TMS 2.0’s new Course Completion Roadmap clarifies requirements for online courseware

VA’s upgraded version of its Training Management System (TMS), known as TMS 2.0, offers a new feature to keep you on track while you complete your online training.

Scheduled for release in July 2018, TMS 2.0 will feature a new Course Completion Roadmap to help users track their progress and easily identify the remaining completion requirements.

Within the current TMS, some users have had difficulty determining what activities were necessary to receive completion for an online course. In many cases, users assumed they had completed a course but in fact had not yet received completion credit because a survey remained incomplete.

TMS 2.0 will include significant improvements to how course progress is managed and, more importantly, will provide what remaining tasks must be completed to receive credit. This new Course Completion Roadmap will provide:

- A complete list of the modules contained within the course, and which are complete or incomplete
- A clear indication if a course completion survey is required to receive credit for the course
- The ability to determine course completion survey requirements without having to navigate through the entire course content structure

VA’s plans 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?
This new feature offers a clear indication of what is required to receive credit for a course, helping address challenges some users have faced in the past.

How will this benefit me?
TMS users will not have to guess what tasks are remaining to receive credit for a course. This will ease the need for administrator intervention and allow users to identify this information 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

Do I have to navigate through the entire course to determine if a survey is required to receive credit?
No, when TMS users navigate through the courses on their To Do List, any course that still requires a completed course survey to receive credit will be clearly indicated within the top-level course details.
The left screen above clearly indicates the course survey is required to receive credit for the course, as well as which lessons within the course have been completed. The right screen displays the top-level course details and clearly indicates receiving completion credit for the course is pending completion of the course survey.

The screen above shows the learner that they have completed all the elements necessary to receive credit for the course and that the End-of-Course Survey was not required before the course could be completed.

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.