**TMS 2.0 brings improvements to catalog browsing, helping you find and assign learning more efficiently**

VA’s upgraded version of its Training Management System (TMS), known as TMS 2.0, will significantly improve users’ ability to find and assign learning activities.

Scheduled for release in late July 2018, TMS 2.0 will include a new catalog search interface, and add several new features that will help users browse training options more efficiently.

The current progressive keyword search function, which displays a list of applicable courses as keywords are entered, has been expanded to include keywords contained within TMS Programs, Collections, and subject areas, in addition to the course title and description. This will further improve your search accuracy, and help you find the course you are looking for more quickly.

The search filters have been modified into drop-down lists for better navigation, making it easier to pick which filters you want to use. With TMS 2.0, the options within these filters are automatically reduced if the resulting list of courses does not contain those options. In other words, you will only see the filters that are relevant to the courses you are looking for, helping you find the right one more quickly.

Finally, the ability to sort your search results by course rating, relevance, tier, and title – which are all available in the current TMS – will remain in TMS 2.0.

In addition to these improvements, the most notable changes to the Catalog Search feature come from how the list of training results is displayed. In TMS 2.0, users will have the option to display the course list in a tile format, which offers even more information on each result that is displayed. Furthermore, in the current system VA personnel must hover their mouse over a course to identify what actions they can take. In TMS 2.0, these actions are automatically displayed in the search list.

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

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

- **How is this new or different?**
  The catalog search interface has been significantly redesigned, with added features that make searching for learning more efficient.

- **How will this benefit me?**
  It is expected that TMS user will be better able to find and self-assign their own learning, which will also reduce the need for administrator support.

- **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.

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**Recently Asked Questions**

- **Will I still have all the same filters available to me?**
  Yes, search filters still include category, source, delivery method, rating, and topic (subject area).

- **I liked the list view for my search results. Is it still available?**
  Yes, VA personnel can select list view or tile view for their search results.
The screen above shows the new catalog search interface that will be featured in TMS 2.0, which includes progressive keyword search capabilities, search filters configured in drop down lists, and the resultant list of courses in the tile view.

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.