Note that the Edu.Dex application expects to find your data submission files with the naming convention specified in step 3 at the location specified in step 4. The system will return an error if any of these details or if the remainder of the file name/s is/are incorrect. If the data submission has the correct naming convention and is found in the path indicated then the validate submission screen will be displayed (see Screen

6. The validate submission screen (see Screen 5.2.3.6) presents a number of information fields to enable you to ensure that the correct data submission will be validated by the system.

The **Data supplier** field displays your provider code.

The **Submission date** field indicates the date of your data submission.

The **Data submission** files area indicates which data files have been located by the Edu.Dex application. Each data file that is located has a check mark in the data file's respective check box.

The screen provides a customisable processing option:

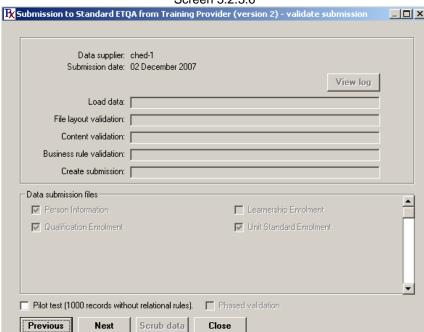
 Pilot test (1000 records without relational rules) performs a pilot test of the data submission limited to 1000 records or less per file. This processing option has been included to allow pre-testing of large data submissions prior to validation of the full submission.

If this option is not selected then the Edu.Dex application will validate all aspects of the full submission.

Ensure that the information that this screen is displaying is correct. Click on the **Next** button to start the data validation. Click on the **Previous** button to return to the previous screen or click on the **Close** button to return to the main menu.

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Screen 5.2.3.6

Click on the **Next** button to start the data validation or click on the **Cancel** button to return to the validate submission screen.

- 7. The Edu.Dex application will complete the required data validation on the data submission. The five progress indicators (Load data, File layout validation, Content validation, Business rule validation and Create submission) will provide you with an indication of the progress.
- 8. The system will display the following type of message if the data validation process has been completed successfully (see Screen 5.2.3.7). Click on **OK** to return to the data validation screen.



The **View log** button will be active if any of the data fields or records in the data submission generated a warning message. The results presented in this report are also available from the **View menu** (see Section 6.1.1). Click on the **View log** button to access the validation log (see item 10 and Screen 5.2.3.9 for more information). Click on the **Close** button to return to the main menu.

The data submission that you must submit to the ETQA can be found at the export location that you indicated in item 5. Please note that the data submission found in this location has been prepared in a particular format for the recipient ETQA:

a. The data submission has been compressed for ease of transmission.

- b. The compressed file contains the standard Edu.Dex reports that are automatically generated during the data validation process. These reports have been included for the ETQA as proof of the quality of your data submission.
- The compressed submission has been encrypted to prevent anyone from tampering with your data submission.
- d. The compressed submission naming convention is:

File name: nnnnyymmdd.zip
Where nnnn represents your provider code like CHED-1
Where yy represents the year of the submission (07).
Where mm represents the month of the submission (12).

Where mm represents the month of the submission ( Where dd indicates the day of the submission (02).

Please note that the specially prepared compressed and encrypted submission file must be submitted to the recipient ETQA and **NOT** your original data submission.

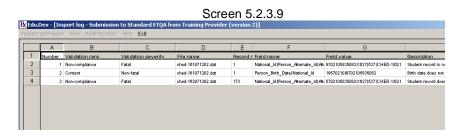
9. The system will display the following message if the data validation process could not be completed successfully (see Screen 5.2.3.8). Click on **OK** to return to the data validation screen.



The **View log** button will be active on the data validation screen. The results presented in this report are also available from the **View menu** (see Section 6.1.1). Click on the **View log** button to access the validation log (see item 10 and Screen 5.2.3.9 for more information).

10. The validation log presents you with a detailed report of the specific fields in a data submission that have failed validation. On selecting this menu option the Import log screen will be displayed (see Screen 5.2.3.9).

The log provides you with the following information so that you can better understand the factors that contributed to the data submission failing the data validations:

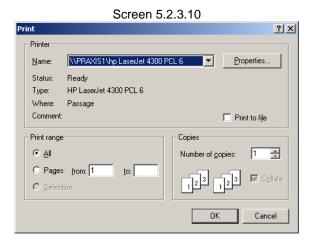


- a) The **Number** column indicates the number of the error reported.
- b) The **Validation rank** column indicates the type of error that was encountered (non-compliance, content, general information and critical information).
- c) The Validation severity column indicates whether the error that was encountered is preventing the successful validation of the data submission (fatal or non-fatal).
- The File name column indicates the file in which the error was encountered.
- e) The **Record number** column indicates the record (line) in the file that holds the invalid value. Note that the record numbering is sequential, starting at the first valid data record found in the file.

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- f) The **Field name** column indicates the name of the field that has failed validation.
- g) The **Field value** column indicates the value found in the field that has failed validation.
- h) The **Description** column provides you with a description of the factor that caused the field content to fail validation.

Selecting the **Print** button allows you to print the log to your default printer (see Screen 5.2.3.10).



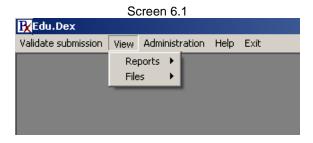
The **Save as** button allows you to save the report to a comma delimited format (.csv) file which is recognized by Microsoft Excel (see Screen 5.2.3.11). Browse to the location to which you would like to save the log. Type the name that you want the log saved to in the **File name** box and click on **Save**.



The **Close** button allows you to exit the Import log screen and return to the validate submission screen.

## 6 View menu

The View menu item contains options that allow you to view the results of the most recently completed data validation. The specific menu items available (see Screen 6.1) are described below.



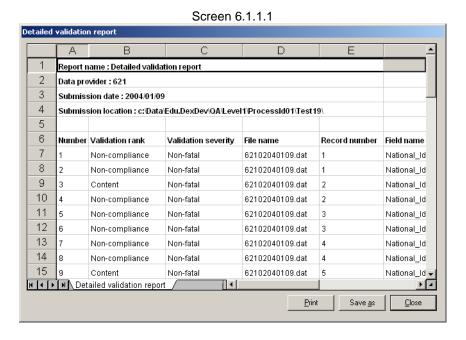
## 6.1 Reports menu

This menu option allows you to access the reports generated by the Edu.Dex application for the most recent data submission that was validated. The application generates two types of reports as described below (see Screen 6.1.1).

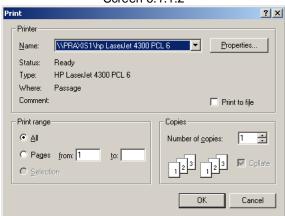


## 6.1.1 Detailed validation report menu

This report presents you with a detailed report of the specific fields in a data submission that have failed validation. On selecting this menu option the Detailed validation report screen will be displayed (see Screen 6.1.1.1).



- 1. The report provides you with the following information so that you can better understand the factors that contributed to the data submission failing the data validations:
  - 1. The heading area of the report details the submission that was validated.
  - 2. The **Number** column indicates the number of the error reported.
  - 3. The **Validation rank** column indicates the type of error that was encountered (non-compliance, content, general information and critical information).
  - The Validation severity column indicates whether the error that was encountered is preventing the successful validation of the data submission (fatal or non-fatal).
  - 5. The **File name** column indicates the file in which the error was encountered.
  - The Record number column indicates the record (line) in the file that holds the invalid value. Note that the record numbering is sequential, starting at the first valid data record found in the file.
  - 7. The **Field name** column indicates the name of the field that has failed validation.
  - 8. The **Field value** column indicates the value found in the field that has failed validation.
  - 9. The **Description** column provides you with a description of the factor that caused the field content to fail validation.
- Selecting the **Print** button allows you to print the report to your default printer (see Screen 6.1.1.2).



Screen 6.1.1.2

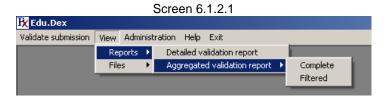
3. The Save as button allows you to save the report to a comma delimited format (.csv) file which is recognized by Microsoft Excel (see Screen 6.1.1.3). Browse to the location to which you would like to save the report. Type the name that you want the report saved to in the File name box and click on Save.



4. The **Close** button allows you to exit the Detailed validation report screen and return to the main menu.

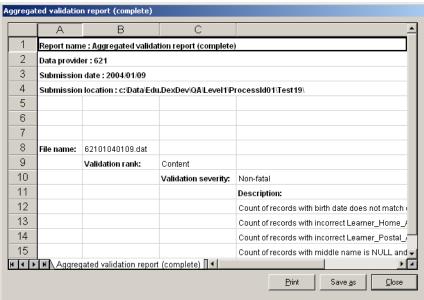
## 6.1.2 Aggregated validation report menu

These reports present you with summary reports of the results of the data validations completed on the data submission. Two further menu options are made available to you once you select this menu item (see Screen 6.1.2.1).



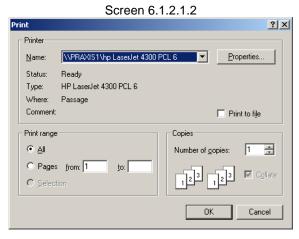
### 6.1.2.1 Complete menu

This report presents you with a summary report of all of the validations completed on a data submission and the results of each validation rule. On selecting this menu option the Aggregated validation report (complete) screen will be displayed (see Screen 6.1.2.1.1).

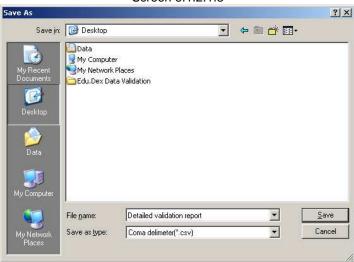


Screen 6.1.2.1.1

- 1. The report provides you with the following information so that you can better understand the data submission:
  - 1. The heading area of the report details the submission that was validated.
  - 2. The **File name** heading indicates the file for which the results are displayed.
  - 3. The **Validation rank** heading indicates the type of validation reported on (non-compliance, content, general information and critical information).
  - 4. The **Validation severity** heading indicates whether the validation would result in the data submission validation from failing (fatal or non-fatal).
  - 5. The **Description** column provides you with a description of the validation that was completed on the file.
  - The Count column provides you with the number of records that meet the conditions of the validation.
- Selecting the **Print** button allows you to print the report to your default printer (see Screen 6.1.2.1.2).



3. The **Save as** button allows you to save the report to a comma delimited format (.csv) file which is recognized by Microsoft Excel (see Screen 6.1.2.1.3).



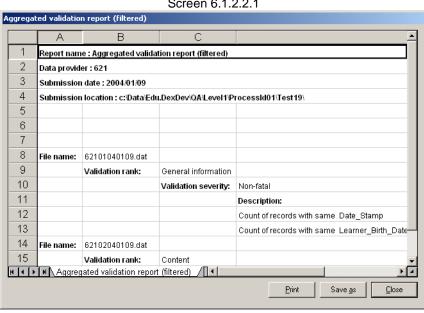
Screen 6.1.2.1.3

Browse to the location to which you would like to save the report. Type the name that you want the report saved to in the File name box and click on Save.

4. The Close button allows you to exit the Aggregated validation report (complete) screen and return to the main menu.

#### 6.1.2.2 **Filtered**

This report differs from the complete aggregated report in that this report only displays validations that were met by the data submission (results of validation that failed). On selecting this menu option the Aggregated validation report (filtered) screen will be displayed (see Screen 6.1.2.2.1).



Screen 6.1.2.2.1

- 1. The report provides you with the following information so that you can better understand the data submission:
  - 1. The heading area of the report details the submission that was validated.
  - 2. The **File name** heading indicates the file for which the results are displayed.

- 3. The Validation rank heading indicates the type of validation reported on (noncompliance, content, general information and critical information).
- The Validation severity heading indicates whether the validation would result in the data submission validation from failing (fatal or non-fatal).
- The **Description** column provides you with a description of the validation that was completed on the file.
- The Count column provides you with the number of records that meet the conditions of the validation.
- 2. Selecting the Print button allows you to print the report to your default printer (see Screen 6.1.2.2.2).



Screen 6.1.2.2.2

3. The Save as button allows you to save the report to a comma delimited format (.csv) file which is recognized by Microsoft Excel (see Screen 6.1.2.2.3).



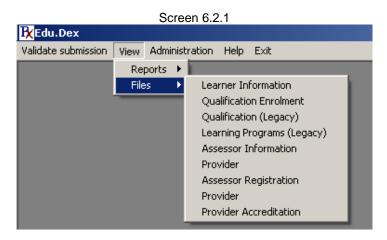
Screen 6.1.2.2.3

Browse to the location to which you would like to save the report. Type the name that you want the report saved to in the **File name** box and click on **Save**.

4. The Close button allows you to exit the Aggregated validation report (filtered) screen and return to the main menu.

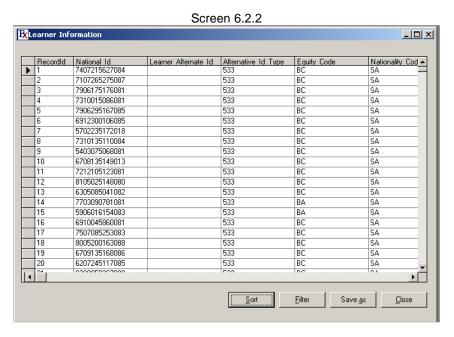
#### 6.2 Files menu

This menu option presents you with a view of the last data files that have been submitted for validation. The individual sub-menus available for this menu item are dependent on the data files that you submitted for validation. Note that Screen 6.2.1 is an example only – the contents of this menu will vary according to the files that you have submitted.



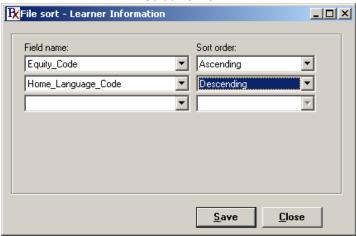
The rest of this section contains the data of a learner file submission. Note that the functionality described below is generic to any type of data file that has been submitted to the Edu.Dex application.

On selecting the sub-menu item, the contents of the file are displayed (see Screen 6.2.2).



- 1. The data in the file view screen may be sorted according to your own needs. Clicking on the **Sort** button will open the file sort screen (see Screen 6.2.3).
  - Select the field/s by which you would like the view sorted by selecting the field name in the drop down list of Field names.
  - b. Select the order of the sort for the specific field by selecting the order (ascending or descending) in the **Sort order** field.
  - c. Click on **Save** to apply the sort or **Close** to return to the file view without applying the sort order.

Screen 6.2.3

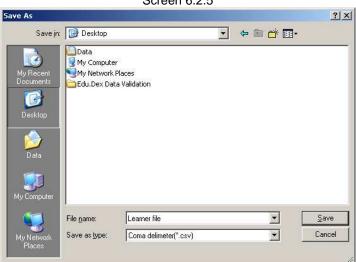


- 2. The data in the file view screen may be filtered according to your own needs. Clicking on the **Filter** button will open the file filter screen (see Screen 6.2.4).
  - a. Select the field/s by which you would like the view filtered by selecting the field name in the drop down list of **Field names**.
  - b. Select the type of filter (equal to, greater or equal to, greater than, less or equal to, less than, like or not equal to) that you would like to apply by selecting the type in the **Filter type** field.
  - c. Enter the filter criteria into the Filter value field.
  - d. Indicate the type of join for the filter by selecting the AND or OR join indicators at the bottom of the screen.
  - e. Click on **Save** to apply the filter or **Close** to return to the file view without applying the filter.

Filter file - Learner Information Filter type: Field name: Nationality\_Code Equal to ▼ Equal to ▼ BA Equity\_Code Alternative\_Id\_Type ▼ Not Equal to ▼ 533 Like ▼ 730522 National\_Id **⊡** | **-**♠ND  $\bigcirc \ 0\underline{R}$ Close Save

Screen 6.2.4

3. The **Save as** button allows you to save the file to a comma delimited format (.csv) file which is recognized by Microsoft Excel (see Screen 6.2.5).



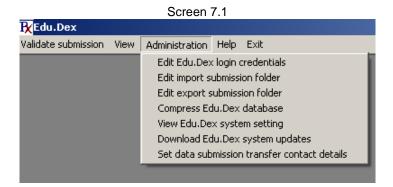
Screen 6.2.5

Browse to the location to which you would like to save the file. Type the name that you want the file saved to in the **File name** box and click on **Save**.

4. The **Close** button allows you to exit the file view screen and return to the main menu.

#### Administration menu 7

This menu item contains options that allow you to administer the Edu.Dex application. The menu items available in this menu are described below (see Screen 7.1).



## Edit Edu. Dex login credentials menu

This menu item allows you to set the Edu.Dex application login and password. Selecting this menu item opens the Edit Edu. Dex login credentials screen (see Screen 7.1.1).



Screen 7.1.1

Note that this process overwrites the existing login and password for the Edu.Dex application. Changing the Edu. Dex login credentials has the following constraints:

- The **new login** may not be empty.
- The **new password** may not be empty.
- The **new password** must exactly match the **confirm password**.

Complete the following steps to change the Edu. Dex login and password:

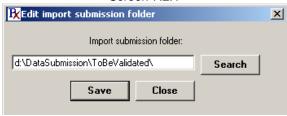
- 1. Enter a new login.
- 2. Enter a new password.
- 3. Confirm the password that you entered.
- 4. Click on the **Save** button to save the changes.
- 5. Click on Close to cancel and exit the Edit Edu. Dex login credentials screen.

## Edit import submission folder menu

This menu option allows you to edit the default location at which the Edu.Dex application expects to find a data submission to validate. Selecting the menu item opens the Edit import submission folder screen (see Screen 7.2.1).

You may select a new location by browsing to the folder or by typing in the path (in UNC format). The system will validate that the path exists before saving the changes. Note that the Import submission folder field may not be empty.

Screen 7.2.1

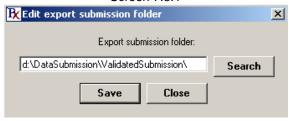


#### 7.3 Edit export submission folder menu

This menu item allows you to edit the default location to which the Edu.Dex application saves a data submission that has passed validation and may be submitted to the data submission recipient. Selecting the menu item opens the Edit export submission folder screen (see Screen 7.3.1).

You may select a new location by browsing to the folder or by typing in the path (in UNC format). The system will validate that the path exists before saving the changes. Note that the **Export submission folder** field may not be empty.

Screen 7.3.1



## 7.4 Compress Edu.Dex database menu

This menu item allows you to optimise the space used by the Edu.Dex application database by automatically completing two actions on the Edu.Dex database:

- 1. Any existing data submissions that are stored in the database are deleted from the database.
- 2. The database is compressed and repaired.

The Edu.Dex application displays the following message once this process has been completed successfully (see Screen 7.4.1).

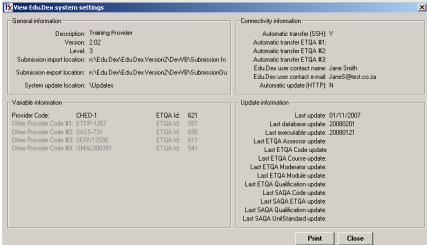
Screen 7.4.1



## 7.5 View Edu.Dex system setting

This menu item allows you to view the internal parameters of the Edu.Dex application. The Edu.Dex system displays the system settings screen on selection of this menu item (see Screen 7.5.1).

# Screen 7.5.1



## 7.6 Download Edu.Dex system updates

This feature has been disabled for this version of the Edu. Dex application.

#### 7.7 Set data submission transfer contact details

This feature has been disabled for this version of the Edu.Dex application.

## 8 Help menu

The help menu allows you to access the Edu.Dex online user manual and Edu.Dex standard.

## 9 Automatic data submission transfer

#### 9.1 Overview

The Edu.Dex application has a built in automatic data submission transfer functionality. This functionality is however only available if:

- Your version of Edu.Dex has been configured to transfer data submissions automatically.
- The ETQA that you are submitting data to has made data transfer facilities available for the downloading of Edu.Dex validated data submissions.

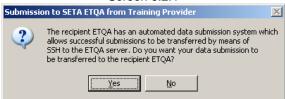
This functionality makes use of the SSH program which provides secure encrypted communications between two un-trusted hosts over an insecure network. Further the copying of data is conducted using the PSCP program which utilises SSH for data transfers.

The PSCP program is automatically installed on your system by the Edu.Dex installation program.

## 9.2 Transferring a data submission to a remote server

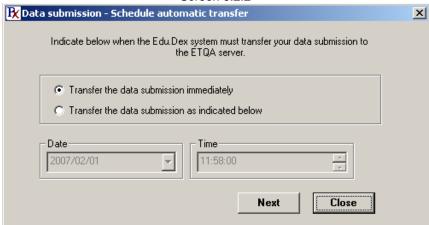
The data submission transfer is automatically initiated when the Edu.Dex application
has been set up to transfer data and when the application determines that the
recipient ETQA has made a server available that accepts Edu.Dex data submissions.
The data transfer process is initiated when you click the Yes button on a message
that is displayed as shown in Screen 9.2.1.

Screen 9.2.1

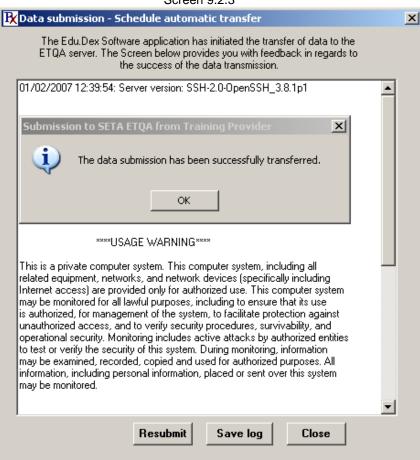


The system displays the schedule automatic transfer screen (see Screen 9.2.2). This screen allows you to transfer your data immediately or to schedule the data transfer for a later time or date.

Screen 9.2.2



- Select the Transfer the data submission immediately to start the data transfer.
- b. Select the **Transfer the data submission as indicated below** option to schedule the data transfer for a later time or date. Also indicate the following:
  - i. The **Date** on which you would like the submission transferred.
  - ii. The **Time** at which you would like the submission transferred.
- c. Click on Next to continue Please Note: The Edu.Dex application will at this point in time freeze and become unresponsive if you selected the Transfer the data submission as indicated below option until the data transfer has been initiated.
- Click on Close to return to the main menu.
- 3. The system will next display the progress screen (see Screen 9.2.3). This screen will give you feedback in regard the success of the data transfer to the ETQA server.
  - a. The **Resubmit** button will take you back to the schedule automatic transfer screen (see Screen 9.2.2).
  - b. The Edu.Dex application automatically saves the data transfer log, which contains the feedback presented in Screen 9.2.3, to the \Logs path of the Edu.Dex application folder. The log file is saved in a .csv format and can be accessed using MS Excel. The **Save log** button allows you to save the transfer log to a destination of choice in .csv format.
  - c. Click on Close to return to the main menu.



Screen 9.2.3

## 10 Edu.Dex system updates

The Edu.Dex application holds a number of values against which data is validated, this includes the Qualifications, Course (or Unit Standards), Assessors and Moderators that may be included in your data submission.

The process of accreditation in regard to qualifications and courses, and the registration of assessors and moderators is dynamic in nature. The Edu.Dex application must therefore be updated on a regular basis to ensure that the application holds required references in accordance with accreditation and registration statuses for your organization.

The automatic download functionality for SAS SETA is found on the general SAS SETA VeriDataNet web page. Instructions on how to request and implement SAS SETA updates can be found on the Edu.Dex web site at <a href="www.praxis.co.za/EduDex">www.praxis.co.za/EduDex</a>. On the left hand side of the screen select the "Level 3 - Training Provider" link. Click on the "How to update Edu.Dex for SAS SETA data submissions" link to view the document that provides you with the detailed instructions in this regard.

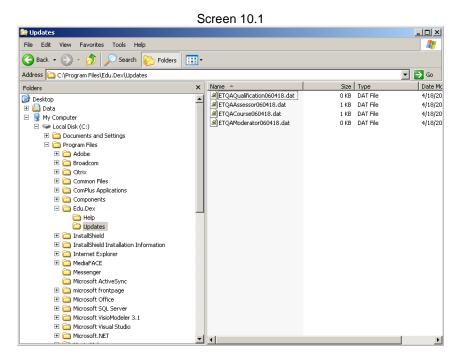
The automatic download functionality for ETDP SETA can be found on the ETDP DataNet information system. Instructions on how to request and implement ETDP SETA updates can be found on the Edu.Dex web site at <a href="https://www.praxis.co.za/EduDex">www.praxis.co.za/EduDex</a>. On the left hand side of the screen select the "Level 3 - Training Provider" link. Click on the "How to update Edu.Dex for ETDP SETA data submissions" link to view the document that provides you with the detailed instructions in this regard.

The automatic download functionality for MQA SETA can be found on the MQA DataNet information system. Instructions on how to request and implement MQA SETA updates can be found on the Edu.Dex web site at <a href="https://www.praxis.co.za/EduDex">www.praxis.co.za/EduDex</a>. On the left hand side of the screen select the "Level 3 - Training Provider" link. Click on the "How to update Edu.Dex for MQA SETA data submissions" link to view the document that provides you with the detailed instructions in this regard.

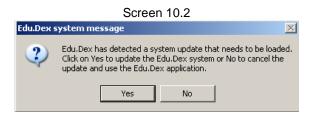
The automatic download functionality for the CHE can be found on the CHE HEQCIS information web page. Instructions on how to request and implement CHE updates can be found on the Edu.Dex web site at <a href="https://www.praxis.co.za/EduDex">www.praxis.co.za/EduDex</a>. On the left hand side of the screen select the "Level 3 - Training Provider" link. Click on the "How to update Edu.Dex for CHE data submissions" link to view the document that provides you with the detailed instructions in this regard.

The e-mail that you receive will have a number of text files attached to it. The text files will either have a .txt or .dat extension. The .txt files are not required by the Edu.Dex application and have been included for information. These files are comma delimited and can be viewed in MS Excel.

The .dat files are required by the Edu.Dex application. These files must be copied into the "[application folder]\Updates" directory (usually found at c:\Program Files\Edu.Dex\Updates)(see Screen 10.1).



Once the files are in place restart the Edu.Dex application and login. The following screen will be displayed if the Edu.Dex application has found the update files (see Screen 10.2).



Clicking on the **No** button will cancel the update process and allow you to use the Edu.Dex application as per normal (the message will display again the next time you login to the

application). Clicking on the **Yes** button will initiate the update process (see Screen 10.3). A message will be displayed once the update has been successfully implemented, after which you may continue using the Edu.Dex application as per normal. Please contact the Edu.Dex helpdesk immediately if you experience any problems with the update functionality.

**P** System update Data supplier: System update Update date: 18 April 2006 Content validation: Update system tables: Update files: ☐ ETQA Code ▼ ETQA Assessor ▼ ETQA Course ▼ ETQA Moderator ☐ ETGA Module ▼ ETQA Qualification SAQA Code ☐ SAQA ETQA SAQA Qualification SAQA UnitStandard Close Working on ETQAQualification060418.dat file.

Screen 10.3