

**User Guide to the
Shortage Areas
Batch Processing Tool**

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Overview

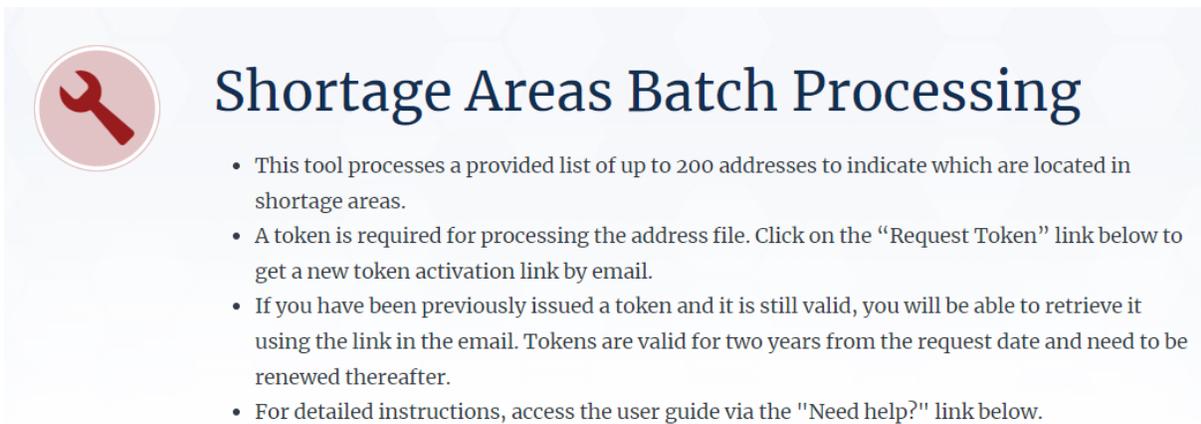
The [Shortage Area Batch Processing Tool](#) allows users to upload an input file with addresses. The tool processes this file and provides an output file in Excel format with HPSA, MUA/P details for these addresses.

How to process input addresses

1. Request a Token

This tool processes a user-provided list of up to 200 addresses. The tool will indicate in the output file which of these addresses are in shortage areas.

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- For detailed instructions, access the user guide via the “Need help?” link below.

File Upload

Please provide a token and input csv file

* Token: [Request Token](#)

Include geographic (FIPS) codes [?](#)

* Specify the file to process: [Need Help? PDF](#)

No file chosen

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*For security reasons, please complete the captcha box above.

2. Complete the Token Request Form

Enter the required information in the form and click on the “Submit” button.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the data.HRSA.gov website, including the HRSA logo, the text 'Health Resources & Services Administration', and 'U.S. Department of Health & Human Services'. The main header features the 'data.HRSA.gov' logo, a search bar with the placeholder 'Enter Search', and an 'A-Z Index' link. A secondary navigation bar contains links for 'Home', 'Find Health Care', 'Data', 'Maps', 'Tools', 'Topics', and 'Help'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Tools > Find Shortage Areas > Batch Processing Token Request'. The main content area has a large heading 'Request Token for Batch Processing' and a sub-heading 'Request Token for Shortage Area Batch Process Access:'. A note states 'Please complete the form below. All fields are required.' The form includes three input fields: '* First Name' with the value 'John', '* Last Name' with the value 'Doe', and '* Email Address' with the value 'john.doe@mycompany.com'. Below the fields is a reCAPTCHA widget showing a green checkmark and the text 'I'm not a robot'. A note below the reCAPTCHA says '*For security reasons, please complete the captcha box above.' At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Submit' and 'Cancel'. A final note reads: 'After successful submission of this form, you should receive an email that includes a link to confirm and activate your access token. This User Guide contains instructions for the use of the Shortage Area Batch processing services.'

After clicking on “Submit”, you will be redirected to a confirmation page indicating that a notification was sent to your email address.

Token Requires Activation

We have sent a confirmation email to john.doe@mycompany.com containing a link to activate your requested Shortage Areas Batch Processing token.

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If you have never been issued a token for this email address, or all previous tokens have already expired, you will need to activate this token before it can be used with the Shortage Area Batch Processing tool. Otherwise, a similar notification will be sent to your email address to allow you to retrieve your active token (in case you need to use the tool and do not have your token on hand).

3. Check your Email and Activate the Token

Below is an example of the email notification sent to a user that contains the token activation link. Activation or retrieval links expire after 72 hours from the time of the token request.

Subject: data.HRSA.gov Shortage Areas Batch Processing Tool Token Request

To: john.doe@mycompany.com

CC: data@hrsa.gov

Hello John Doe,

As per your request, here is the link to activate your token for the Shortage Areas Batch Processing Tool. It will expire on 7/18/2024 1:23:20 PM EST.

[Activate Shortage Area Batch Processing Services Token](#) ←

Thank you.

The HRSA Data Warehouse Team

4. Activate the Token

Click the activation link in the notification email. You will be redirected next to a page like the one shown below. The sequence of 32 alphanumeric characters is your token that should be entered in the “Token” input field in Step 1. Please take note too of the expiration date and usage limits that are associated with your token.

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Token Activation/Retrieval Completed

Here is the token you requested for the Shortage Areas Batch Processing Tool:

9308ED74FF9F4549887CAD98FCD9C17B ←

Please note that this token will expire on 7/15/2026 1:23:20 PM EST. Each transaction can batch process up to 200 addresses. Your daily processing limit is up to 1,000 addresses.

Thank you.

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5. Populate the Input Address File

Input addresses should follow the template below:

```
Street Address, City, State/Territory, ZIP Code, Unique ID  
508 PRINCETON RD STE 303, Johnson City, TN, 37601, 1  
66 Brown Rd, , NY, 13795,  
2604 STEELE RD, BALTIMORE, MD, 21209, 34  
1600 S Eads Street, Arlington, VA, 22202
```

The following table provides more information about column names and accepted values:

Column Name	Valid Values
Street Address	Cannot be blank or empty
City	Allows blank or empty
State/Territory	2-digit abbreviation Ex: MD for Maryland Cannot be blank or empty
ZIP Code	Valid 5-digit code Cannot be empty
Unique ID	Can be blank or empty Max limit 100 characters

In some cases where there are addresses with comma (,) in street address, they should be enclosed in double quotes (""), see sample address below:

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1600 S Eads Street, Arlington, VA, 22202  
"SUNY STONY BRK HSC L2, ROOM 152", Stony Brook, NY, 11794
```



Please note: Input file extension should be .csv (comma separated value) for the tool to process them. Naming standard and file structure should be followed for successful file processing. Data items should be separated using commas (,).

Ex: Abc.csv is a valid file name

6. Input the Address File



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Input files can have a maximum of 200 address (the default) records in the file. Files with more than this number of records will not be processed.

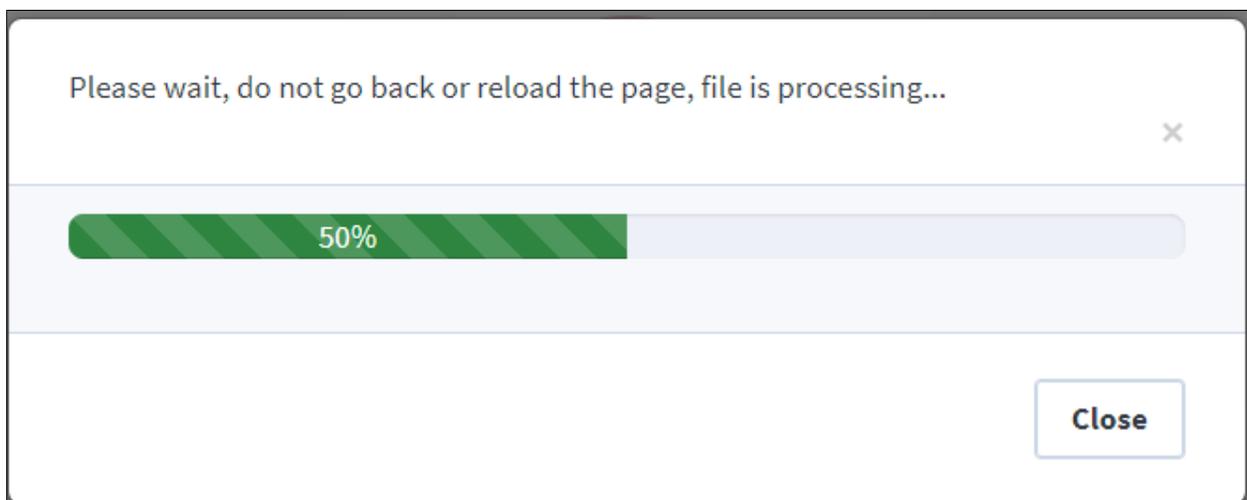
Please note: Duplicate address records are counted as separate records. For example, a file with 190 unique addresses and 11 duplicate addresses will not be processed as the address count will total 201.

7. Process the Input Address File

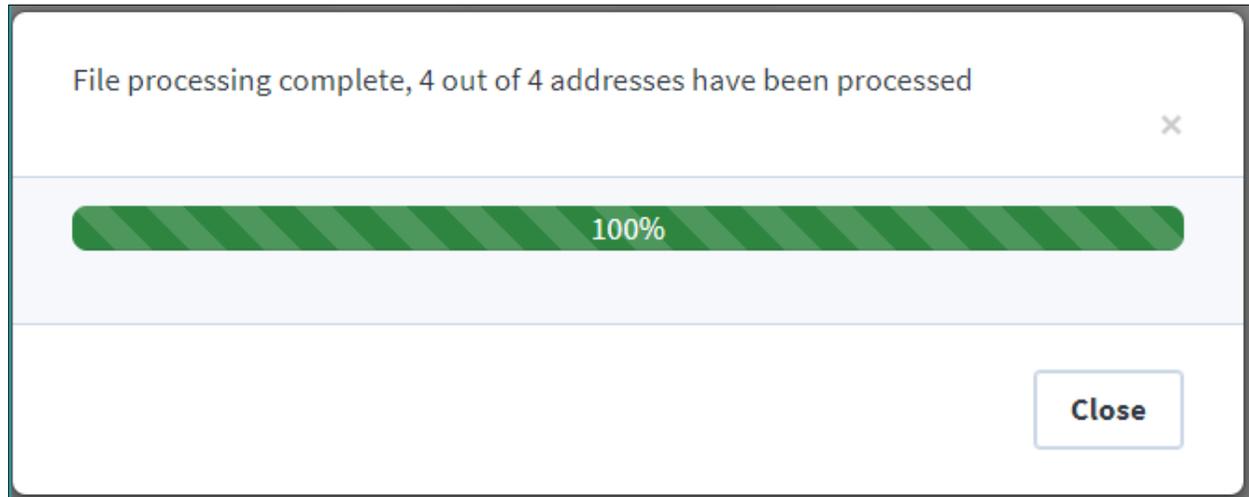
- Enter the valid **token** provided by HRSA/HDW.
- **Include Geographic (FIPS) Codes** - checked by default and is applicable to all the input addresses, users can uncheck this for their addresses as needed.
- **Choose File** – select this to upload the input csv file
- **reCAPTCHA** – Click on the check box (follow the instructions as indicated, if any)
- **Submit** – to begin processing the input file or **Cancel** to cancel processing of the input file

8. Input File Process Progress

While the input file is being processed, a progress bar will be displayed and updated as shown below:



After input file processing is complete, the progress bar displays the status similar to the one shown below:



When the output file is ready it will be automatically downloaded and a 'Save As' dialogue box on the user machine will pop up (per user's browser settings).

Please note: For ease of use the output file is generated in '.xlsx' format.