

FMS 6.132

Including Accounts Receivable, Budget Planning and Equipment Register

Essential Information

In order to upgrade to FMS 6.132, your FMS system must satisfy the following criteria:

- Where Personnel Links are in use, SIMS must already be upgraded to a minimum of the SIMS 2010 Spring Release (7.128) to allow Salary Projections to be generated.
- FMS must be at a minimum version of 6.128.
- All FMS databases must be upgraded to a minimum version of FMS 6.128.
- FMS 6.132 should be applied to existing installations by running SOLUS on the SQL Server..
- This release is compatible with Microsoft SQL Server 2008/2005/SQL Express only and must not be applied to SQL Server 2000/MSDE

Introduction

This version has enhancements and fixes in the following areas:

- Support for the DfE OPEN eProcurement procedures. Schools trading with the OPEN website should upgrade to FMS 6.132 to utilise the new functionality detailed below.
- Enhancements supporting recurring payments. Functionality is detailed below.
- Bank Statement numbering affecting Bank Reconciliation
- Defining VAT Periods in Leap Years
- Non-invoiced Income Receipts
- VAT Reports Exported Electronically on SQL Server 2008
- Cumulative Expense Analysis Report
- Interface with Third Party Budgeting software

Modules Included in this Release

- FMS 6.132
- Accounts Receivable 6.132
- Budget Planning 6.132
- Equipment Register 6.132
- Finance Database Selector (FDS) 6.132

Restoring Databases – FMS and SIMS

If you are using Personnel 7.132 (or later) to generate Salary Projections in FMS and you need to restore your SIMS database, you must restore the FMS system to the same point. This ensures that Salary Projections are calculated accurately and consistently. To facilitate this, you are strongly advised to always take a backup of both databases at the same time.

In the event that this advice is not followed and a subsequent case is raised with the Service Desk, we reserve the right to charge a fee for any corrective work to resolve the issue.

SIMS Modules and Data

In order for rooms, students and personnel details (contractual details from Personnel 7.132 and onwards) to be available in FMS, the link to SIMS must be defined in **Tools | STAR 7 Settings** in FMS.

New and Updated Functionality in FMS 6.132

Support for Marketplaces – DfE OPEN



IMPORTANT NOTE: *We strongly recommend that all schools that trade with a Marketplace upgrade to this version as soon as possible.*

- Removal of an internal FMS validation that ensures that FMS can gain access to the internet prior to accessing the marketplace. This has been removed due to the potential unavailability of certain websites that FMS validates against. When these websites were unavailable, FMS was not able to gain access to the marketplace URL.
- New functionality has been included to allow electronic orders to be raised from within FMS where a DUNS number has been entered for the supplier and they are also present on Marketplace. This is achieved by associating a supplier to a defined Web Service and modifying the supplier's Order Method to "W" Web Services.
- The method by which the original order has been dispatched is now displayed in the order header screen. The number of order copies will follow the settings in **Tools | Accounts Payable Parameters | Order Header – Extra Copies**.
- The ability to locate and filter by supplier DUNS Number has been made included in **Focus | Accounts Payable | Suppliers and Tools | eProcurement Setting** screens.
- As a consequence of the new functionality described above, significantly more orders can be transferred electronically to a Marketplace, hence reducing the need to post or fax orders and reducing costs.
- An eOrdering email field has been included for a supplier on **Focus | Accounts Payable | Supplier – Basic Details**. This field will be used when orders are transferred to the DfE OPEN Marketplaces by Web Services. The order will be converted into a .pdf attachment and emailed to the supplier using the entered email address.
- This field can be populated but will not become operational until we receive confirmation from the DfE OPEN team. It is anticipated that the functionality outlined in the previous paragraph will be available in the Autumn 2010 release.



NOTE: All other functionality relating to the orders that are transferred via Web Services remains unchanged.

Please refer to the eProcurement using Web Services in FMS handbook for more information.

Issues Resolved in FMS 6.132

Bank Reconciliation

The ability to add a bank statement number that has been previously entered and saved has been included. This has been achieved by using the combination of the bank statement number and date rather than just the bank statement number in isolation. When entering a bank statement number that has already been entered, a message will be displayed asking for confirmation that a new sequence should be started.

If a series of bank statements with unique numbers are entered using the same date, the opening and closing balances for the statements in the whole series will be recalculated and verified when exiting the Bank Reconciliation screen. The expectation is that the entered date for a bank statement will either be the date of the first transaction or last transaction on the bank statement rather than the date that the statement was printed or received by the school.

Additionally, in the very rare circumstances when entering a bank statement bank/date that falls between the most recent entered bank statement number/date and the last bank statement number of a previous sequence, the opening and closing balances will be recalculated and verified on all statements when exiting the Bank Reconciliation screen.

Tools | Define VAT Periods for Leap Year – 2011/2012



We strongly recommend that schools upgrade to this version as soon as possible and before they define their 2011/2012 VAT Periods.

- Modifications have been included to ensure that VAT periods for a leap year are correctly defined.
- In the event that the VAT Periods are defined using an earlier version, schools must check, verify and potentially manually modify the VAT Periods definitions for 2011/2012 prior to any transactions being posted against these periods.

Enhancements in Support of Recurring Payments

▪ Ability to Modify a Supplier after Posting the First Journal in a Series

The ability to modify a supplier once the first journal has been posted in a series has been removed. The reason for this is that if a school decides to change their supplier for a recurring payment, a new external bank mandate would be required and hence this needs to be replicated within FMS by ending the existing series of payments and creating a new series.

▪ Modification to Recurring Payments Details

Additional auditing of changes made to the recurring payment header details, value of the journal in total, the value against individual journal lines or ledger code, cost centre and VAT codes combinations have been included.

▪ **Posted Recurring Payments Journal Narratives**

The suffix for posted recurring journals has been modified. Detailed in the table below is an example of the modification for a journal being posted in June 2010:

Previous suffix	Revised suffix
(06/2010)	JUN10

The change was made as a response to feedback that using a number to recognise the 'calendar' month (06/2010) was confusing as some colleagues thought that (06/2010) represented period 06 of 2010, i.e. September 2010.

▪ **Detailed Cost Centre and Ledger Code Transactions reports**

These reports will now default so that the Year to Date option is not automatically selected and no periods are selected. Consequently, without making any further selection in the panel, selecting the relevant cost centre(s) or ledger code(s), all transactions will be included.

This change was made because recurring payments can create commitments for periods/dates that may be after the current date in the selected financial year.

▪ **Defining Journals with the Wizard Activated**

When defining the journals using the wizard, the period will default to the current period rather than the lowest open period. If this is not the desired period, any open period can be manually selected. This change has been made to maintain consistency with the screen when journals are defined without using the wizard, as this screen defaults to the current period.

Non-invoiced Income Receipts

Additional auditing has been included for the confirmation of printing and deleting of receipts.

VAT Reports Exported Electronically on SQL Server 2008

Enhancements have been included to ensure that the formats of the electronic VAT reports are consistent with those generated from SQL Server 2005.

Cumulative Expense Analysis Report

Enhancements have been made so that the data on the first two pages is displayed appropriately.

Interface with Third Party Budgeting software

Enhancements have been made so that the SIMS Personnel contracts that have an End Date that falls in the current financial year will be made available to external Third Party Budgeting software. This change will result in staffing budgets including the affect of these closed contracts which will result in revised budgets being imported into FMS.