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Valpac issues

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Acknowledgements

- Colleagues and institutions that submitted issues for discussion
- Issues experienced at one institution is normally likely to be experienced by others



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List of issues for discussion SQL Valpac software issues

- Installation is complicated and exist of too many hand actions – needs to be simplified
- Default settings issues when logging out and back in.
- Student export to zip doesn't work,
- BCP additional functions – should be incorporated with CREGFINAL and STUDFINAL extraction
- Request for interim submissions for students. Not only 1-3, but 4,5,6 as well as test areas.
- PDRS generates errors in the summary for error 00802, but no detailed report



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List of issues for discussion Valpac documentstaion

- Appreciation for updates to Valpac documentation but more required ...
- Census Date calculation – Valpac documentation is confusing (especially for auditors). The Help file still refers to the 2/3 rule although there is a directive that indicated the change.



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- Must the Honours research credit value be calculated in the same way as the research credit value for Masters and Doctorate research components (eg last 3 years of students who completed)
- On what level should a Postgraduate Certificate in Education be captured
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List of issues for discussion Students

- FTEN status – clarity about the correct classification of students
- How do institutions capture the previous history of Postgraduate transfer students to ensure correct Entrance category (element 010)?
- Graduates – request the addition of 'P' on element 025 to indicate previous years graduate included in the current submission



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List of issues for discussion Foundations

- Foundation reporting and in particular the form that needs to be completed and the definitions for the different points
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List of issues for discussion Proposed change to due dates

- Request to change D-date (30 April) for Foundation Provision Grant and AIMS (IS, UCT, UWC) to 15 May



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List of issues for discussion Valpac reports

- The current HR reports are not really useful for institutional use (and maybe even for use by DHET)
- Request reports that can be used for headcount/FTE PT/FT Race & Gender splits - it can be different reports but must be usable to do the ratio reporting



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