The new Calendar View within TMS 2.0 offers more course information in one convenient interface

VA’s upgraded version of its Training Management System (TMS), known as TMS 2.0, offers an improved Catalog Calendar View to help users find the course they are looking for more easily.

Scheduled for release in July 2018, TMS 2.0 will feature a new Calendar View, available within the catalog search screen, that will display helpful sort and filter features. This provides users with a convenient new interface for finding the best day and time for the course they are interested in.

Within the current TMS, the Calendar View provides a combined interface between calendar dates and the scheduled offerings that are available. This calendar only displays a portion of the title associated with each scheduled offering, and requires users to either click and scan for the additional information, or use a separate search feature not contained within the Calendar View, to find what they need.

Within TMS 2.0, the calendar of scheduled offerings and the list of available scheduled offerings are provided within the same Calendar View, putting all the information you need in one convenient interface. The calendar portion of the view will provide an icon-based view indicating which days contain a scheduled offering. The list portion of the view provides detailed information on the scheduled offerings, including the date, start and end time, and whether any seats are available. It also provides a direct link to the registration.

Additionally, VA personnel can search for courses by selecting a date range within the calendar portion of the view. Doing so will automatically modify the list portion to display only those scheduled offerings available within the selected date range. TMS users can then filter this list by the learning source, delivery method, and topic of instruction (subject area) to find what best fits their needs.

VA’s plan to upgrade to TMS 2.0 is expected to have a minimal impact on most users. However, new features like these will improve the overall user interface and make it even easier to manage your professional development online.

Frequently Asked Questions

How is this new or different?
Within the new Calendar View, TMS users have a more streamlined ability to search for scheduled offerings, and are given more details within the search results than are currently available.

How will this benefit me?
TMS users will require less help from their local TMS administrators to find and register for a scheduled offering because it will be much easier to do this for themselves.

Where can I learn more?
New TMS 2.0 training, job aids and SOPs will be available a month before the upgrade. In the meantime, you can find the latest TMS 2.0 news on the TMS 2.0 “Slick Sheet” here, or join the discussion on our VA Pulse group. More technical information will be posted to the TMS Community of Practice (CoP) SharePoint site.

Recently Asked Questions

Will the Calendar View display schedule offerings that I am already registered for?
Yes, while there is not an icon in the calendar image that identifies scheduled offerings you are already registered for, the results list of available courses will show if you have already registered.
The screen above shows the new Calendar View interface. This is separated into two areas, the icon-based calendar and search filters, and the results list of available scheduled offerings.

Please note: This screen shot provides a “first look” at how new TMS 2.0 features and capabilities could look. Since the system is still under development, the final interface within TMS 2.0 may be slightly different when released. However, planned TMS 2.0 demonstrations, training materials and job aids will offer the actual screen shots from TMS 2.0, and will be available approximately one month before the upgrade is released.