



SFS Weekly Communications Digest

July 13, 2016

The SFS Weekly Communications Digest contains information for the coming week and a summary of last week's communications from the SFS mailbox. We hope you find this digest and its links helpful. If you have questions at any time, please contact us by emailing the SFS Help Desk (helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov).

The Week Ahead

July Checkpoint Cancelled

We hope you enjoy a "summer break" from our regular monthly agency checkpoint call. This month's call previously scheduled for Wednesday, July 20 has been cancelled. We look forward to picking back up with agencies during next month's call scheduled for Wednesday, August 17.

Please contact the SFS Help Desk (helpdesk@sfs.ny.gov | 877-737-4185 toll-free | 518-457-7737) with any questions.

2016 Summer Update Web Page and Interim Test Environment Available

The 2016 Summer Update is a periodic update of the SFS that incorporates Oracle-supplied system updates and approved changes into SFS's normal monthly release schedule. These updates enable SFS users to benefit from regular improvements to the system's ease of use and functionality.

As of Monday, July 11, SFS has opened a Beta test environment with data as of April 21 for agencies interested in testing system updates scheduled to be available in SFS Production on Monday, August 29. A button linking to the Beta test environment is available on SFSSecure's homepage.

Additionally, a dedicated [2016 Summer Update web page](#) on SFSSecure is available for users interested in information about changes included in the update, related announcements and key dates.

Reminder – SFS Self-Paced Trainings Available!

SFS has developed over 40 self-paced trainings covering all SFS modules. This material represents the core, foundational training for SFS users, is updated monthly to support system changes and user needs. All the self-paced trainings are located in the [Statewide Learning Management System](#) (SLMS) and can be found by searching: **SFS-9.2-SPT**. For optimal functionality when launching the self-paced trainings, we recommend you use Internet Explorer rather than Google Chrome. If you are having difficulty enrolling in a class or launching the content, please clear your web browser's cache and relaunch the browser before logging back into SLMS.

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NEW Summer Update BETA Test Environment

Distribution Date: Friday, July 8

Audience: Agency Coordinators and Bulkload Liaisons

Introduction

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May 2016 Accounting Period Close – Impacted documents

Distribution Date: Wednesday, July 6

Audience: Chief Financial Officers, Agency Coordinators and OSC Bureau Directors

Introduction

[SFS has closed the May 2016 accounting period in the sub-ledgers after the close of business on July 01, 2016 in line with OSC's request.](#)

SFS User Environment Update

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Audience: Agency Coordinators and Bulkload Liaisons

Introduction

[SFS published a table outlining updates to SFS user environments that will occur this summer. SFS provides the test environments identified in the announcement for agencies to be able to understand system updates and changes to transactions before and after NYS business events.](#)

Web and Job Aids Updates – Week of July 4

Tracking web additions and updates, including updates to the array of available job aids, can help you stay up to date on the latest changes in a variety of SFS functional areas. Turn to the [Latest Web Updates page](#), located in the Spotlight section of SFS*Secure*, for a list of the most recent edits.

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