# SA-SAMS: What is new on 24.1.1

## 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 24.1.1 & what schools must do:

This release does not require the installation of 24.1.0 as it incorporates the 24.1.0 changes as well as corrections to it. The changes are listed below:

| Description | Screen | What is new / changed | Action by the school |
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| • School Improvement Plan (SIP) | 10.2 | • Added the School Improvement Plan (SIP) that follows on SSE – as per AGSA recommendation | • School Improvement Plan can only be populated after SSE is completed |
| • GEC new subjects | 12.1.11 | • New subjects included for GEC: GEC Integrated Projects and GEC Inclinations | • Pilot Schools to add the two subjects<br>• Verify weighting for GEC Integrated Projects<br>• Capture the marks for HL, FAL and Creative Arts and print marks schedule |
| • NSC Gr 12 generated examination sheet | 12.3.13 | • NSC Exam alignment- new screen 12.3.13 "Moderated SBA marks" | • NSC Mark sheets for Gr 12 candidates generated for SBA, PAT and Orals.<br>• Moderated marks to be captured on relevant column |
| • Attendance register | 3.3.1 | • Fix populating the learner printed Absenteeism register | • Reprint |
| | 3.3.3 | • New function to select absenteeism for whole class for the day<br>• New function to select reason for whole group | • Tick function box "All" to tick all leaners absent<br>• Select reason and assign to all |
| | 2.12 | • Fix holiday error on Educator Attendance | |
| • Database access & security | | • Message of wrong password after 3 attempts and a 5 min lockout after 3 attempts | • Database administrator to reset password on 16.12<br>• Lock in after 5 minutes with username and reset password immediately |
| • All Modules | | • Correction on Headers and dropdown labels | • 12.3.12 – Signoff designations<br>• 3.3.3- "no valid Reason" changed to "no reason provided"<br>• 2.3.- "Food Nutrition Staff"' to "NSNP Food Handler"<br>• 3.6.2 - Learner Pregnancy form updated |

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| | | | • 3.1.1/4 page 2 Add options to dropdown - "Scholar Transport"' and "Learner Transport Scheme" |
| • Learner Contact number | 3.1.1 & 4 | • Correction of Learner Contact number for examination | • |
| • EIB SAL subject alignment | 12.3.11 | • Align EIB SAL subjects to correct tasks and weights | • Save tasks and weights recapture for correct tasks |
| • Email of Learner reports | 12.7.19 | • Function to send e-mail to parents with mail addresses | • Select class, check message to all, tick "All", click on process email report and go to drafts.<br>• Select all to mail |
| • Analysis reports for exam only | 12.9.16.7 | • Option to show exam analysis only | • Schools to select, generate and print the analysis report for exam only |

Version 24.2.0 will contain the 2025 settings.

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Kind Regards
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