

Dear EMIS Colleagues

EMIS has not been able to release SA SAMS Version 21.1.0 due to the late receipt of Curriculum, and Exams and Assessment requirements. The 2021 Curriculum release of SA-SAMS has been delayed due to

the late submission of the final annual School Based Assessment from DBE Curriculum Section responsible. The last final annual School Based Assessment updates and discussions about these updates were received by DBE EMIS on 19 March 2021. This late submission of these updates to be developed and implemented on SA SAMS disrupted the entire SA SAMS Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) and this had a negative impact on the SA-SAMS development and testing time by SITA, testing by DBE and testing by Provinces and therefore has delayed the release of an updated SA-SAMS version.

We are aware of some of the challenges and negative effect that the schools are facing due to the delayed release and the following just some of them:

- 1.The negative effect on users at school level as schools are not able to use curriculum module and capture the marks according to the updated Curriculum and Assessment changes
- 2.The schools are unable to complete their administrative planning due to the negative effect that delayed / incomplete assessment programme were being made available to EMIS.
- 3.That Independent schools could not prepare any reports before the close of the first Term for school holidays, which opens the avenue for these schools to distrust SA-SAMS and discontinue its usage.
- 4.Some schools are threatening to move back to 3rd party software for their administration which has no standardized validation rules built-in, and this will negatively affect the quality of data for reporting and monitoring.

The challenges mentioned above are regrettable but we want to assure our people that DBE is attending to the matter as a matter of urgency and

SA SAMS version 21.1.0 will be released soon once all curriculum related issues are resolved. We appeal for patience as SA SAMS Development Team is catching up in the development of the update patch to implement the curriculum changes

Kindly escalate our appeal to the schools to exercise more patience as the National Department is working around the clock to ensure that the patch is released soon!

I hope and trust that you will find this communicate in order

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