SA-SAMS: What is new on 24.2.0

Back ground

The South African School Administration and Management System (SA-SAMS), is designed for the South African Education Sector and is maintained by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) as mandated. The application aims to assist schools with their own data administration and reporting by reducing recapturing and saving time and resources. SA-SAMS is also policy driven standardising policy implementation and reporting across all provinces and is a source of data that assist with monitoring and support. As per all departmental applications it is supplied to schools free of charge.

Currently data from SA-SAMS is aligned and used for Gr 12 NCS registration, GEC project as well as reporting to Treasury to inform on the Provincial equitable share from the National Budget and many more and require therefor strict data validation rules built on the system that are aligned to the POPIA.

Development and release business processes :

SA-SAMS as a national application follows strict governance processes with its updated releases.

- It is updated quarterly with requests received from users and various policy owners. Changes are only included after being tabled at the National EMIS Technical Committee with membership from all EMIS provinces for recommendation.
- The changes and implementation are also audited by Internal Audit Services and annually by the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) as part of the audits of national systems.
- The latest version with notification on the changes will be made available on the THUTONG website.

Changes on Release 24.2.0 & what schools must do:

This release requires the installation of 24.1.1 and the changes are listed below:

Description	Screen	What is new / changed	Action by the school
• Deviation comments as per NA 2 of 2024 circular	12.7.14	• Updating the system with deviation comments as per NA 2 of 2024 circular.	• The comments is used for the school promotion administration on 12.7.18, learner reports 12.7.19, Promotion schedule 12.9.15.10 & 11
• 2025 Subject settings	12.3.12	• 2025 Subject settings	• Remember to run promotion function of learners on 3.19 • Subjects POA available in 2025 • New subject options for schools offering Programmes other than CAPS (O: subjects). This is to ensure that learners are not rejected on LURITS.
• Module 17		• Updated the TX functions and fix null value & 999 to values for learners and educators for uploading onto LURITS	• No action by school but this aims to assist with running the feedback files and LURITS number alignment.

Version 25.0.0 will contain the updates on SIAS, SNE, Finance module, Learner Transport module and Infrastructure.

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Kind Regards
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