

## **SIMS.net Summer Main Release (7.132) Primary and Special Schools**

### **Introduction**

The Summer Main Release of SIMS.net version 7.132 is an essential upgrade for all schools. This release must be taken order to complete the Autumn School Census 2010 and the School Workforce Census which takes place in November 2010.

This upgrade to your SIMS system contains some new features in addition to enhancements and fixes. The most significant of which are in the following areas: (in all cases more detailed information is available later in these notes)

- Revised files to support the Autumn School Census 2010
- Revised files to support the School Workforce Return Census in November 2010
- Assessment Manager now includes the option to print the colours on individual parental reports for data derived from Nested If Then Else formulas.
- Dinner Money 7; relaxation of staff and pupil deletion where no financial transactions recorded
- In Personnel; A new field, **SWC Total Pay** (annual salary equivalent + allowances), is available
- Pre-defined reports; a new pre-defined report has been created, called the Free School Meal Current Report.
- In addition to the modules mentioned above, there are fixes in the following areas: Assessment, Analysis 7, Attendance, Profiles, & STAR.

### **DCSF has been Renamed DfE**

The DCSF (the Department for Children, Schools and Families) has recently been renamed to DfE (the Department for Education). Our documentation will be updated to reflect this name change from the SIMS 2010 Autumn Release onwards.

### **B2B – Compatibility Between One and SIMS**

As part of the SIMS 2010 Summer Release, we have undertaken full testing of both B2B:Student and B2B:Personnel to ensure that the release is fully compatible with both One v3.39 and One v3.40.

## Analysis 7

### Enhancements

This release includes an enhancement in the following area:

- The performance of the Group Analysis functionality has been enhanced (via **Focus | Assessment | Group Analysis**).

### Fixes

This release includes a fix in the following area:

- When selecting an Outcome Type of Percentage of Students, the correct figures are now displayed because only the most recent result is included (via **Focus | Assessment | Group Analysis**).

## Assessment 7

### New Features

This release includes the following new feature:

- **Shading Cells with Colour** **Focus | Assessment | Individual Report**  
The ability to shade cells with colour in Individual Reports has been provided. This facility can be switched on by selecting the Print Report with Colour checkbox in the Basic panel of Individual Reports. Once selected, colour is only applied to cells in a table in a report, and where there is one aspect to a cell.  
For more information, please refer to the Individual Reports chapter in the Assessment in SIMS handbook.

### Fixes

This release includes fixes in the following areas:

- The Title Bar on a marksheet now displays a teacher's Preferred Surname rather than their Legal Surname (via **Focus | Assessment | Marksheet Entry**).
- A Head of Year can now view all class marksheets (via **Focus | Assessment | Marksheet Entry**).
- A fault no longer occurs when you zoom into a marksheet (via **Focus | Assessment | Marksheet Entry**).

## Attendance 7

### Fixes

This release includes a fix in the following area:

- In Edit Marks, names are now sorted according to the option selected in Attendance Setup (via **Focus | Attendance | Edit Marks**).
- The E mark, to indicate an Exclusion, is now populating the register correctly in the appropriate sessions (via **Focus | Student | Student Details | Links | Attendance**).

## Dinner Money 7

### Enhancements

This release includes an enhancement in the following area:

- **Pupil and Staff Delete**

Amendments have been made to relax the staff and pupil deletion rules. This will allow the deletion of pupil and staff records where no financial transactions (i.e. payments, reversals, refunds, etc.) have ever been recorded, and where the value of opening balances and meals taken is £0.00. Schools will be able to delete meals recorded and amend opening balances, in order to delete a duplicate pupil record. The record deletion will be logged within the Dinner Money Audit Log.

For more information, please refer to the Setting up Dinner Money chapter in the Setting up and Maintaining Dinner Money in SIMS handbook.

### Fixes

This release includes fixes in the following areas:

- Today's meals are now included in the Brought Forward Balance on Charge Forecast letters (via **Reports | Dinner Money | Letters | Charge Forecast**).
- The Unbanked column no longer displays reversed payments (via **Focus | Dinner Money | Staff Payments**).

## Personnel 7

### New Features

This release includes the following new feature:

- A new field, **SWC Total Pay** (annual salary equivalent + allowances), is available when adding a Service Agreement (via **Focus | Person | Staff**).

### Fixes

This release includes fixes in the following areas:

- It is now possible to remove the expiry date (Expires on) of a CRB Check (via **Focus | Person | Staff**).
- It is now possible to change the end time of a new absence (End Time of Absence, via **Focus | Person | Staff**).
- Modifications have been made to the way in which Service Terms are exported and imported (via **Tools | Staff | Pay Related Import**).

## School Census Autumn Return 2010

The dates for the School Census Autumn Return 2010 are:

- Census Day – 07/10/2010
- Age at Date – 31/08/2009 (for Attendance) and 31/08/2010 (for Hours at setting, etc.)

## New Features

This release includes the following new feature:

- Reconcile Learning Aims and Results Reports

### Tools | Statutory Returns Tools | Reconcile Learning Aims & Results

For Secondary schools with a Sixth Form only, this new menu route provides access to four reports (in .CSV format), which can be generated to assist in the reconciliation of Learning Aims and exam results. The following reports can be generated:

- Course Memberships with no exam results
- Exam results with QAN and no course memberships
- Exam results with matching QAN
- Exam results with no LA QAN.

## School Workforce Census Annual Return 2010

The date for the School Workforce Census Return 2010 is:

- **Census Day** – 04/11/2010

## STAR 7

### Fixes

This release includes fixes in the following areas:

- When you have recorded and saved a behaviour incident via the Links panel, the Behaviour Incident Details dialog remains open, enabling you to add any further details (via **Focus | Attendance | Take Register | Links | Behaviour**).
- Duplicate behaviour incidents are no longer recorded when adding them through Take Register (via **Focus | Lesson Monitor | Take Register | Links | Behaviour**).
- Missing Register notifications are no longer displayed on the Home Page prior to the start of a session (via **Focus | Home Page**).
- It is now possible to delete unlinked contacts (via **Tools | Housekeeping | Delete Unlinked Contacts**).

## Updated Handbooks Available with this Release

The following handbooks have been produced for this release. Please refer to the What's New in This Release section in each handbook for details of the specific changes.

- Assessment in SIMS
- Managing Pupil/Student Profiles in SIMS
- Producing Student List, Student Analysis and Timetable Reports in SIMS

- Producing the School Census Autumn 2010 Return (English Nursery Schools)
- Producing the School Census Autumn 2010 Return (English Primary/Middle deemed Primary Schools)
- Producing the School Census Autumn 2010 Return (English Special Schools)
- Producing the School Workforce Census 2010 Return
- Setting Up and Maintaining Dinner Money in SIMS
- SIMS Pre-Defined Reports Catalogue