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# **Welcome to the FMS 2020 Autumn Release**

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**FMS 6.196**



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## ESFA Counterparties

- To enable accurate recording and reporting of transactions between counterparties (Academy trusts), academies are now required to identify which of their suppliers and debtors are Academy trusts. A new heading has been added at **Level 1** for **Counterparties** and Academy schools must now map other Academy trusts into the **Counterparties** option to ensure that they are identified correctly.
- The new ESFA Counterparties report details the transactions between Academy trusts. All supplier and debtor transactions recorded in FMS that are deemed to be counterparties must now be recorded so that they can be reported to the ESFA when requested.

## New BACS File Type for HSBC

A new **BACS File Type, BACS6 - BACS Standard 18 - Excl. SUN (HSBC)**, has been added for HSBC bank customers.

## Where to find more information

It is strongly recommended that you read the *SIMS Release Download Links and Product Information* on the [Capita Software Support Portal](#). The Notification provides additional, up-to-date information about the release.

The [FMS Documentation Centre](#) provides access to all the documentation, e.g. handbooks, quick reference sheets, etc. It can be accessed by selecting [Help | FMS Documentation](#).

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