



New York State Higher Education Services Corporation

# **HESC Web File Transfer Fact Sheet**

## **Benefits**

- Business Partners can use their web browser to exchange (send and receive) data with HESC.
- Encrypts the transfer session using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) technology (128-bit encryption).
- SSL ensures data integrity and confidentiality.
- Ability to download files in Excel format—CSV & XLS—in addition to flat data files.
- Ability to upload multiple files to HESC simultaneously.
- Saves money – free to HESC’s Business Partners. No additional software required.
- Eliminates shipping costs associated with mailing magnetic tapes/carts, diskettes, cd’s, etc.
- No delays associated with lost or misplaced mail.
- Faster processing and updates to our business information systems.
- 24 X 7 Access -- Provides 24-hour service and availability, 7 days a week
- Allows for HESC Proprietary and CommonLine file formats.

## **PC/Internet Requirements**

- If you are using Microsoft’s Internet Explorer (IE), it must be version 4.0 or greater.
- If you are using Netscape’s Navigator, it must be version 4.7X, 6.1, or 6.2X
- Compatible Operating Systems: Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows NT, Windows 2000, and Windows XP
- The URL for HESC Web File Transfer is <https://www.hesc.org/webpath/signon.asp> .  
There is also a link to HESC Web File Transfer from HESC’s public Web site: <http://www.hesc.org> (HESC’s Home Page → College Administrators & Lenders → Web File Transfer)
- Have a valid Unique ID -- Completed HESC EFAN ID Application
- Browsers are best viewed at 800x600 (or higher) screen resolution
- Existing Internet Service Provider (ISP)

## **Data Requirements**

- Data files cannot exceed 30MB
- Files must be sent in ASCII format and must not contain mixed data types.
- Files must not be zipped
- Files must not be encrypted—this is handled with SSL
- The end of every record must contain a valid Carriage Return (CR) and Line Feed (LF).  
CR = Decimal "13" LF = Decimal "10".

**For more information, please contact the Data Exchange Team at [edes@hesc.org](mailto:edes@hesc.org), (518) 408-3685 or Toll Free at 1-866-431-4372 and select option 5.**