



Student Information Management System (SIMS)

Institution Account enhancement updates and bug fixes

Release 1.12 September 12, 2024

	Feature Changes	Description	Feature Type
1	URL Updates	Created vanity URLs for accounts. New Institution Account URL is sims.studentaidbc.ca/institution	Enhancement
2	Extend Time Limit for Inactivity Logout	Extended inactivity logout to 1hr for InstitutionAccount. Timeout can now be configured and adjusted as needed.	Enhancement

Release 1.11, August 15, 2024

	Feature Changes	Description	Feature Type
1	Warning Message on Offering Edit/Create	A warning message was shown when an institution account user is editing (and creating) an offering. This has been adjusted so that there is no additional warning banner beyond the "____ is required" message.	Bug
2	Designation Request -Role Validation	<p>When a non-BC Public institution user (legal signing authority), submits a designation request they are required to submit two different people for the Eligibility Officer and Enrolment Officer roles. If they haven't submitted two different people, they will be advised to send an email to the ministry to prevent delays in their designation. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the same name is entered in an Eligibility Officer record and an Enrolment Officer record dynamically add a yellow warning banner beneath the Enrolment officers: <p>"You have the same official listed as both an Eligibility Officer and an Enrolment Officer. StudentAid BC policy is that these roles must be</p>	Enhancement

		<p>effectively segregated such that no employee is appointed to perform both duties. An exemption may be granted upon written request and subject to Ministry approval, if a designated institution had fewer than 10 student borrowers who received a combined total of under \$50,000 in student financial assistance in the previous program year. Please email DESIGNAT@gov.bc.ca if you want to request an exemption."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is applied only to BC PRIVATE institutions submitting a designation request. • An identical warning banner is created when the Ministry user is reviewing the Designation Request as well. 	
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Release 1.10, July 25, 2024

	Feature Changes	Description	Feature Type
1	Error Message When Submitting Second Institution Designation Request	<p>There was a bug when an institution submits a new designation request and there is already one pending. In this instance an error message was displayed, with no explanation.</p> <p>This bug has been corrected by adding the following content to the error message when a new designation request is submitted and there's already one pending: "Your institution already has one pending designation request; you cannot submit another one until the first has been approved or denied"</p>	Bug

Release 1.9, July 4, 2024

	Feature Changes	Description	Feature Type
1	Added ability to pull student unmet need report	<p>A BC Public Institution Admin user can pull a report on Student Unmet Need. This report includes information about their institution's offerings and associated student applicants. Institutions may have other uses for this report on their side.</p> <p>The following are required for the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Year Intensity -Full-time Only, Part-time Only, Full- and Part-time. • Reports available will have mandatory filters to 	Enhancement

		<p>only show records that are related to their institution code and the students that have applications at their institution.</p> <p>The report includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only the most recent assessment for applications • Status from assessment to complete s. • All offerings- which include pending, approved, overwritten, and declined). 	
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Release 1.8, June 14, 2024

	Feature Changes	Description	Feature Type
1	Revised scholastic standing reporting functionality and content	<p>Updated scholastic standing reporting options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed "student withdrew from program" selection to "student withdrew from funded period" • Changed "student completed program early" selection to "student completed funded study period offering early" <p>If FT application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed "student did not complete program" selection to "student was unsuccessful in completing their funded study period offering." <p>If PT application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed "student did not complete program" selection to "Student did not complete courses they were funded." <p>New scholastic standing options added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Student is transferring to a different institution or campus." ○ Added sub-question: "Last day the student is attending your institution." <p>Updated backend functionality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The response to the sub-question becomes the new end date during re-assessment. • This event is stored in database as a distinct option from "completed early" (so they can be distinguished in future reporting) 	Enhancement
2	Update program status label when program effective	<p>We have now labelled programs which have an effective end date (expired) as inactive to show Institution Users that students cannot apply for those</p>	Enhancement

	date is expired	programs. These programs behave the same as other deactivated programs.	
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Release 1.7, May 23, 2024

	Feature Changes	Description	Feature Type
1	Added ability for BC Publics to pull FT & PT student reports and other institution reports	<p>BC Public institution users can pull reports concerning their institutions, program offerings, and attached students to identify which students have unmet need.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created a new page that allows the approved user to select the report type and indicate the filterable field(s). Reports available will have mandatory filters to only show records that are related to their institution code and the students that have applications at their institution. Report option added: Offering Details (see Sample Reports tab in the file linked below, under report titled "Offering Details") Offerings that could potentially have applications with the following statuses (Creation Pending, Approved, Change Under Review) have been included 	Enhancement
2	Improved deactivated dropdown menus	<p>Deactivated programs are removed from dropdown menus, so they can no longer be selected by users when actioning/processing changes to student applications.</p> <p>e.g., once a program has been deactivated, a student will not be able to view that deactivated program when completing their application, nor when editing an application which was already associated with the deactivated program.</p> <p>In such scenarios, users are forced to use only active programs when processing applications.</p>	Enhancement
	Improved StudentAid BC Program Code fields	<p>Improved useability guidance for Institution Users as they input the SABC program code fields, so that they recognize the field if a precondition for being able to use the Bulk Upload feature. Additional guidance is provided via a link to the StudentAid BC website.</p>	Enhancement

Release 1.6, May 2, 2024

	Feature Changes	Description	Feature Type
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1	Minor update to correct an issue where an incorrect federal study code was being generated	<p>Minor update to correct an issue where the wrong federal study code for StudentAid BC "y" was being generated</p> <p>The wrong federal study code was generated e.g.: undergraduate citation with CIP code "01. xxxx" should result in Field of Study Code "16".</p>	Bug
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Release 1.5, April 12, 2024

	Feature Changes	Description	Feature Type
1	Ability to deactivate programs	<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"> 1. A new status flag will be displayed for programs marked inactive. 2. When selecting the "Edit" button on Program Details screen two options will display: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Edit Program (No change to functionality of "Edit Program") 2. Deactivate. (No change to functionality of "Edit Program") 3. A new pop-up window displays when user selects "Deactivate" from Edit Program Details button 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) 5. The Bulk Upload functionality has been updated to ignore deactivated programs when assigning offerings 	Enhancement
2	Update to correct institution name bug on Program screen	Clicking "Institution Name" while on Program Detail screen will take the user back to the Institution Profile screen.	Bug
3	Added ability for institution user to view manual reassessment history	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.	Enhancement

Release 1.4, March 21, 2024

	Feature Changes	Description	Feature Type
1	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"> Additional language included to clarify types of information displayed in tab. 	Enhancement
2	COE Declined Triggers Reassessment	COE Declined Triggers Reassessment	Enhancement

Release 1.3, March 6, 2024

	Feature Changes	Description	Feature Type
1	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
2	Classification of Instruction Programs (CIP) Code Validation and Mapping	Specific CIP inputs successfully map to Field of Study Codes	Bug
3	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"> FT Unsuccessful weeks # imported through SFAS data bridge Summing all individual reports of FT Unsuccessful Completion reported through SIMS scholastic standing, regardless of which school reported them 	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"> • 53 weeks to 59 weeks [NEW] which effects BCAG-FT less than 2 years and not eligible for CSG-FT • 60 weeks to less than 2 years [NEW] = BCAG-FT for less than 2 years and eligible for CSG-FT 	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"> • Can allow duplicate offering names IF the year of study is different. • Year of Study in the Offering Name for Institutions in their list of Offerings • New Year of Study Column in List of Offerings • 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." • Manual Creation Error should read: "Duplication error. An offering with the same name, year of study, start date, and end date was found." • PIR Offerings list is also displaying the Year of Study 	Enhancement
8	Offering Cost Field Maximums	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:	Enhancement
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If any costs exceed \$100,000, the Offering can be submitted but enters 'pending' status and requires StudentAid BC approval. • 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." • 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. 	

9	Program Content Changes	<p>Program Entrance Requirements Form Content Adjustments Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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." • The Options within the 'entrance requirements' question have been adjusted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ from BC Industry Training Authority ○ to SkilledTradesBC 	Enhancement
10	Application Bulk Withdrawal	<p>Business Validations have been added for Bulk Withdrawal Upload. These Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the affected Student Application belongs to the institution uploading the file. • 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." • Create an interface in the SIMS application to upload the file, like the bulk offering file upload, using the same validation model's structure. • In case one or multiple validations failed, return the validation errors. • 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. • 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 	Enhancement

		<p>message "Application number not found. The withdrawal request for this application will not be processed."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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." • 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." • 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." • For every single file line that has an error or warning, a summary should be displayed. • Line number: record number including the header in the count. • Application Number (even if invalid): display the file content to show what was interpreted as the "Application Number". • Withdrawal Date (even if invalid): display the file content to show what was interpreted as the "Withdrawal Date". • Validations: display a user-friendly message about why the record was not considered valid. • If there is a withdrawal already in place- skip the record from processing. 	
11	Edit Program Banner Message	'Edit Program' banner message title has been updated to read "Program Details No Longer Editable"	Enhancement
12	Institution Hyperlinks	<p>Updates to the following hyperlinks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the URL in hyperlink on Institution Welcome Page to the correct BCeID landing page: https://www.bceid.ca/ • Update the URL in hyperlink on BC Private 'Request Designation - Schedule D Information Sharing Agreement' to: 	Enhancement

		https://studentaidbc.ca/sites/all/files/school-officials/sims-information-sharing-agreement.pdf	
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