SA-SAMS: What is new on 22.1.0

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 new version is only released after being tested by 8 Provincial EMIS sections as well as the relevant policy owners.
- 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.
- **All schools need to update SA-SAMS before the next release but schools offering Gr 12 as well as the GEC Pilot Schools need this version for the October resulting and reporting.**

Changes on Release 22.1.0 & what schools must do:

This release contains LTSM updates as well as changes requested for NCS, GEC and includes:

Description	Screen	What is new / changed	Action by the school
1. Curriculum GEC	12.3.11 12.3.12	• New Subject for GEC	• New Subject "Competency added for T3 capturing only and **only applicable for Pilot schools** • Schools to add subject, assign it to relevant Gr 9 learners and capture scores.
2. NCS Gr 12 Candidate numbers	3.1.3	• NCS Gr 12 Candidate Exam number update	• Schools to capture the NCS registration number for all Gr 12 Candidates on bulk form (to assist with capturing). The number needs to be captured 2x to comply with exam standards.
3. NCS Registration form	3.1.1	• "Consent addendum added" • Option Indian added to NCS Registration form	• Print Addendum for candidates to sign approval that data can be used for education purposes
4. School Info	1.1 Tab 1	• MP Circuit update	• MP Circuits updated
5. HR attendance	3.1.1	• New options added to drop down list as reasons for Educator absenteeism • Option "Unknown" amended	• New options available as reasons for absenteeism: "Industrial action" and "Suspended" • Option "Unknown" amended to "Unauthorized unpaid leave" so that schools update when info was corrected and "Pending Incapacity leave" in cases where the sick leave option will be exceeded.
6. Educator qualifications	2.1	• Addition to list of options for Educator qualifications	• Educators to update qualifications

7. Educator performance Appraisal: QMS	2.1.18	• QMS tool to be included	• QMS added for Educators to capture own performance appraisals and school (Principal) to reconcile the school's QMS • Refer to guide
8. System date format		• Activate date format	• Schools to **adjust date format as requested this is to reduce the LURITS learner and Educator rejections**
9. LTSM updates	14	• LTSM updates	• Update the issue of books function to learners • New function to issue of books to learners • LTSM list updated to latest catalogue
10. Learner info	3.1.1 & 4	• Tab order rectified when adding or editing learners	• Tab move from one field to next
11. Parents	3.1.1	• Parent passport field amended for capturing	• Capture info for parents
12. Curriculum Social Sciences	12.3.11	• Curriculum updates for T4 on Social Sciences Gr 8 & 9	• Totals and descriptions adjusted for T4, schools to take note.

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Kind Regards
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