SIMS

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2018/2019

Product Roadmap

version 1.0

Welcome to the SIMS Product Roadmap 2018/2019

Our objectives for this roadmap are:

- Ensure statutory compliance for returns, examinations and assessments across all regions
- Support schools with the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)
- Enhance SIMS through the implementation of Change Requests.

This roadmap shares our current plans for the year ahead in order to give colleagues as much notice as possible of up and coming changes. As the year progresses we may need to update the roadmap as circumstances change. We intend to publish further versions of this roadmap to communicate any changes.

Statutory Returns: These changes and updates will be made to ensure that SIMS is able to support schools with their statutory reporting requirements.

Please note that SIMS Options Online, SIMS Agora, SIMS Teacher app and SIMS Activities do not form part of the SIMS release; these products are released separately. For information regarding these products, please refer to My Account (https://myaccount.capita-cs.co.uk).

SIMS 2018 Spring Release

Statutory Returns

Provide the functionality to produce the following returns:

- School Census Summer 2018 (maintained schools and Academies in England)
- Attendance Collection 2018 (Primary and Secondary schools in Wales – including Middle schools).

Examinations Organiser and SIMS

- Report to identify QNs missing from the Manage Performance Indicator screen where exam entries exist (England)
- Report to identify QNs in the Manage Performance Indicator screen where there is not an exam entry (England)
- Ability to record Level 2 Technical Qualifications at 16-18 (England)
- Update Performance Indicator Gradesets for multiple QNs (England)
- Update SIMS to allow Northern Ireland to use region specific Discount Codes in SIMS (NI).

FMS/Resources

- Statutory FMS Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) 2017/2018
- National Insurance calculations for salary projections 2018/2019.

GDPR

- Enhanced Person Data Output (PDO) routine to include the export of staff data
- Additional PDO output option (XML) to support data portability.

Assessment

- Early Years assessment resources, reports and CTF updates (England)
- Phonics updates (England)
- Key Stage 1 assessment resource updates, reports and CTF (England)
- Key Stage 2 assessment resource updates, reports and CTF (England)
- Foundation Phase outcomes assessment resource updates, reports and NDC (Wales)
- Key Stage 2 assessment resource updates, reports and NDC (Wales)
- Key Stage 3 assessment resource updates, reports and NDC (Wales)
- National Reading Test updates (Wales)
- National Numeracy Test updates (Wales)
- Levels of Progression (NI)
- DENI Export (NI).

SIMS 2018 Summer Release

Statutory Returns

Provide the functionality to produce the following returns:
- CTF 18 (schools in England, Wales and Northern Ireland)
- DENI Main Return 2018 (schools in Northern Ireland)
- DENI Leavers return 2018 (Post-Primary schools in Northern Ireland)
- Post 16 PLASC 2018 (Middle and Secondary schools in Wales)
- School Census Autumn 2018 (maintained schools and Academies in England)
- School Workforce Census 2018 (maintained schools in England).

Examinations Organiser and SIMS

- Performance Indicator reports for Key Stage 4 and 16-18 (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)
- Reports to be updated with changes from the Northern Ireland Department of Education, Department of Education and Welsh Government
- Discounting rules for Key Stage 4 and 16-18 (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) to be updated as required
- Creation of the Welsh Performance Measure File
- Northern Ireland specific discount codes added
- Update to the NIEFQAN import utility for Northern Ireland.

Assessment

- Baseline assessment resources, reports and CTF updates (England)
- Foundation Phase baseline assessment resource updates and reports (Wales).

SIMS 2018 Autumn Release

Statutory Returns

Provide the functionality to produce the following returns:

- School Census Spring 2019 (maintained schools and Academies in England)
- ISC Census 2019 (Independent schools)
- SLASC 2019 (Independent schools in England)
- CES Census 2019 (Catholic schools in England and Wales)
- PLASC 2019 (maintained schools in Wales).

SIMS 2019 Spring Release

Statutory Returns

Provide the functionality to produce the following returns:

- School Census Summer 2019 (maintained schools and Academies in England)
- Attendance Collection 2019 (Primary and Secondary schools in Wales – including Middle schools).

FMS/Resources

- Statutory FMS Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) 2018/2019
- National Insurance calculations for salary projections 2019/2020.

Assessment

- Early Years assessment resources, reports and CTF updates (England)
- Phonics updates (England)
- Key Stage 1 assessment resource updates, reports and CTF (England)
- Key Stage 2 assessment resource updates, reports and CTF (England)
- Foundation Phase outcomes assessment resource updates, reports and NDC (Wales)
- Key Stage 2 assessment resource updates, reports and NDC (Wales)
- Key Stage 3 assessment resource updates, reports and NDC (Wales)
- National Reading Test updates (Wales)
- National Numeracy Test updates (Wales)

- Levels of Progression (NI)
- DENI Export (NI).

SIMS 2019 Summer Release

Statutory Returns

Provide the functionality to produce the following returns:

- CTF 19 (schools in England, Wales and Northern Ireland)
- Post 16 PLASC 2019 (Middle and Secondary schools in Wales)
- DENI Main Return 2019 (schools in Northern Ireland)
- DENI Leavers return 2019 (Post-Primary schools in Northern Ireland)
- School Census Autumn 2019 (maintained schools and Academies in England)
- School Workforce Census 2019 (maintained schools in England)
- Workforce Collection 2019 (Wales) - New return.

Exams Organiser and SIMS

- Ensure new qualifications can be managed
- Update discounting and collation rules for all regions for the Summer reporting requirements.

Assessment

- Baseline assessment resources, reports and updates (England)
- Foundation Phase baseline assessment resource updates and reports (Wales).

Customer Change Requests

We have thoroughly analysed all customer change requests and have an ambition to make as many of the following changes as possible throughout 2018/2019.

▶ The change requests to be included in the SIMS 2018 Spring Release at the time of publishing, are indicated by a green arrow.

SIMS Core

▶ Improvements to memory leak in PULSAR.exe
▶ Highlighting inactive lookups in the user interface
▶ Enable the **Print** button in pupil bulk update screen
▶ Bulk update of the completed flag in a staff training event
▶ Warning to the user when adding a student as a contact

- ▶ Addition of Staff Performance Objective Details sub report (School Objective Summary and School Objective Detail fields added)
- ▶ Record the history of enrolment status
- ▶ Printing student's timetable selection by class
- ▶ Option to hide **National Identity** from the pupil/student record
- Update to the Web Address Validation (WAV) service database
- Update Assessment Manager 7 Gradesets for Exams
- Improvements to Student Communication to allow for more detailed recording of communications
- Addition of user defined types to Linked Documents
- Addition of stricter business rules and system warning to reduce errors when entering a date of leaving
- Addition of stricter business rules and system warning to reduce errors when amending a date of admission
- Print button enabled in the Bulk Update screen
- Update to the map services in the Pupil/Student record
- Addition of re-allocate UPN and import of email address or telephone number tools into SIMS
- Addition of the ability to import data into User Defined Fields
- Addition of English as an Additional Language (EAL), Free School Meals (FSM), Primary SEN Need, Medical Information, Boarder Status and a single User Defined field to the Pupil/Student Teacher View
- Improvement to the Registration Certificate to include the address
- Improvements to Student List reports to include extra fields
- Addition of the Address Note field to the reporting dictionary
- Add Term to Date as a Cycle on a **Homepage** panel
- Bulk update User Defined Fields
- School Tier setting to control Missing Registers widget
- Ability to customise AM and PM registration times
- Addition of print or export option on Quick Search
- Re-organise some of the assessment menu routes
- Addition of the ability to report on permissions.

Assessment

- Extend comment aspect limit from 1,000 to 3,000
- Consistent display of pupil/student names in Assessment Manager
- Add pupil premium to bulk printing of marksheets
- Include Behaviour and Achievement points in additional pupil/student information columns
- Freeze additional pupil/student information columns in marksheet when scrolling
- Keep additional pupil/student information contextual columns when exporting templates
- Option to display pupil/student's ages in months.

Other Enhancements:

Examinations Organiser

- Pilot of the new Results Analysis dashboards for England Key Stage 4.

Please remember that this is our expected roadmap and this could be subject to change. For up-to-date SIMS news, please visit My Account (https://myaccount.capita-cs.co.uk).

Revision History

Future editions of the Product Roadmap will provide information on the changes made to the document since the previous release.