Passwords are no longer needed and users can personalize their user name with new TMS 2.0 login

Scheduled for release in late July 2018, VA’s upgraded version of its Training Management System (TMS), known as TMS 2.0, will eliminate the need to remember passwords and give users the ability to choose their own user name.

The Single-Sign-On (SSO) function in TMS 2.0 will grant users access to the system by either using their PIV cards for direct access or their user names to obtain a one-time PIN, eliminating the need for passwords altogether. TMS 2.0 will also allow users to personalize their own user name without affecting their records. These changes bring many benefits:

- Eliminates the need for password reset requests
- Helps eliminate long strings of login ID characters
- Creates sense of ownership over your TMS 2.0 account
- Only your user name will be required to obtain one-time pins for system access

In the current TMS, all learning and administrative activities are tied to an account User ID. This is the key piece of information in TMS to identify system users for tasks such as making and receiving assignments, registering for classes, and recording completions, to name just a few of the common activities performed by TMS users and administrators. Furthermore, the User ID serves as the login ID in the legacy TMS. This means users and administrators are unable to change their user name because it would impact their records.

Within TMS 2.0, the account user name has been separated from the key ID for all accounts. Doing so provides the flexibility to change user names without impacting records, accomplishments, and activities associated with the accounts.

VA’s plan to upgrade to TMS 2.0 is expected to have a minimal impact on most users. New features like these will improve the overall user experience and make it even easier to manage online learning.

Frequently Asked Questions

How is this new or different?
Single-Sign-On (SSO) will grant users access to the system by either using their PIV cards for direct access or their user names to obtain a one-time PIN, eliminating the need for passwords. Within TMS 2.0, user names can also be changed by users and administrators, without affecting their records.

How will this benefit me?
This will eliminate the need for password reset requests. Also, the ability to change user names will give TMS users the flexibility to personalize their logins and make it easier for them to remember their login information.

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 ability to change my user name impact Single-Sign-On (SSO) efforts?
No, changing a user name will not impact SSO. With SSO, access to TMS 2.0 is controlled by a separate system using user names and will supersede direct logins to TMS 2.0.

What limits will be placed on what I can choose for a user name?
Within TMS 2.0, it is only possible to limit the length of the username, but not the content or context of the username.
TMS 2.0 First Look: Change User Name

The screen above displays an example of an employee's user profile where they have chosen to change their user name.

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.