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# **Welcome to the FMS 2022 Spring Release**

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**FMS 6.204**



## How to Use this Section



Click the Book icon to activate a link that takes you directly to the relevant handbook.



Click the Video Camera icon to preview the associated functionality.

Please note that not all features have links.

## Ideas Portal

Our ideas portal is the perfect place to raise any new ideas or enhancements to the existing functionality you may have. Take the opportunity to view, vote and promote ideas that you feel would make the most difference to your experience in FMS. The product team is continually reviewing the ideas that are submitted and trending among the community for opportunities to further enhance the user experience. You can access the customer ideas portal via the support portal ([https://customer.support-ess.com/csm?id=kb\\_article\\_view&sysparm\\_article=KB0043869](https://customer.support-ess.com/csm?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0043869)). You must log in to the support portal to access the ideas portal.

## Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR)

All the CFR reports have been updated to display the correct financial year.

## Enhancements to CFR Report Criteria Options

When selecting the **Report Criteria** options for the CFR report, if the **Is your school the hub school of a Federation** check box is selected, you must record the LA numbers and school numbers of each of the other member schools in your federation before proceeding.

A new field (**B07 Capital Loans Balance**) has been provided. All Maintained schools must record the total outstanding balance for Capital Loans at the end of the CFR reporting year, i.e. 31 March 2022, before running the final CFR report.

## National Insurance 2022/2023

National Insurance calculations have been updated to reflect recent changes by HMRC.

## Where to find more information

It is strongly recommended that you read the *SIMS Release Download Links and Product Information* on the [support portal](#). The Notification provides additional, up-to-date information about the release.

The [FMS Documentation Centre](#) provides access to all the documentation, e.g. handbooks, quick reference sheets, etc. It can be accessed by selecting [Help | FMS Documentation](#).

Use the search facility to find additional supporting documentation. Online help can be accessed by pressing F1 or by clicking the applicable Help button in SIMS.

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