

# Student Record System Developer/UCAS Webinar

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# Agenda

**Operational update** – Adam Glaudot (Service Delivery Manager)

**ODBC-Link decommission update** – Adam Glaudot

**Development update** – Jenny Garner (Product Owner)

**UCAS-Link demo** – Russell Fairlie (Technical Architect)

# Operational update

## ■ 2023 cycle

- Closed 25 October 2023 (Undergraduate)
- 2023 applications now archived

## ■ 2024 application cycle

- Applications available in XML-Link and Web-Link only
- October 16 deadline (undergraduate) passed successfully
  - Significant stakeholders using XML-Link

## ■ Data for HESA statutory returns

- [2023 cycle changes](#) deployed to production environment
- Delivery expected mid/end November
- Extra statistical data (Star X) to be generated on demand
  - Was previously generated by default – with opt out

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- **Changes to the education details**
  - Additional information will be asked for if the applicant's place of education and/or school is not one already known to UCAS.
  - For each place of education, we are asking applicants to confirm the study delivery mode undertaken there.
  - The highest level of qualification is being removed.
- **Applicant addresses**
  - We are asking the applicant where they have lived for the past three years. This will be in addition to their current correspondence and home address. We will also be gathering details on the reason for them having previous addresses
- **Changes to the nationality section of the application for non-UK applicants**
  - Expiry date to any pre-settled status the applicant holds.
  - Reasons for why a visa is not required to study in the UK.
  - Adding 'Don't know' for the response to 'Do you need a visa to study in the UK?'
  - Change in the wording of question 'Have you previously studied on a student or tier 4 visa in the UK?'
  - The level of study and dates where an applicant has previously studied in the UK.
  - Visa or immigration status, and visa start and end dates (where applicable) for non-UK/Irish applicants.
- **Technical briefing document** on [UCAS.com](https://ucas.com) – single document

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- **Questions so far:**
  - All the new reference data objects have “Code” (upper case C) but presumably that should be “code” (lower case c) to be consistent with the other reference data objects.
  - Unicode version mentioned but nothing in the document
    - Specifically whether there will be a unicode version of the new `getUCASApplicantAddressHistory` method
  - Date fields don’t say if they include time (or not) in the description – do they?
- **Further questions to [sdmtech@ucas.ac.uk](mailto:sdmtech@ucas.ac.uk)**

# XML-Link developments – protocol change

- Demo environment has been available as a proof of concept to SRS developers
- Have now implemented the change in test environments and production
- Will dual-run both protocols until April 2024
  - Assurance testing
  - Potential development
  - Accesses the same underlying data
- Updated technical briefing document on [UCAS.com](https://www.ucas.com)

# ODBC-Link decommission update

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# ODBC-Link decommissioning

- *2024 cycle applications will not be available in ODBC-Link*
- Decommissioning still planned for December 2023
- After 2023 cycle activities have completed
  - HESA data
  - DCF RBD



# XML-Link migration

- 105/171 HEPs have migrated
  - 10 TBC
- Comms will continue to flag impact of not migrating
- Please let Service Delivery Management (Technical) team know of any plans you becomes aware of (if appropriate) on [sdmtech@ucas.ac.uk](mailto:sdmtech@ucas.ac.uk)
- Information and FAQs on next steps on [UCAS.com](https://ucas.com) – please share
- HEP 1 test environment available until 20:00 Mon-Fri until end November 2023
- No need to add IP addresses originating from Republic of Ireland to XML-Link access control list

# Thank you for attending

## Questions?

Subsequent questions

Suggestions for future webinar

Improvements to how UCAS works with you

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