

Dear Colleagues,

At the HPCx/HECToR workshop on the 21st June 2007, it was agreed that both HPCx and HECToR services should be operated in a complementary manner.

As a precursor to this it is necessary to have in place a mechanism for virement/interchange of resource between the two services. In order to facilitate this, the Research Councils have formed the following guidance for virement between the HPCx and HECToR services:

- Maximum of four virements/interchanges between systems in a twelve month period;
- A maximum of 25% of the remaining resource on a service can be vired in any single virement;
- A 1:1 exchange rate between the two systems will be put into place (i.e. 1 AU HPCx = 1 AU HECToR);
- For clarification the Cray X2 Vector system (BlackWidow) will not be included in this scheme;
- If you are a new user of the service being vired to (e.g. HPCx to HECToR) then a technical assessment must be completed;

Please follow the below steps depending on your current position, all applications must be received from the Principal Investigator or named consortium lead:

If you are requesting time on a service that is new to you:

- Please submit a technical assessment for the service you wish to use quoting your:
 - Grant reference number;
 - The account and service from which you wish to vire resource from;
 - The amount of resource you wish to vire;
 - Any other technical requirements as indicated
- Once you have received a positive technical assessment please forward this to your research council HPC representative who will arrange for a new account to be set up with the resource requested;
- When the account has been successfully set up you will receive your account details from the service provider.

If you already have an account on both HECToR and HPCx:

- Please contact your research council representative quoting:
 - Your grant reference number;
 - The account and service which you wish to vire from and to
 - The amount of resource you wish to transfer;
- Once this information has been received your Research Council representative will arrange for the transfers to take place;
- When the transfer has taken place you will be informed by the respective service provider;

Contacts and information:

If you have any questions regarding the above then please contact your research council representative:

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Information concerning the HPCx and HECToR services can be found by following the below links:

HECToR Website: <http://www.hector.ac.uk/>

HPCx Website: <http://www.hpcx.ac.uk/>