



OSCA to BEEDS Migration Q&A

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General BEEDS reporting

Q: Where can I find more information about BEEDS?

A: The BEEDS user guide can be found here <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/statistics/data-collection/beeds>

The user guide will be updated in advance of the initial testing window for statistical reporting.

If you have any questions relating to BEEDS, please contact BEEDSQueries@bankofengland.co.uk

Q: Does BEEDS have the same functionality as OSCA?

A: BEEDS is the Bank of England's strategic data collection platform and is used to collect many different datasets.

OSCA was designed to collect only statistical data so the two systems vary in functionality.

We receive a system update from the BEEDS vendor annually and are continually making changes to enhance the system. If you have particular changes you would like to see, please email us at BEEDSQueries@bankofengland.co.uk.

We continually review the system and add changes/enhancements to our backlog of change.

Q: Are the Bank of England moving away from box codes?

A: Yes. Reporting is moving to a data centric (dimensional) approach rather than form-centric. In this approach, data points are described using a combination of a metric and one or more dimension-member pairs, instead of box codes.

Once the final taxonomy has been published, box code mapping documents will be made available containing the corresponding box and country code mappings for each data point.

The mapping documents are being made available as a one off to support Firms transitioning to XBRL reporting. The documents will not be maintained going forwards and should only be used in the interim to support the transition.

Q: Will BEEDS have the same capabilities as OSCA where the returns are already listed for us and we do not have to add them each month ourselves?

A: Yes, statistical returns will be created by the Bank of England, for Firms to upload their XBRL submission against.



Q: Will there be capabilities to manually type numbers/data in BEEDS?

A: Unfortunately there will be no option to manually enter data in to BEEDS.

Returns must be uploaded in an XBRL format.

Q: Is the Branch Return collection in scope of this project?

A: Branch Return data is a regulatory data collection and is not in scope of this statistical project.

Q: Will the return due dates be shown on BEEDS?

A: Yes, the due date for each return is shown in the Upload/Edit Returns menu.

The BoE will continue to publish all return due dates for the year ahead on the BoE website as we currently do in this schedule: [REPORTING SCHEDULE FOR STATISTICAL RETURNS - 2021](#)

Return name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Status	Return end date	Due date	PDF
16/06_A5/EV_Test	ASFV59397	0.1		No Data	01/06/2017	30/06/2021	

Q: Our branch at the moment does not use a vendor to report Statistical data. We complete the Excel template and save as an xml file and upload to OSCA.

Will I still be able to do this with the new system (BEEDS) or do I need to find a software vendor?

Statistical data must be uploaded in an XBRL format and uploaded to BEEDS. It is at each reporter’s discretion as to whether they utilise the services of a software vendor.

We are working on a solution to allow an Excel upload. The forms that the Excel upload functionality will be available for, will be confirmed shortly.

Q: Does BEEDS have two factor authentication?

A: Yes, BEEDS has two factor authentication. This requires users to enter a code in to BEEDS, at the log in stage, that has been sent to a phone number (mobiles are recommended).

The two factor authentication on BEEDS is an important security feature.



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Q: During the first month(s) of migration to BEEDS, will there be a 'backup' submission solution in case there are issues – e.g. submission via OSCA or by email?

A: OSCA is not being switched off until Q3 next year.

Therefore, if early migration to BEEDS is accepted by a Firm, there will be a period of parallel running.

Firms will need to be aware that if submitting via BEEDS and OSCA, these will both distribute to our internal systems and be considered "live" data.

Q: Will BEEDS cross validate returns?

A: The PWD (Public Working Draft) only included in form validations.

OSCA would instantly run cross forms.

The same functionality does not exist in BEEDS and we are still outlining the final approach for cross forms.

Further details will be communicated with the final taxonomy.

Q: Form FV and Form AS are uploaded in BEEDS manually as there is no API integration. With the migration from OSCA to BEEDS, will an API be made available, to allow my software house system to connect with BEEDS?

A: At present, there is no API functionality to connect BEEDS to external software.

This is on our development roadmap and is something the Bank will be progressing in the future.

Q: Will OSCA be available for resubmissions?

A: Once you have migrated to BEEDS, if a resubmission is required, beyond the date of your initial reporting period on BEEDS, the BoE will create a return for you to upload against for historical revisions.

There is functionality on BEEDS, to request a resubmission for the returns already submitted.

Q: We understand that there are no changes proposed in reporting form content submitted on OSCA currently and the project involves only the format of forms to be changed from XML to XBRL. Please confirm?

A: Correct. Reporting is migrating from XML to XBRL.

There are no additional reporting requirements or changes to the data required.

We recommend that all statistical reporters subscribe to Statistical Notices published on our website.



Q: Will the Bank publish a utility solution, similar for Capital + reporting?

A: No, the BoE will not be publishing utility software for collection of statistical Data.

We are working on a solution to allow an Excel upload.

The forms that the Excel upload functionality will be available for, will be confirmed shortly.

Q: Will my return be automatically submitted when I upload it to BEEDS?

Files should only be uploaded when they are finalised and ready for legal submission. The returns are automatically uploaded once the firm have selected the file (you don't need to go to Menu >returns > submit return menu). BEEDS then sends the submissions to an offline file processor for validation and the results are then returned to BEEDS. If the file is accepted and submitted to the Bank then the BEEDS external user will receive an email confirming the submission status. If however, the submission fails validation, then no file is submitted to BEEDS and the return remains outstanding with a status of 'No data' – an email notification will advise of this and the validation failures can be reviewed on the BEEDS portal.

Q: How can I view errors in BEEDS?

Validation errors can be viewed by clicking on the warning triangle, shown in the status column of the Submission History screen.

Return name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Submitted date	Status	Return end date	PDF
CUtest1830	CU41070	16.0		29/06/2021	Accepted	31/12/2019	
BTLtest1826	BTL141069	17.0		29/06/2021	Accepted	30/06/2019	
AS test data 25/09	ASFV47378	2.0	as	22/04/2021	Accepted	31/12/2019	
05/03 BSTSE Test	BSTSE41133	5.0	CAPP	12/03/2020	Accepted	31/12/2019	
05/03 BST Test	BST41132	5.0	st003	12/03/2020	Accepted	31/12/2019	
Plausibility Response Annual	PRA47363	1.0	arg	22/09/2020	Accepted	31/12/2019	



Error display:



Stats II Additional User II , Stats Firm



File Upload Issues

This file was submitted with errors and/or warnings which are displayed below.

Type	Problem	Additional information
Error	Issue at line 8795 column 116, [BT_v0061]; [BT.01.01.01]; [scope ((t-BT.01.01.01,x:C0010,C0020,C0030)); [(t-BT.01.01.01,y:R0600,dv.0) <= (t-BT.01.01.01,y:R0590,dv.0)]]	
Error	Issue at line 8970 column 117, [BT_v0061]; [BT.01.01.01]; [scope ((t-BT.01.01.01,x:C0010,C0020,C0030)); [(t-BT.01.01.01,y:R0600,dv.0) <= (t-BT.01.01.01,y:R0590,dv.0)]]	
Error	Issue at line 9142 column 117, [BT_v0061]; [BT.01.01.01]; [scope ((t-BT.01.01.01,x:C0010,C0020,C0030)); [(t-BT.01.01.01,y:R0600,dv.0) <= (t-BT.01.01.01,y:R0590,dv.0)]]	
Error	Issue at line 8859 column 119, [BT_v0046]; [BT.01.01.01]; [scope ((t-BT.01.01.01,x:C0010,C0020,C0030)); [(t-BT.01.01.01,y:R1240,dv.0) <= sum ((t-BT.01.01.01,y:R1250,R1260,R1270,R1280,R1290,dv.0))]]	
Error	Issue at line 9034 column 119, [BT_v0046]; [BT.01.01.01]; [scope ((t-BT.01.01.01,x:C0010,C0020,C0030)); [(t-BT.01.01.01,y:R1240,dv.0) <= sum ((t-BT.01.01.01,y:R1250,R1260,R1270,R1280,R1290,dv.0))]]	

Q: How will we view historical data uploaded in OSCA post migration?

OSCA users should export their submissions from Excel in OSCA before they migrate to BEEDS.

Q. Can you please tell us a bit more about the changes we can expect in BEEDS in the new release?

Information on the new BEEDS release will be communicated shortly.

Taxonomy

Q. Should we assume the "Bank of England Statistics Annotated Templates v120" are the new format of the templates? Will these still need to be submitted separately, or altogether?

The annotated templates outline all templates defined in the taxonomy package in a consolidated view, and outline what each of the entry points are. This follows the same structure as now with each reporting form defined as an entry point.

The current and published, Public Working Draft of the Statistical Taxonomy is draft and should not be considered final.

Q: Can you please tell us the likely frequency of taxonomy changes going forward and whether the frequency will align with the supervisory taxonomy changes timelines (EBA)?

We will provide advance notice of any future updates to the taxonomy in a Statistical Notice.



Testing

Q: I would like to know when BEEDS will be available for testing

A: The first UAT window is scheduled for end Sept and further testing windows will be provided before each on boarding phase.

Q: What criteria is used to determine which banks or building Societies are in phase 1, phase 2 or phase 3?

A: Participation in each of the on boarding phases will be voluntary (until phase 3 when all Firms will need to migrate to BEEDS)

Early on boarding is encouraged.

Q: Does BEEDS have a permanent testing environment?

A: At present, there is no permanent test environment for BEEDS.

A permanent test environment is planned for next year.

We aim to have more frequent and longer testing windows available in the interim.

Reporting Identifiers

Q: Will we continue to report using the same 4 digit OSCA code?

A: No, we are moving away from the current reporting codes.

Reporters will be asked to identify their reporting with an LEI code.

Q: We have two firm references in OSCA, will there only be a single reference for all the returns we submit when on BEEDS?

A: Reporters that report on a Firm and Group level will be set up as individual reporting institutions.

Reporting institutions will be asked to report with a unique LEI for each reporting institution.

Upon log in to BEEDS, Firms will have a dropdown menu to choose the Firm they wish to upload for.



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Software Houses

Q: Are the BoE working with software houses to update software to create XBRL files?

A: Yes, the BoE have been liaising with software houses since the publication of the Green Notice and they can inform you of their own timelines for readiness.

We asked software houses for feedback on the Public Working Draft.

Q: We use a software provider for reporting some returns, but have not used it to upload BT or ELS data. We are not sure if this software will have the capability to work with the new BEEDS system, are you able to confirm if it is compatible?

A: We would advise you to contact your software provider for their confirmation.

Q: Do you have recommendations for software vendors?

A: At the moment, we cannot publish a recommended list as the software houses have not yet been able to test and prove their XBRL readiness for statistical reporting.

On the BoE website, there is a list of recognised software houses for statistical reporting. Please note, this list is for XML reporting only.