

TRANSFER REPORT INSTRUCTIONS:

for the Roger Phillips Transfer Act Report – ACT 182 of 2009 and the ACTS Transfer Report – ACT 672 of 2005

Roger Phillips Transfer Act Report

A new report, called the Transfer Act Report, will be required as a result of Act 182 of 2009 (The Roger Phillips Transfer Policy Act). This report should be completed for all transfer-in students that received the designated AA, AS, or AAT degree in January 2010 or later. Report each such transfer student on one row of the report.

NOTE: ACT 182 compliance is only required for 4-year public institutions.

No.	Field/Column	Description
1	Receiving Institution's FICE Code	Same FICE Code as used in AHEIS/SISDB. This is the institution completing the report in which the student has transferred to.
2	Sending Institution's FICE Code	Same FICE Code as used in AHEIS/SISDB. This is the institution the student is transferring from. This FICE code should match the TRANSFER_FICE code used in the student table.
3	Academic Year	Same as used in AHEIS/SISDB.
4	Term	Same as used in AHEIS/SISDB.
5	Student SSN	Same as used in AHEIS/SISDB.
6	Transfer Degree	List the type of associate degree that transferred (AA, AS, or AAT) using the codes below. AA = Associate of Arts ¹ AS = Associate of Science ¹ AAT = Associate of Arts in Teaching No other degrees should be listed.
7	Total Transfer Hours Accepted	How many total credit hours were accepted as part of the transfer from the college referenced in the TRANSFER_FICE field? This is the total number of credit hours that the receiving institution would report on the student's transcript.
8	Degree Code of Major at Receiving Institution	Enter the degree code of the student's new major at the receiving institution. The degree code is a 4-digit number assigned by ADHE.
9	Total General Education Lower Division Credit Hours Added and <u>Required</u> by the Receiving Institution	How many <u>general education lower division credit hours</u> are required to be taken by the student in addition to those transferred with the AA, AS, or AAT degree for the student's proposed major?
10	Total General Education Lower Division Credit Hours Added Reason	State the reason additional credit hours were added. (According to the Act, these are the only acceptable reasons for requiring a student to take additional general education lower division courses.) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A prerequisite for courses in the transfer student's baccalaureate degree program; 2. A discipline-specific course that is required by the transfer student's baccalaureate degree program and the student has not completed a course at the two-year public institution of higher education that is comparable to the discipline-specific course at the four-year public institution of higher education in the Arkansas Course Transfer System; 3. A requirement of an independent licensing or accrediting body; 4. A grade of "D" was recorded and is not accepted by the receiving institution; or 5. A combination of 2 or more of the above reasons

¹ Please see the Approved Transfer Program List for AA and AS degrees at www.adhe.edu.

NOTE: This report will be cross-referenced to the CRHRS_COMPLETED field (a new field in the graduate report) and the MIN_CR_HRS and MAX_CR_HRS fields (both new fields in the Degree FICE Year Table) in order to compare the total hours completed against the hours required for each credential.

- As part of this effort, the Academic Affairs Division of ADHE will be working with all colleges to update the Degree Inventory to update the Degree Fice Year Table with the MIN_CR_HRS (minimum credit hours) and MAX_CR_HRS (maximum credit hours) data for degree and certificate programs.
- In addition, CRHRS_COMPLETED (credit hours completed) will be a new field required as part of the graduate file.

File Name – The report should be named “RPTA_CollegeAbbr_AYXXXX.xls” where CollegeAbbr is the 3-5 letter institution abbreviation used in Appendix A and the AY is the Academic Year – all as used in the AHEIS/SISDB manual. For example: RPTA_UALR_AY2010.xls.

Blank Files – All 4-year public institutions should usually have students to report, therefore, there should be no blank files submitted. However, in case this does happen, simply include a statement such as “NO STUDENTS TO REPORT” in the Receiving Institution’s FICE Code column. This will indicate that you reviewed the situation and have no data to report as opposed to “we forgot to complete this report.”

All reporting institutions are to use the report template as prescribed by ADHE.

ACTS Transfer Report

According to Act 672 of 2005, all public institutions of higher education and any participating private institutions of higher education shall file a report annually within the Department of Higher Education identifying the number of students who requested transfer credit for a completed course in the State Minimum Core Curriculum (Arkansas Course Transfer System) but were not given credit. Therefore, only report those students that did not receive credit for a transferred ACTS course.

NOTE: ACT 672 compliance is required for all public and private institutions that participate in the Arkansas Course Transfer System.

Therefore, the Act requires that all institutions of higher education (public and private including both 2-year and 4-year) must file an annual report to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education listing any and all students that did not receive transfer credit on an ACTS course.

No.	Field/Column	Description
1	Receiving Institution’s FICE Code	Same FICE Code as used in AHEIS/SISDB. This is the institution completing the report in which the student has transferred to.
2	Sending Institution’s FICE Code	Same FICE Code as used in AHEIS/SISDB. This is the institution the student is transferring from. This FICE code should match the TRANSFER_FICE code used in the student table.
3	Academic Year	Same as used in AHEIS/SISDB.
4	Term	Same as used in AHEIS/SISDB.
5	Student SSN	Same as used in AHEIS/SISDB.
6	ACTS Course Not Accepted	List the course index number(s) from the ACTS for the course that was not accepted by the receiving institution.
7	Reason the ACTS Course was NOT Accepted	List the reason(s) that the ACTS course was not accepted by the receiving institution.

File Name – The report should be named “ACTS_CollegeAbbr_AYXXXX.xls” where CollegeAbbr is the 3-5 letter institution abbreviation used in Appendix A and the AY is the Academic Year – all as used in the AHEIS/SISDB manual. For example: ACTS_SEAC_AY2010.xls

Blank Files – If an institution has no students to report, then they should submit a blank report file simply showing the identification of their institution and the date – simply include a statement such as “NO STUDENTS TO REPORT” in the Receiving Institution’s FICE Code column. This will indicate that you reviewed the situation and have no data to report as opposed to “we forgot to complete this report.”

All reporting institutions are to use the report template as prescribed by ADHE.

SPECIAL NOTES:

1. Time Frames and Due Dates for Reports: Both reports will be an annual report beginning with the Summer 2 term (term code 0) and ending with the Summer 1 Off-Schedule term (term code 7). Both reports should be due in August of each year. Specific dates will be provided in the AHEIS/SISDB manual.
 - a. RPTA: The first RPTA report will be due in **August 2011** and will cover the entire academic year of 2010-2011.
 - b. ACTS: The first ACTS report will cover the time period from January 2010 through June 2010 (term codes 2, 3, 6, and 7) and will be due in **August 2010**. All reports thereafter will be for the entire academic year.
2. Special Situations: When special circumstances arise that call for an interpretation of reporting practice please contact the Planning and Accountability Division of ADHE for guidance. We will consult with the relevant officials and respond with appropriate guidance as soon as possible. Such clarifications will be included here for future reference.
 - a. Special Situation Relating to the Roger Phillips Transfer Act (RPTA)
 - (1) Special Situation – Transferring D Grades: The receiving four-year institution shall determine whether to accept a grade of “D” for academic course credit for a student transferring from any 2-year or 4-year public institution of higher education. The receiving institution may require an additional course (repeating the same or equivalent course) to make up any grade of D provided that the additional course is reported (the reason cited would be “4. A grade of D was recorded and is not accepted by the receiving institution”).
 - (2) Special Situation – Junior Status and D Grades: For the purpose of this report, a transferring student shall be considered as meeting the “junior status” requirement provided the student transferred-in with an AA, a designated AS degree, or an AAT degree granted on or after January 1, 2010 (from programs approved and posted on the ADHE website). The receiving institution may require an additional course (repeating the same or equivalent course) to make up any grade of D provided that the additional course is reported (the reason cited would be “4. A grade of D was recorded and is not accepted by the receiving institution”).
 - (3) Special Situation – Student Course Elections: A student electing, but not required, to take additional lower level general education courses does not have to be reported or the institution may report this and refer to it as a “student elects to take additional course” (for the added course reason). The RPTA requires the institution to report the additional courses that the institution “requires” the student to take due to their bachelors program. This does not include courses that the student voluntarily elects to take.
 - (4) Special Situation – Seeking Baccalaureate Degree: Act 182 states that the transfer student must have received the designated AA, AS, or AAT degree and are transferring into “...a baccalaureate degree program...” Therefore, the students to be reported in the

RPTA report shall include those students that are degree-seekers (not certificate-seekers) in a baccalaureate program having a degree level of 05.

- (5) Special Situation – Undeclared Majors:
 - (a) If a transfer student (with the designated AA, AS, or AAT degree) has not declared a major but has declared as a degree-seeker (not certificate-seeker) in a baccalaureate program having a degree level of 05, then the student should be reviewed and reported on the RPTA transfer report.
 - (b) However, if a transfer student (with the designated AA, AS, or AAT degree) has not declared a major and has not declared as a degree-seeker (not certificate-seeker) in a baccalaureate program having a degree level of 05, then the student should not be reviewed nor reported on the RPTA transfer report.
 - (c) For the student [part (a) above] that has not declared a major but has declared as a degree-seeker in a baccalaureate program having a degree level of 05, it would be expected that zero (0) additional hours would be required. It is suggested that the institution wait until the next semester before reviewing this student in order to give the student an opportunity to declare a major degree program.

- b. Special Situations Relating to Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS)
 - (1) Special Situation – Effective Date: The Arkansas Course Transfer System went into effect on December 1, 2006. Therefore, all general education courses listed in the ACTS since Dec. 1, 2006 would definitely apply to the reporting requirements.
 - (2) Special Situation – Applicable Institutions: Act 672 of 2005 stated that "...Private institutions of higher education in Arkansas may participate in the State Minimum Core Curriculum..." Therefore, please check the ACTS web site to determine what institutions participate. All Arkansas public institutions of high education are required to participate.
 - (3) Special Situation – Applicable Grades: The only transfer courses that are applicable to the ACTS transfer report are those general education courses in which the student received credit from another institution. Therefore, grades such as F, W, U, and other such grades in which the student did not receive credit for the course are not applicable to this report. Courses with successful grades (such as A, B, C, D, S, CR, etc.) are applicable to this report.
 - (4) Special Situation – Students Requesting Transfer Credit: Act 672 states that the college is to report "...the number of students who requested transfer credit..." Therefore, students that do not request the transfer of credit do not have to be reported on the ACTS transfer report. However, the institution must have a process that documents explicitly whether or not the student requested transfer credit. If such a documented process is not present, then the institution should report all transfer students. It is strongly recommended that all degree- or certificate-seeking students automatically receive a review of their transcript for transferrable credit.

FILE SUBMISSIONS NOTE: Submitting the file – all institutions must use the <https://ft.adhe.edu> secure website for submitting this file to ADHE. They cannot be uploaded to <http://sis.adhe.edu>.

If you do not yet have access to <https://ft.adhe.edu>, please contact Paul Graziani at paulg@adhe.edu. (Only institutional research staff should have access to this site.) When you have transferred the file, please notify Sharon Butler via email at sharonb@adhe.edu. In addition, before submitting the file, IR staff should compare the report against the student file to ensure that the report is complete and correct.