

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Office of Student Financial Assistance

FY17 YEAR-END FINANCIAL AID DATA FILE LAYOUT RELEASE NOTES

Below is a summary of the more notable changes in the FY17 Year-End Financial Aid Data File Layout.

Two new fields, in addition to a variable, are part of the FY17 year-end financial aid data file layout. They are as follows:

- Dependency status (**AID026**)
- Adjusted Gross Income (**AID027**)
- Commonwealth Commitment Rebate (**Award Identifier #37**)

Institutions that will be submitting or re-submitting prior year(s) (FY16 and prior) data files should be aware that these new fields automatically become part of their extract and **MUST** be added. They can choose to report the data in the new fields OR leave them blank for the prior years. **Files that do not contain the new fields will automatically be rejected.**

The FY17 year-end data site will begin accepting school data files, as of **September 1, 2017**.

The deadline for submission of FY17 year-end financial aid data files is **November 17, 2017**.