

TO: All Destination Points  
FROM: U.S. Department of Education  
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RE: EDconnect version 8.4

The Department of Education is pleased to announce the availability of EDconnect version 8.4 and a new release of the EDconnect Installation & User Guide on the [Federal Student Aid Download \(FSADownload\)](#) Web site.

**EDconnect version 8.4 provides the following enhancements:**

- Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) support for FTP and EAFTP protocols

The new EDconnect 8.4 is compatible for use with both IPv4 and IPv6 connections. If your organization has access to an IPv6 connection and wishes to transmit data across the SAIG using an IPv6 connection, you must upgrade to EDconnect 8.4. If your organization only has access to an IPv4 connection, you may continue using the previous software version (EDconnect 8.3) or upgrade to EDconnect 8.4. Use of the new software is optional. The previous version of the software is still available for download and organizations may continue to use it if needed.

If you are unsure about the type of connection your institution has access to, we recommend you contact your IT department for further information.

**Contact Information**

If you have questions about this information, contact CPS/SAIG Technical Support at 800/330-5947 (TDD/TTY 800/511-5806) or by e-mail at [CPSSAIG@ed.gov](mailto:CPSSAIG@ed.gov).