

Elements REF webinar

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Agenda

- 5 November patches
 - Revised submission requirements
 - Bug fixes
- Community discussion
 - Engagement with REF submission system
 - 'Journal articles that could not be retrieved' report

- Social!



- As per our commitment, all fixes have been (and will be) applied back to 5.20
 - 5.20
 - 5.21
 - 6.0

 - 6.1 (December)

REF2 COVID Revisions

'Delayed' output + Affected output statement

- Introduce new fields on REF2 'Data requirements' tab
 - Delayed output checkbox
 - If checked, Affected output statement field to appear
- Other updates:
 - New filter on Manage REF2 Outputs screen
 - Submission XML
 - REF2 Outputs stock report
 - REF2 Validation stock report
 - REF2 metadata bulk upload
 - Reporting database

REF2 COVID Revisions

Pending output flag

- Updated guidance text on REF2 form to say field should no longer be used
- Updated REF2 validation report to generate error for any output flagged as pending and any output flagged as pending reserve
- Use existing reports / filters to identify these and remove

Bug fixing

Data flags and REF2 Attribution profiles dashboards, and REF validation report

- REF1 Researcher's REF2 attributions could be mis-counted where the individual had at least one double-attributed output where they were not the first attributed REF1 Researcher

REF validation report

- Submission error incorrectly generated if word count for REF2 'Additional information' field was >100 but the word limit was 300 (only 'Information about the research process and/or content' statement type selected)

Item Selections and Reviewer Scores bulk actions

- Better performance for large volumes

Bug fixing

REF2 Indicative quality profiles dashboard

- Attribution count for REF2 outputs that were both double-weighted and double-attributed to a Cat A and Cat B was overstated
- Just missed the 5 Nov patch, so released separately - see support article

New discoveries (today!)

REF1 Researchers bulk upload

- Use bulk upload to assign Research Groups in Unit X. Use bulk upload to assign Research Groups in Unit Y. Return to Unit X - all RG assignments have been removed.
- 'Reasons for no research connection statement' may also be affected

Submission XML

- Wrong journal info being returned in submission XML

Still investigating these - will update the group as soon as we have more information and a plan for patching (if required)

Are we there yet?

- Awaiting REF Team's November review
- Otherwise, not expecting any further REF2021 development
 - Bug fixing
- Post-submission, will initiate conversations about deprecating REF2021 functionality (won't be until after results are published)

Community discussion

- Engagement with REF submission system
- 'Journal articles that could not be retrieved' report