



# Student Information Management System (SIMS) Institution Account Enhancement Updates and Bug Fixes

Release 1.5, April 12, 2024

Feature Changes	Description	Feature Type
<p><b>1</b> Ability to deactivate programs</p>	<p>Institution Users can deactivate an institution program that is no longer offered or was created in error. This will result in a new revised Program being created.</p> <p>This update includes the following enhancements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A new status flag will be displayed for programs marked inactive.</li> <li>2. When selecting the "Edit" button on Program Details screen two options will display:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Edit Program (No change to functionality of "Edit Program")</li> <li>2. Deactivate. (No change to functionality of "Edit Program")</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. A new pop-up window displays when user selects "Deactivate" from Edit Program Details button</li> <li>4. A new validation has been added to ignore any deactivated programs. (i.e. so that the same SABC Program Code can be re-used on new Programs)</li> <li>5. The Bulk Upload functionality has been updated to ignore deactivated programs when assigning offerings</li> </ol>	<p>Enhancement</p>
<p><b>2</b> Update to correct institution name bug on Program screen</p>	<p>Clicking "Institution Name" while on Program Detail screen will take the user back to the Institution Profile screen.</p>	<p>Bug</p>
<p><b>3</b> Added ability for institution user to view manual reassessment history</p>	<p>When a re-assessment is completed, a new label is assigned called "manual re-assessment" for the 'type' when displaying the assessment history to Ministry and Institution screens.</p>	<p>Enhancement</p>

## Release 1.4, March 21, 2024

	<b>Feature Changes</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Feature Type</b>
<b>1</b>	Updated Language – Confirmation of Enrolment	Updated label for tab in Confirmation of Enrolment page to “Upcoming and Previous Enrolments” from “Upcoming Enrolment”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional language included to clarify types of information displayed in tab.</li> </ul>	Enhancement
<b>2</b>	COE Declined Triggers Reassessment	COE Declined Triggers Reassessment	Enhancement

## Release 1.3, March 6, 2024

	<b>Feature Changes</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Feature Type</b>
<b>1</b>	IER12 File Adjustments	Institution users from BC Public institutions can receive the .txt integration files needed to support their own internal processes. Many field updates enhanced (too many to specify)	Enhancement
<b>2</b>	Classification of Instruction Programs (CIP) Code Validation and Mapping	Specific CIP inputs successfully map to Field of Study Codes	Bug
<b>3</b>	Lifetime Tally of Unsuccessful Weeks	The lifetime tally of Unsuccessful Completion for each student is now displayed on the student’s Restrictions page (viewable to all Institution, Student and Ministry users) Calculation of student’s lifetime tally of Unsuccessful weeks by summing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FT Unsuccessful weeks # imported through SFAS data bridge</li> <li>Summing all individual reports of FT Unsuccessful Completion reported through SIMS scholastic standing, regardless of which school reported them</li> </ul>	Enhancement

4	Program Length Options	<p>Institutions can specify the length of programs with enough detail to reflect the federal rules around Canada Student Grants as well as which version of BC Access Grant should be used. Add two new options for program length, and ensure they are reflected in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 53 weeks to 59 weeks [NEW] which effects BCAG-FT less than 2 years and not eligible for CSG-FT</li> <li>• 60 weeks to less than 2 years [NEW] = BCAG-FT for less than 2 years and eligible for CSG-FT</li> </ul>	Enhancement
5	Undergrad Citation	"Undergraduate Citation" has been added to the dropdown of Program Credentials.	Enhancement
6	Offering Parent ID	While creating a new offering or cloning an offering, the parent offering ID is always present	Enhancement
7	Duplicate Offering Names	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can allow duplicate offering names IF the year of study is different.</li> <li>• Year of Study in the Offering Name for Institutions in their list of Offerings</li> <li>• New Year of Study Column in List of Offerings</li> <li>• Bulk Upload Error should read: "Duplication error. An offering with the same name, year of study, start date, and end date was found. Please remove the duplicate offering and try again."</li> <li>• Manual Creation Error should read: "Duplication error. An offering with the same name, year of study, start date, and end date was found."</li> <li>• PIR Offerings list is also displaying the Year of Study</li> </ul>	Enhancement
8	Offering Cost Field Maximums	<p>When creating or editing offerings (including offering bulk change), the 'maximum allowable amount' validation on each cost fields within the 'add offering' form: tuition, books and supplies, mandatory fees, and exceptional expenses has been adjusted to:</p>	Enhancement
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If any costs exceed \$100,000, the Offering can be submitted but enters 'pending' status and requires StudentAid BC approval.</li> <li>• If any costs exceed \$100,000, upon a user clicking 'validate', a warning banner should display which reads "the cost amounts reported for this offering may exceed eligible amounts. This offering can be submitted but will require StudentAid BC approval."</li> <li>• Any Validations on the Bulk Offering Upload tool to remain consistent with the above. (i.e. if the Bulk Upload file will be subject to the same warnings, that is fine.</li> </ul>	

9	Program Content Changes	<p>Program Entrance Requirements Form Content Adjustments</p> <p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to “For post-secondary level academic credit-based programs: This program has entrance requirements established by the institution that enable completion of the program of study.”</li> <li>• The Options within the 'entrance requirements' question have been adjusted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ from BC Industry Training Authority</li> <li>○ to SkilledTradesBC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Enhancement
10	Application Bulk Withdrawal	<p>Business Validations have been added for Bulk Withdrawal Upload. These Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that the affected Student Application belongs to the institution uploading the file.</li> <li>• If the application number is not found, assume it is an SFAS application and just skip over it, do not perform any other validations on the record and proceed onto the next record to continue processing the file. Generate a warning to user: "Application number not found. The withdrawal request for this application will not be processed."</li> <li>• Create an interface in the SIMS application to upload the file, like the bulk offering file upload, using the same validation model's structure.</li> <li>• In case one or multiple validations failed, return the validation errors.</li> <li>• Allow the process to be executed as validation only, that will check for the next for possible business validation errors but should not persist any data to the database.</li> <li>• Validate if the combination of the SIN, Application number and institution match with a record on SIMS, if not, return the line as a warning</li> </ul>	Enhancement

		<p>message "Application number not found. The withdrawal request for this application will not be processed."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For each record, validate if the application belongs to the institution location provided as the originator in the header of the file. If the institution location for a record does not match as per the file originator field, throw the error "Application number not found. The withdrawal request for this application will not be processed."</li> <li>• If the file contains a line for an application that already has a withdrawal recorded, return the line as a warning message "This application is already withdrawn and is going to be skipped."</li> <li>• Verify if the application is in "Completed" status and not archived to execute the withdrawal, if not, return it as an error with the message "The application is not in the completed status." or "The application is already archived and cannot be withdrawn."</li> <li>• For every single file line that has an error or warning, a summary should be displayed.</li> <li>• Line number: record number including the header in the count.</li> <li>• Application Number (even if invalid): display the file content to show what was interpreted as the "Application Number".</li> <li>• Withdrawal Date (even if invalid): display the file content to show what was interpreted as the "Withdrawal Date".</li> <li>• Validations: display a user-friendly message about why the record was not considered valid.</li> <li>• If there is a withdrawal already in place- skip the record from processing.</li> </ul>	
<b>11</b>	Edit Program Banner Message	'Edit Program' banner message title has been updated to read "Program Details No Longer Editable"	Enhancement
<b>12</b>	Institution Hyperlinks	<p>Updates to the following hyperlinks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update the URL in hyperlink on Institution Welcome Page to the correct BCeID landing page: <a href="https://www.bceid.ca/">https://www.bceid.ca/</a></li> <li>• Update the URL in hyperlink on BC Private 'Request Designation - Schedule D Information Sharing Agreement' to:</li> </ul>	Enhancement

		<a href="https://studentaidbc.ca/sites/all/files/school-officials/sims-information-sharing-agreement.pdf">https://studentaidbc.ca/sites/all/files/school-officials/sims-information-sharing-agreement.pdf</a>	
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