

## Setting up your computer for using eGrants

To use the eGrants, you must have access to the Internet, and an internet browser. There are several Internet browsers available, the most popular being Internet Explorer, and Netscape.

**Note:** If you use an Apple computer you *may* be unable to access *eGrants* at this time. Some versions of the Mac operating system are not compatible with *eGrants*. We are working to resolve this issue. If you are unable to use a Windows- or Linux-based computer to submit your application, then you should submit a paper application to your state office. Our staff will enter your application into *eGrants*.

### ***Which Browser do I already have?***

The easiest way to tell is by looking at the icon.

Internet Explorer looks like this:



The Netscape Icon looks like this:



### ***What version should I have? And how do I find out what version I currently have?***

If you use **Internet Explorer**, you will need to have version 5.0 or higher, ideally, version 5.5. If you use **Netscape**, the version needs to be 4.x or higher. To find out which version you have, open the browser, and then click on Help from the menu, then select About Internet Explorer (or About Netscape).



A window will then appear, and in it you will find the version number. If you need to upgrade to a newer version of your browser, you can get them for free at the following websites:

Internet Explorer: <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/ie/downloads/ie6/default.asp>

Netscape: <http://wp.netscape.com/computing/download/index.html?cp=hop05ft6>

### ***Which Browser should I use?***

eGrants will work with either **Netscape** or **Internet Explorer**. The setup is slightly different depending on which you choose. Here are the specific instructions for each:

#### **Set up for Internet Explorer**

The setup for Internet Explorer depends on the version you have. If you have version 5.5 you only need to make some minor setting changes in your browser, verify that your **Java Virtual Machine (JVM)** is the correct version, and you're good to go (For instructions on changing the Internet

Explorer settings, [click here](#)). To check the version of your JVM, you will need to enable the Java console. To do that, open your browser and:

- Select **Tools** → **Internet Options**
- Select the **Advanced** tab
- Under Microsoft VM, check the box **Enable the Java console**.
- Restart Internet Explorer (exit, then open it again).
- Display the Java console by selecting **View** → **Java Console**.

The version will be displayed. It should be at least release 5.0.0.38. If it is not, the latest version can be obtained for free from the Microsoft Website ([http://www.microsoft.com/java/vm/dl\\_vm40.htm](http://www.microsoft.com/java/vm/dl_vm40.htm)).

If you are using a version of Internet Explorer other than 5.5 (for example, if your computer is running Windows 2000, ME, or XP, you will likely have Internet Explorer 6.0 already installed), you can still use eGrants, but you will have to install a free applet from Oracle called Jinitiator.

## **Set up for Netscape**

To use eGrants with Netscape, you will also have to install the free applet from Oracle Corporation called **Jinitiator**. You will be prompted to install it when you first run eGrants. Depending on your connection speed, it may take up to 20 minutes.

If you are running version 6 of Netscape, you will have to move a file from one directory to another after installing Jinitiator. Specifically, move the file: **NPJinit-11819.DDL**

From this directory: **c:\Program Files\Oracle\Jinitiator 1.1.8.19\Bin\**

To this directory: **c:\program Files\Netscape\Netscape6\plugins\**

## ***Is there anything else I need to run eGrants?***

Yes. In order to view reports in eGrants, you will need to install document viewing software called **Adobe Acrobat**. This is available free at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.

Also, your modem should be 56K or faster.

## ***Anything else?***

Yes. Your monitor should be set to at least a 1024 x 768 pixel resolution. A 15- inch monitor will work, but a 17-inch monitor would be better.

And the processor speed should be at least a 300 MHz.

### ***Setting up Internet Explorer 5.5 for running eGrants in Native mode***

1. Open Internet Explorer.
2. From the **Tools** menu select **Internet Options...**
3. Click on the **Security** tab.
4. Click on Internet or Trusted sites (depending on how you access the internet).
5. Click on the **Custom Level** button at the bottom of the window.
6. Scroll down to **Microsoft VM**, and under **Java permissions** select the **Custom** radio button.
7. Click on the **Java Custom Settings** button at the bottom of the window.
8. Click on the **Edit Permissions** tab.
9. Under **Unsigned Content/Run Unsigned Content** - click the **Enable** radio button.
10. Under **Signed Content/Run Signed Content** - click the **Enable** radio button.
11. Click on all of the OK buttons and acknowledge that you want to save the changed settings.
12. When you access eGrants the first time, if a window comes up asking if you want to download some Oracle software, click the "**Always trust content from Oracle**" checkbox and click on the **YES** button. You shouldn't get the window again.

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