With the Collections feature, TMS 2.0 users and admins can group and share related websites or online courses

VA’s upgraded version of its Training Management System (TMS), known as TMS 2.0, will offer users and administrators new ways to group, publish, and recommend learning activities based on a related topic.

Scheduled for release in July 2018, TMS 2.0 will include a new “Collections” feature that will allow users to combine existing online courseware with relevant subject matter available on the Internet, offering new learning experiences to VA personnel. While both administrators and users can create, manage, and share Collections within TMS 2.0, how this is accomplished by each group is significantly different.

Collections created by an administrator can only be recommended to a group of learners through an Assignment Profile. A Collection created by an administrator, and subsequently recommended to users through an Assignment Profile, would be displayed within the user’s Recommendations Tile. Only administrators can recommend a Collection to more than one learner at a time.

Alternately, a Collection created by a TMS user can be published to a catalog or recommended to another user. A Collection created by a user, and subsequently published to a Catalog, will make the Collection searchable by other VA learners who have access to the same TMS 2.0 catalog. Collections recommended by one user to another will also add the Collection to that user’s Recommendations Tile.

Other notable features of TMS 2.0 Collections include:
- Customizable banner graphics
- Ability for users to bookmark their Collections

Frequently Asked Questions

How is this new or different?
TMS Collections is a new feature that allows users and administrators to share and recommend learning courses and supplemental web materials with other learners without needing a learning assignment.

How will this benefit me?
Collections gives TMS users the ability to interact with their peers to support their learning goals. This is a great social learning feature that does not require a complete social media system in place.

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 completing a Collection provide me with a completion certificate?
No, Collections are an ad hoc aggregation of other learning entities, not measured learning events themselves. However, the online Items configured within the Collection will provide a completion certificate just like they do today.
TMS 2.0 First Look: Collections

These screens show the Collections interface for an administrator (above) and a TMS user (below).

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.