

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Office of Student Financial Assistance

**FY18 YEAR-END FINANCIAL AID DATA FILE LAYOUT RELEASE NOTES**

Below is a summary of the one notable change in the FY18 Year-End Financial Aid Data File Layout.

**In FY18, Mandatory Fees (AID019) are defined as follows:**

“Mandatory fees in this field refer to general fees paid by all students and fees specific to a program or course enrollment. Examples of program fees include per term fees for enrollment in high cost programs like practical nursing or occupational therapy. Examples of course fees include additional per course charges for culinary classes, science courses and other courses with instructional support fees.”

Institutions that will be submitting or re-submitting prior year(s) (FY17 and prior) data files should be aware that the above new definition for AID019 automatically becomes part of their extract and **MUST** be reflected.

The FY18 year-end data site will begin accepting school data files, as of **September 11, 2018**.

The deadline for submission of FY18 year-end financial aid data files is **November 30, 2018**.