

SIMS 2010 Summer Pre-Release Note

The SIMS 2010 Summer Release contains new functionality including the new Teacher and Student Timetable printing functionality in SIMS.net. SIMS Learning Gateway has significant improvements to various areas including the My Child Web Part. SOLUS3 will be on field trial with a limited number of schools following on separately to the main release.

We are pleased to launch the new SIMS InTouch software which includes the ability for communications via email or SMS to be sent out to parents teachers or students.

Enhancements have also been made to Assessment, Course Manager, Exams Statutory, Options in SIMS, Partnership Xchange, Personnel, Registrations and Admissions and SIMS Mobile.

This release contains the School Workforce Census 2010, DENI Leavers Return 2010, DENI Main Return 2010, Post 16 Autumn Return 2010 and School Census Autumn 2010.

FMS has enhancements to functionality allowing all orders for selected suppliers to be sent electronically to governmental portals and additionally the ability to add a bank statement number that have been previously entered in FMS to be entered again. Fees Billing has also been updated with printing and functional improvements.

This release is planned to be made available before COB on Friday the 9th of July.

Current Content

Annual School Workforce Census 2010

- Take account of the DCSF specification for this new annual Return that replaces the previous termly Returns.

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.

B2B Student

- Increase timeout log on b2bmessagehandler

Course Manager

- Two new diploma classification codes added
- Bulk Update tool added to update course end dates for Learning Aims

DENI Leavers Return 2010

- Take account of DENI/C2K specification changes.
- Minor improvements to the User Interface.

DENI Main Return 2010

- Take account of DENI/C2K specification changes.

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.
- Facilitate the diploma communication with DAS

Fees

- New functionality to allow a bill to be cancelled once printed with the option to recreate the charges on the bill to allow amendments both sending the Bill to the bill payers.
- When Each Transaction is added to the batch the details are automatically saved without entering a number and then being saved
- New feature to print a receipt when adding a transaction or print receipts are all or a number of transactions within the batch.
- Ability to Import a Fiscal Calendar from FMS

FMS

- Enable the option to select supplier(s) to be associated with a portal allowing all their entered FMS orders to be transferred electronically to the nominated portal as well as Content Orders. Electronic Invoices and Credit Notes will be able to be received and matched to these orders.
- Ability to allow a bank statement number that have been previously entered in FMS to be entered again.
- Enhancements and additional messaging for recurring payments

- Consistency of electronic formats of VAT reports for both SQL Server 2005 and SQL Server 2008

InTouch

- New software to enable messages to be sent via email and text messaging. This is an optional software package purchased separately but linked to the main SIMS software suite. SIMS Intouch assists in meeting parental engagement by enabling schools to push information out to Parents or staff members encouraging links to build the school community.

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.

Personnel 7

- Enhancement allowing contracts that have an "End Date" to be made available to the interface for Third Party Budgeting applications

Post-16 Autumn Return 2010

- Take account of WAG specification changes.
- Minor improvement to the User Interface.

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.
- Minor improvements to the User Interface.

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.
- Support for Windows Server 2008 R2 for SIMS Learning Gateway and Active Directory Provisioning System

SIMS Mobile

- Compatibility with SIMS in a Hosted environment
- Support for SQL2008 and Windows Server 2008

SIMS Reporting

- New Student and Teacher Timetable printing functionality in SIMS to replace Nova-T4 Timetable Printing

SOLUS3.20

- Field Trial to limited participants only following on separately to the main release.
- Automated delivery, management and maintenance of the full suite of SIMS Software.
- Applies required infrastructure (e.g. .NET framework) without end user intervention.

Customer Cases

Customer case related fixes will be deployed in this release. This document will be updated with this detail as it becomes available.

Module	Description