

This document provides a high level overview of the 2010 Roadmap for items that are provided under Annual Entitlement for SIMS, Partnership Xchange and the Sims Learning Gateway.

Spring 2010

Major new functionality for this release includes the new [SIMS Reporting](#) from within SIMS to replace Nova-T4 functionality. Updates to [B2B Student](#), [Dinner Money 7](#), [Fees](#), [FMS](#), [Nova-T6](#), [Partnership Xchange](#), [Performance](#), [Personnel](#), [Registrations and Admissions](#), [SIMS Core](#) and [SIMS Learning Gateway](#) have also occurred.

Updates for statutory returns are also contained in this release for [School Census](#), the [Attendance Return for Wales](#) and [Post 16 for Wales](#).

Summer 2010

Major new functionality for this release includes the release of [Alternative Curriculum](#) and updates to [SIMS Learning Gateway](#). A release of [SOLUS3.20](#) is on Field Trial to a limited number of schools. There are also updates to [Assessment](#), [Exams Statutory](#), [Fees](#), [FMS](#), [Options in SIMS](#), [Partnership Xchange](#) and [Registrations and Admissions](#).

Updates for statutory returns are also contained in this release for [Annual School Workforce Census 2010](#), [DENI Leavers Return 2010](#), [DENI Main Return 2010](#), [Partnership Xchange](#), [Post-16 Autumn Return 2010](#) and the [School Census Autumn 2010](#).

Autumn 2010

Major new functionality for this release includes the release of [SOLUS3.20](#) – General Release. There are also updates to [Assessment](#), [Common Transfer File \(CTF\)](#), [Fees](#), [Partnership Xchange](#) and [Registrations and Admissions](#).

Updates for statutory returns are also contained in this release for, [Catholic Education Service for England and Wales Census 2011](#), [Independent Schools Council Census 2011 ISCIS](#), [PLASC 2011](#), [Pupil Referral Unit Census 2010](#), [Annual School Census for Independent Schools 2011 ASCIS](#) and [School Census Spring 2011](#).

Support Dates

This section contains information on [SIMS Software Module Support](#), [Server Support](#), [Current Supported Operating System and Software](#) and [Commencement of Support](#).

Spring 2010

Attendance Return for Wales

- 2010 Attendance Return.

B2B Student

- The Proxy Name column size within the B2B Configuration has been increased to 50 Characters.

Dinner Money 7

- The Standard VAT rate will now default to 17.5% for new Dinner Money installations.

Fees

- Improvements to the AUDDIS Mandate Indicator.
- Content of Schedule Letter and Direct Debit Mandate now available in PDF format.
- There is now a merge facility for BACS file Payer Transactions.
- Print Confirmation can now be approved per bill.
- Global Update of Charges now includes delete all charges and delete all recurred charges.
- Improved an streamlined Process Transactions screens.
- Included the ability to apply Charges by Concessions.
- Changes Log – CSV output.
- New option to retrospectively apply charge code description changes.
- The business rules behind closing Fiscal Periods have been updated.
- Reports
 - The installment Report can now be produced in date order.
 - Print Facility of the BACS file.

FMS

- CFR for 2009/2010.
- Recurring Payments.
- New link to the FMS Documentation Centre.

Nova-T6

- Performance improvement on the NCC screen.
- Enhancements to Printing of Timetables including.
- Print Preview.
- Configuration parameters.
- Site Colouring.

Partnership Xchange

- Transfer of additional data items including ULN.
- Correction for lists of Outplaced and Guest students on Partnership Screen.
- Improvements to the enrolment status processes.

Performance

- Performance Stats.
- NDC for Wales.
- KS1, KS2 & KS3 updates for England.
- KS1, KS2 & KS3 updates for Northern Ireland.
- KS1, KS2 & KS3 updates for Wales.
- AMPARK updates for England, Wales & N. Ireland.

Personnel

- Acquaintances (next of kin/staff contacts).

Post 16 for Wales

- Post 16 Summer Return 2010.

Registrations and Admissions

- Reports Updated/Added for Office 2007 Compatibility.
 - Application Status Summary.
 - Application Accepted to Admitted.
 - Application Applied to Accepted.
 - Enquiry to Accepted.
 - Enquiry to Applied.
 - Marketing Reason Analysis.
 - Marketing Source Analysis.
 - Visit Analysis by Gender by Month.

- Market Source by Intake by Month.
- Feeder School Analysis.
- Withdrawn Analysis.

SIMS Core

- Rules on changing enrolment status relaxed to cater for current DCSF guidance on Enrolment Status.
- New Data collection sheet added for Northern Ireland.
- New Behaviour types have been added.
- Enhanced information for prospective pupils for R&A licensed Independent Schools.

SIMS Learning Gateway

- Parentview Cosmetic Improvement – a new SharePoint Theme for Parent Sites that improves presentation in SharePoint. This is an option for schools to use (as is) or to develop from.

SIMS Reporting

- New Student list functionality in SIMS to replace Nova-T4 Student Class Lists.
- New Student Analysis reports in SIMS to replace Nova-T4 Student Analysis reports.
- Achievement Incident Report.
- Behaviour Incident Report.
- Detention Incident Report.

School Census

- School Census Summer Return 2010.

Summer 2010

Alternative Curriculum

- Classes to be created which belong to no Academic Year.
- Quick and easy scheduling of these classes at all periods of the timetable cycle, or a selection of periods.
- The curriculum structure containing the classes to reflect the lesson-based approach to assigning students to the activities.
- Users are able to create and schedule special Alternative Curriculum blocks (a different block for each timetable period), which themselves belong to no Academic Year, containing the required classes. A simple means of assigning staff and rooms will be provided.

Annual School Workforce Census 2010

- Take account of the DCSF specification for this new annual Return that replaces the previous termly Returns.
- Almost a complete rewrite in many places.

Assessment

- Colours in AM7 Reports - The option to print the Nested If Then colour from the Marksheets in the cells of a table in Assessment reports.

DENI Leavers Return 2010

- Take account of DENI/C2K specification changes.
- Minor improvement to UI.

DENI Main Return 2010

- Take account of DENI/C2K specification changes.
- Bug fixes.

Exams Statutory

- Amendment of files to version 13.
- Option definition file amended for 4 figures UMS scores where result type = 'B' or 'C'.
- Option definition file amended for new qualification types and levels.
- Results file amended to accommodate 4 figures UMS scores.
- Basedata changes to allow for additional qualification/level combinations.
- New gradesets as required.

Fees

- Ability to cancel a bill after Printing.
- Ability to Print Receipts.

FMS

- Enable the option to select supplier(s) to be associated with a portal allowing all catalogue entered FMS orders to be transferred to the portal. Electronic invoices and credit notes will be able to be received and matched these orders.
- Ability to allow the same bank statement number to be entered more than once using a combination of statement date and statement number.

Options in SIMS

- The screens to support the future release of an Options Web Part.
- It will allow the manual entry of Student Options choices in SIMS.

Partnership Xchange

- Assessment Import and Export of Identifiers (GUIDs). Ensuring that all Aspects and Gradesets passed to schools will work in the partnership environment even if created outside a Partnership Xchange system.
- Enhancements to end of year/start of year routines. Work to ensure that the closing stages of the current academic year and the preparation of the new academic year can be achieved with the appropriate data being transferred through PX.

Post-16 Autumn Return 2010

- Take account of WAG specification changes.
- Internal changes to simply maintenance.
- Minor improvement to UI.
- Bug fixes.

Registrations and Admissions

- Ability to import an ADT file Version 2011/2012.
- Ability to export an ASL file Version 2011/2012.

School Census Autumn 2010

- Take account of DCSF specification changes.
- Internal changes to simply maintenance.
- Minor improvement to UI.
- Bug fixes.

SIMS Learning Gateway

- My Children General Data Presentation & Navigation Improvements. A replacement for the existing My Children page to improve the display of children's data including at-a-glance headlines, attendance and 'what has changed since I last logged on?'.
- SEN. New capability to display date/type/summary for status, current provision, future events and review to users including parents, pupils and staff.
- Cover Displayed. New capability so that staff can see the cover they are assigned.
- Register Improvement. Enhanced to enable the display of indicators (that are available in SIMS Registers) such as G&T, SEN in registers.
- Site Update Tool. An updating system for a SLG hosting organisation to select and deploy the new capabilities that are provided in Summer 2010 across multiple schools.

SOLUS3.20

- Field Trial to a limited number of schools only.
- Automated delivery, management and maintenance of the full suite of SIMS Software.
- Applies required infrastructure (e.g. .NET framework 3.5) without end user intervention.

Autumn 2010

Annual School Census for Independent Schools 2011 ASCIS

- Take account of DCSF specification changes.

Assessment

- Assessing Pupil Progress: new SIMS Assessment APP Templates and Grids.

Catholic Education Service for England and Wales Census 2011

- Take account of CESEW specification changes.
- Minor improvement to UI.

Common Transfer File

- Take account of DCSF/WAG specification changes.
- Improvement to UI.
- Bug fixes.

Fees

- Improved Integration with General Ledgers.

Independent Schools Council Census 2011 ISCIS

- Take account of ISC specification changes.

Partnership Xchange

- Support and Implementation Toolkit. To provide support teams with useful utilities to help resolve issues where data is not being transferred successfully.

PLASC 2011

- Take account of WAG specification changes.
- Minor improvements to UI.

Pupil Referral Unit Census 2010

- Take account of the DCSF specification for this annual Return that is new to us.
- Based on School Census but with significant differences.

Registrations and Admissions

- Ability to import an ATF file Version 2011/2012.

School Census Spring 2011

- Take account of DCSF specification changes.

- Minor improvement to UI.
- Bug fixes.

SOLUS3.20 – General Release

- Automated delivery, management and maintenance of the full suite of SIMS Software.
- Applies required infrastructure (e.g. .Net framework 3.5) without end user intervention.

Support Dates

SIMS Software Module Support

- Attendance 6 - Support ended August 2009
- Lesson Monitor 6 - Support ended August 2009
- Dinner Money 1.40 - Support ended August 2009
- Options 5.31 - Support ends Autumn 2010
- Nova-T4 Reporting - Support ends Spring 2011

Server Support

- Microsoft SQL Server 2005 / 2005 Express – Support ends October 2010

Current Supported Operating System and Software

- Microsoft Windows XP 32 bit
- Microsoft Windows Vista 32 bit
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003 32/64 bit
- Microsoft Windows Server 2008 32/64 bit
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 / 2008 Express
- Microsoft Office 2003/2007

Commencement of Support

- Microsoft Windows 7 32 bit – starts with the SIMS 2010 Spring release

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