

Data Key Template Validation Tool

The FDIC is providing a tool for Acquiring Institutions (AIs) to use in validating data key templates. The purpose of this template is to ensure that the Data Aggregator is able to load and use data key templates provided by AIs for Certificate reporting. This is not designed to validate AI mapping to FDIC allowable values. If you have questions on how specific AI system values map to FDIC allowable values, please contact your FDIC RSAM Specialist for guidance.

The template validation tool has 3 tabs. The first tab titled 'FDIC NSF/SFR Allowable Values' is a replica of the same tab in the data key template posted to the FDIC Loss Share Data Specification website. The second tab 'Template' contains a macro which can be used to validate your data template. The final tab contains the sample template provided in the data key template posted to FDIC Loss Share Data Specification website.

Focusing on the second tab 'Template' only, AIs should use the following steps to validate NSF and SFR data key templates.

1. First copy and paste your data template values under the appropriate column headers. Please ensure that values are under the appropriate column header, otherwise the validation macro will not run correctly. Also, do not alter the header column. Please ensure the starting row for your template data is placed directly below this header (row 7).
2. The final column header is titled 'Check Results'. When you copy and paste your data key template values to this spreadsheet, there should be no values in this column. Please ensure there are no values in the 'Check Results' column.
3. Click on the button 'Allowables Check'. You will experience a short wait while the validation macro runs. Once the validation is complete, the column 'Check Results' will contain one of 2 values:
 - a. Passed = the corresponding FDIC Allowable Value and FDIC Description noted in the template conforms to data key values
 - b. Failed = the corresponding FDIC Allowable Value and FDIC Description noted in the template does not conform to data key values.
4. If you receive a message 'Fail' review the information supplied in the template. Make sure the fields FDIC Allowable Value and FDIC Description do not contain truncated values, leading or trailing spaces, or misspelled words.
5. Once you fix the problem items, click on the button 'Allowables Check' and ensure the column 'Check Results' contains only the value 'Passed'.

When populating NSF and SFR Certificates, it is important AIs use the exact values noted in the column AI provided value. If other values or altered values are provided, the Certificate will fail Certificate reporting validation tests.

Please also check that the data key template values entered satisfy the character length restrictions of the fields in the Data Specifications. For example, the field Lien Status in the SFR Active Loans file has a width of 1. If the Lien Status is a first lien, '1' must be entered instead of 'first lien' because the latter would exceed the character length restriction and cause the value to 'Fail'.