

Applicable to 7.188 onwards

Preparing for the School Workforce Census **2019** Return

Preparation guide





School Workforce Census 2019 Return Preparation Check List

Use this check list to record the completion of each preparation task.

Complete	Task Description
	Check with your System Administrator/Manager to ensure that you have the appropriate permissions to run the School Workforce Census and record associated data (please see Setting SIMS Permissions on page 3).
	Upgrade to the SIMS 2019 Summer Release (version 7.188) or later as soon as possible to enable dry runs to be carried out (please see <i>What Version of SIMS is Required?</i> on page 4).
	Apply the School Workforce Census licence, if not already applied (please see <i>Applying the School Workforce Census Licence</i> on page 4).
	Check with your System Administrator/Manager to ensure that the latest version of the fileset (i.e. revised files for validation and reports) has been imported (please see Importing Revised Filesets for Validation and Reports on page 7).
	Import the latest service term definition provided by your LA/support team, if applicable (please see <i>Importing Service Term Definitions</i> on page 11).
	Import the latest pre-defined report definitions into SIMS (please see <i>Importing Pre-Defined Report Definitions</i> on page 12).
	Check all personal details of all applicable members of staff to ensure that they are current and accurate (please see <i>Checking/Editing Personal Details</i> on page 17).
	Check the professional detail of all applicable members of staff to ensure that they are current and accurate. Ensure that the teacher status has been selected (please see Checking/Editing Professional Details on page 23).
	Check the employment details of all applicable members of staff to ensure that they are current and accurate (please see <i>Checking/Editing Employment Details</i> on page 25).
	Ensure that the Latest Pay Review Date is recorded for all teachers with contracts or service agreements (please see <i>Editing Contract Details - Pay Scales</i> on page 29 and <i>Editing Service Agreement Information</i> on page 34).
	Ensure that duplicate teacher/support staff records are not included in the return (please see Excluding Teacher/Support Staff Records from the Return on page 36).
	Ensure service term definitions are correct and make any required edits (please see <i>Reviewing Service Term Definitions</i> on page 36).
	Ensure that the correct SWC Post is selected to avoid validation error 4410 from being triggered (please see <i>Checking/Editing the SWC Post</i> on page 40).
	Map subject codes to DfE subject codes (please see <i>Mapping Subjects to DfE Subject Codes</i> on page 42). Applicable to Secondary and All-Through schools only.
	Review school details and ensure that they are current and correct (please see <i>Checking Establishment Details</i> on page 15).

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Introduction to the School Workforce Census

This preparation guide has been produced to help you to identify the most common tasks that need to be carried out before running the School Workforce Census 2019 Return, which this year takes place on Thursday 7 November.

The School Workforce Census 2019 Return is required to be run by English schools in the maintained sector. These include Community, Foundation, Voluntary Aided and Voluntary Controlled schools, as well as Academies Free Schools and Pupil Referral Units.

NOTES: The content of the graphics (dates, names, etc.) are examples only of what you might expect to see when using SIMS to prepare for the forthcoming School Workforce Census Return.

This guide covers the preparations required for the School Workforce Census only.

How has the School Workforce Census Changed since Last Year?

The School Workforce Census 2019 Return includes the following changes:

Key Dates for the School Workforce Census

- Census date: 07/11/2019
- Absence collected from 01/09/2018 to 31/08/2019
- Continuous contracts collected from 01/09/2018 to 07/11/2019.

New Vacancy Post

Routines | Statutory Returns | School Workforce Census

The post name (APP) - Apprentice Teacher is now available for selection from the Vacancies on Census Day panel.

Changes to Staff SWR Posts

The following changes have been made to staff SWR posts.

Staff SWR Post - Code	Staff Category	Status
Apprentice Teacher (APP)	Contracted teacher	Active (New)
Leadership Non Teaching (LNT)	Contracted other support staff	Active (New)
Other Support Staff (OSP)	Contracted other support staff	Active (New)
Support Staff (SUP)	Contracted other support staff	Inactive

The Support Staff (SUP) code has been made inactive but will still be collected and then converted to Other Support Staff (OSP) in the return.

The following data items are not required if the staff SWR post is Other Support Staff (OSP):

- Qualification code
- Subject code
- Category of Additional Payment.

School Workforce Census Filenames

To comply with the DfE requirements, SWC has been removed from the School Workforce Census filenames and replaced with SWF, e.g. 999XXXX SWF 823LL19 001 Basic Details.XML.

The filenames affected by this change are the .una, .xml and .int files, as well as all reports (including the validations error summary).

Overview of the School Workforce Census Process

The following list provides a brief outline of the steps involved in producing the School Workforce Census 2019 Return. If data has been regularly and accurately maintained, many of the activities in this document are unnecessary. However, it is advisable to check that the data is up-to-date.

- 1. Upgrade to the SIMS 2019 Summer Release (7.188) or later.
- Check then amend the School Workforce Census settings, if required (please see Changing the School Workforce Census Settings on page 4).
- Carry out one or more dry runs to identify any errors that may exist in your 3. data.
- Ensure that the relevant workforce and school data exists in SIMS and that it is complete and correct (please see Preparing School Level Information on page 15).
- 5. Create and validate the return.
- 6. Resolve any validation errors/queries then validate the return again. Repeat the resolving of errors/queries and creating and validating the return routine until you are satisfied that the content of the return is correct. The detail reports and Summary report can be generated to assess the accuracy and completeness of the return.
- Provide the Head Teacher with the latest copy of the reports to enable them 7. to check the details and to authorise the return.
- Submit the return to your Local Authority or upload the return to the DfE via the COLLECT website.



Additional Resources:

Producing the School Workforce Census 2019 Return handbook

Setting SIMS Permissions

The following permissions are applicable to users who deal with returns.

Permissions Required to Run and Edit the Return

To run and edit the School Workforce Census, you must be a member of any of the following user groups in System Manager:

- Personnel Officer
- Returns Manager.

Having these permissions also enables you to correct data related to vacancies, staff and any curriculum information (if applicable) that fails validation.

Permissions Required to Import a Revised Fileset

The Import Fileset functionality enables updates to the Validation Errors Summary and the Summary report (derived from files supplied by the Statutory Body), and detail reports (provided by SIMS), to be imported into SIMS between SIMS releases.

To use the Import Fileset functionality (via **Tools | Setups | Import Fileset**), you must be a member of one of the following user groups in System Manager:

- Returns Manager
- System Manager.

What Version of SIMS is Required?

To run the return, you must have the SIMS 2019 Summer Release (7.188) or later installed.

To check which version of SIMS is installed, open SIMS and then select **Help | About SIMS**. A dialog similar to the one shown in the following graphic is displayed.

The version should read 7.188 or later.



Applying the School Workforce Census Licence

Applicable to schools using SIMS Personnel in read/write mode

A patch is available from SOLUS (Patch ID 11118) to license the SIMS School Workforce Census functionality.

The patch needs to be applied only once. If you have applied the patch in the past, it is not necessary to re-apply it for this year's return.

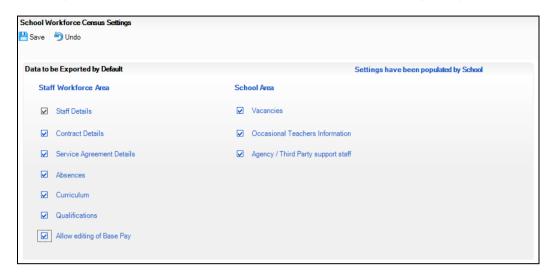
Changing the School Workforce Census Settings

The Returns Manager can change the School Workforce Census settings by selecting the data to be included in the return. These settings are preserved when SIMS is upgraded but can be edited by users with Returns Manager permissions, if required.

Changes to the settings may be required if:

- your school does not record contract/service agreements, as these are provided by your Local Authority. Some Local Authorities may supply contract details from an HR/Payroll system.
- SIMS Personnel is not used to record contract/service agreements but they are recorded in a different system.
- the editing of Base Pay is required before the pay details are collected for the return.

Select Tools | Statutory Return Tools | School Workforce Census **Settings** to display the **School Workforce Census Settings** page.



Ensure that the check box(es) associated with the data item(s) you want to be included in the return by default are selected.

NOTES: Staff details are always collected in the return. The Staff Details check box is displayed for information purposes only and cannot be deselected.

The **Curriculum** check box is displayed for Secondary schools only. If selected, curriculum details for Teachers and Teaching Assistants is included in the return by default.

An option to Allow editing of Base Pay before the pay details are collected is also available. If this option is selected, the **Pav Details** panel is displayed on the **School Workforce Census Details** page when creating the return (via Routines | Statutory Return Tools | School Workforce Census). The panel displays the calculated values of Base Pay for each school workforce member of staff. The values can be edited, if required.

If the **Allow editing of Base Pay** check box is deselected, the **Pay Details** panel is not displayed when the census is run and the calculated values are collected by default.

If any settings have been changed, click the **Save** button.

The message displayed at the top right-hand side of the **Data to be** Exported by Default panel changes from Settings have been preserved to Settings have been populated by School.

The selected data items are reflected in the read-only **School Workforce** Census Settings panel (Routines | Statutory Returns | School Workforce Census). If any additional changes are required to these settings, they must be made using the process documented in this section.

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Importing Revised Filesets for Validation and Reports

Applicable to the Personnel Officer, Returns Manager and System Manager

The Validation Errors Summary and the Summary report are derived from files supplied by the Statutory Body. In addition, SIMS provides detail reports to enable the checking of data used to generate the return. These report files are initially installed automatically during the SIMS release upgrade.

Occasionally, additions or corrections are made to these files, after a SIMS release, which are required for the forthcoming return. The Import Fileset functionality is provided to enable these files to be imported into SIMS (between releases) by the Personnel Officer, Returns Manager or System Manager.

Before Importing the Revised Files

To enable the file(s) to be imported successfully, ensure that the DMS is configured correctly. This is achieved via **Tools | Setups | Document** Management Server. Click the Test server connection button to check if the specified DMS is available for use and functioning correctly.

If the connection is unsuccessful, check the following details:

- The **Protocol** field defaults to **http** and should not be edited.
- The **Computer name** should be the name/number of the PC on which the DMS is installed.
- The **Port** number is usually 8080. The number must be between 0 and
- The **Active** check box must be selected, indicating that the server is in use.

Click the **Test server connection** button again. If the DMS is now working correctly, click the **Save** button.



Additional Resources:

Setting up and Administering SIMS handbook

Importing the Revised Files

1. In SIMS, select **Tools | Setups | Import Fileset** to display the **Import Fileset** page, where the current fileset number is displayed.



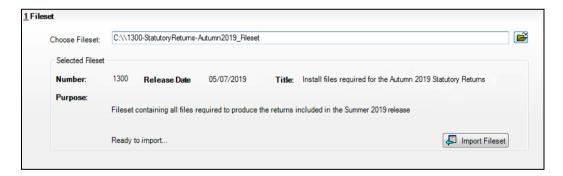
- 2. Click the **Browse** button to display the **Open** dialog.
- 3. Navigate to the location of the downloaded fileset. The file name is made up of the following data fields: <Fileset

Number>-StatutoryReturns-<Term and Year>_Fileset.mfs.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If more than one MFS file is displayed in the **Open** dialog, care should be taken to select the correct file.

4. Highlight the file then click the **Open** button. Alternatively, double-click the required MFS file to return to the **Import Fileset** page.

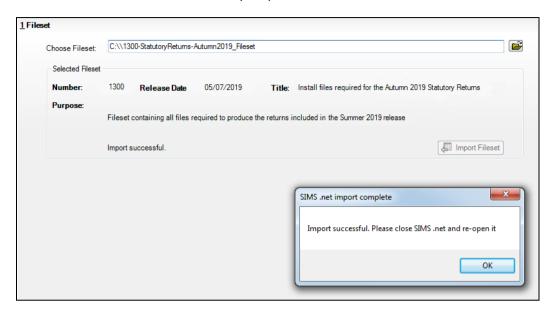
NOTE: The following graphics show example data <u>only</u>.



Details of the selected fileset are displayed, including the version **Number** of the fileset, the **Release Date** and the fileset description (**Title**).

5. Click the **Import Fileset** button to import the fileset into the DMS.

When the import process is finished, Import successful is displayed at the bottom left-hand side of the Fileset panel and you are advised to restart SIMS. This ensures that the newly imported data will take effect.



- Click the **OK** button, then restart SIMS.
- Run the return in the usual way.

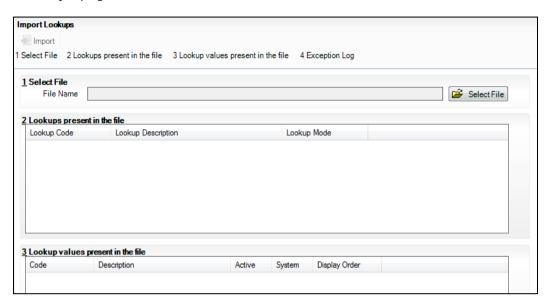
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Importing Lookup Files

Lookups that are defined by your LA or Local Support Team can be imported into SIMS for use with the staff-related functionality. If you are importing a file from your LA or Local Support Team, save the file and the matching signature file to an appropriate location on your computer before beginning the import process.

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is no longer necessary to import the CCS_Base_Lookups because they are now updated automatically as part of the SIMS upgrade.

 Select Tools | Lookups | Import Lookups to display the Import Lookups page.



- 2. Click the **Select File** button to display the **Open** dialog.
- 3. Navigate to the location of the .ZIP or .XML file, highlight it then click the **Open** button to populate the **Lookups present in the file** panel.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Both the file and its matching signature file must be saved to the same location.

- 4. To view the lookup values present in the file, highlight the required lookup. The values are then displayed in the **Lookup values present in the file** panel.
- 5. To import the lookups, click the **Import** button.

If no problems are found, the lookups file will be imported into SIMS. These lookups are available for use once SIMS has been restarted.

NOTE: This applies to all users in SIMS at the time that the lookups are imported.

Any errors in the .ZIP or .XML file that prevent it from being imported successfully are displayed in the **Exception Log** panel.

NOTE: A faulty lookup does not prevent the other lookups from being imported, although other errors may.

- 6. To save a copy of the Exception Log in .TXT format, click the **Save** button to display the **Save** dialog. Select a location, enter the required filename and click the **Save** button.
- 7. To print a copy of the **Exception Log**, click the **Print** button.

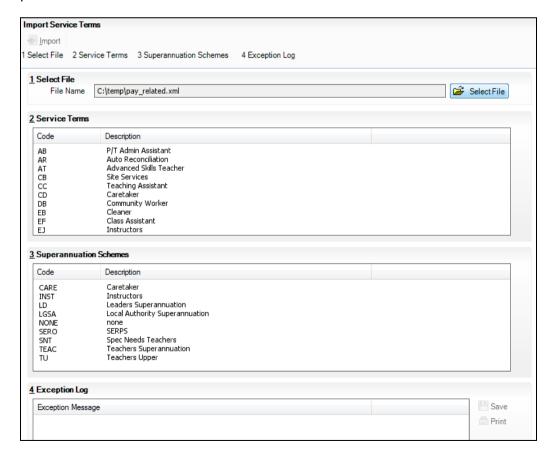
IMPORTANT NOTE: Any changes made are not visible until all users, including yourself, have restarted SIMS. If users proceed to run the School Workforce Census without restarting SIMS, an error message is displayed.

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Importing Service Term Definitions

If your LA or Local Support Team has provided you with a service term definitions file, which includes Superannuation Schemes, National Insurance Rates, service terms, etc., it should be imported into SIMS. The file may require editing after import.

- Save the service term definitions file and the matching signature file sent by the LA or Local Support Team to an appropriate location on your computer.
- Select Tools | Staff | Pay Related Import to display the Import Service Terms page.
- Click the **Select File** button (adjacent to the **File Name** field) to display the Open dialog.
- Navigate to the location of the .XML file, highlight it and then click the **Open** button to populate the Service Terms and Superannuation Schemes panels.



To import the service term definitions, click the **Import** button. If no issues are found, the lookups file is imported into SIMS and the lookups are available for use immediately.

Any errors in the .XML file that prevent it from being imported successfully into SIMS are displayed in the **Exception Log** panel.

NOTE: If there is an error within a service term, that service term is not imported. This does not prevent other service terms in the same file from being imported.

- To save a copy of the **Exception Log** in .TXT format, click the **Save** button to display the **Save** dialog. Select a location, enter the required filename and then click the Save button.
- 7. To print a copy of the **Exception Log**, click the **Print** button.

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Importing Pre-Defined Report Definitions

A variety of predefined reports has been provided for use with this release of SIMS.

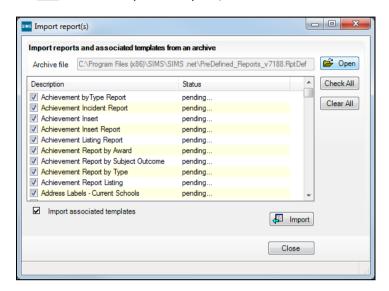
Where appropriate, you are given the option to import any documents associated with the report, e.g. Word templates, merged documents, etc. Once imported, these templates are stored, along with the actual report, on the Document Management Server (DMS). You can elect not to import these templates/merge documents, but you must ensure that a suitable alternative is available to ensure the report is produced correctly.

- Select Reports | Import to display the Import report(s) dialog. 1.
- Click the **Open** button to display the **Select report file to import** dialog.

Navigate to the application folder, typically C:\Program Files (or Program Files (x86))\SIMS\SIMS .net then highlight the Predefined Reports <version number>.RptDef file. The version number of the file name increments with each release of SIMS.

Click the **Open** button to return to the **Import report(s)** dialog. The file name and location are displayed in the **Archive file** field.

All pre-defined reports contained in the selected file are displayed in the dialog. However, you have the option to import selected reports only. If you do not wish to import a report, deselect its associated check box.



If you do not wish to import the associated templates, deselect the Import associated templates check box.

- Click the **Import** button. The status of the selected report(s) changes to Imported.
- Click the **Close** button to complete the process and close the dialog.



Additional Resources:

Predefined Reports Catalogue Designing and Running Reports handbook

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Report Related Permissions

The availability of reports depends on the permissions assigned to you and whether report designs have been made public. Permissions can also be applied to specific data fields and it is therefore possible that some reports can be produced that have some blank columns.

Imported reports are stored automatically in the appropriate $\parbox{\folder}$ (e.g. Student, Staff, Class, etc.) in the DMS but can be copied to other folders provided you have sufficient permissions.

Pre-defined reports cannot be edited but users with appropriate permissions can delete reports.

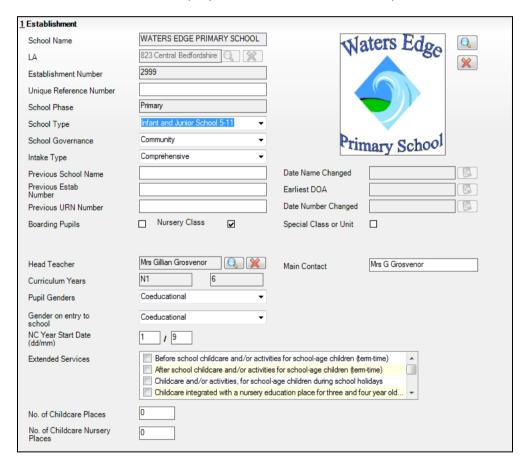
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Checking Establishment Details

The establishment details should be checked to ensure that they are complete and accurate before running the School Workforce Census.

- Select Focus | School | School Details to display the School Details
- 2. Check that the details displayed in the **Establishment** panel are correct.



Ensure that the **School Name** and **School Type** have been entered correctly.

NOTE: The School Name, LA number, Establishment Number and School Phase were set up when SIMS was installed. If these details are incorrect, please contact your Local Support Unit for assistance.

Information for Academies:

Academies should ensure that the following information is recorded, if applicable:

- The School Type and School Governance.
 Select Academies from both drop-down lists.
- The Previous School Name and Date Name Changed.
- The Previous Estab Number and Earliest DOA (date of admission). If the DfE establishment number has changed for <u>sponsor-led</u> Academies, the Academy should record the previous establishment number and the earliest date of admission. This date is collected in the the School Census return.
- The Previous URN Number and Date Number Changed.

IMPORTANT NOTE: These data items must be entered for <u>all</u> Academies because the date the URN changed is interpreted as the date the Academy opened. If this date is not entered, some of the historical information from before that date will be included in the School Workforce Census incorrectly, e.g. a member of staff who left before the academy opened.

4. Click the **Save** button to save any changes, if applicable.

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Checking School Telephone and Email Information

The following school contact details are collected for the return and therefore need to be checked to ensure that they are up-to-date and correctly recorded in SIMS:

- School Email Address
- School Telephone Number.
- 1. Select Focus | School | School Details to display the School Details page.
- 2. Click the **Contact Details** hyperlink to display the **Contact Details** panel.



- 3. Ensure that a **Telephone** number has been recorded (including the STD code).
- 4. Ensure that the school's official communications **Email** address has been recorded correctly (it must include the @ character together with a minimum of one full stop).

The email address must be the account used on a regular basis. It must also be accessible to the Head Teacher as it might be used for future DfE correspondence.

5. Click the **Save** button, if changes have been made.

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Checking/Editing Personal Details

Before beginning the School Workforce Census return, ensure that all current staff are recorded in SIMS and that the information is up-to-date and accurate.

Ensure that:

- new staff have been added. For more information please refer to the Adding Staff Details chapter of the Managing Staff handbook.
- any leavers/contract end dates have been recorded (please see Editing Contract Details - Pay Scales on page 29).
- any duplicated or unwanted staff records have been amended (please see Excluding Teacher/Support Staff Records from the Return on page
- part-time details have been checked/updated for all applicable members of staff.

Basic staff information and contract information is included in the return for all teachers and support staff with contracts of one month or greater on census day. Minimal information is collected regarding occasional staff (staff with service of one month or less).

NOTES: Schools may find that a Teacher Number of eight digits is truncated to seven digits and this may affect the teacher's record adversely.

The current RptDef file must be imported after upgrading to the latest version of SIMS. This file contains all the up-to-date user-defined report definitions provided by Capita SIMS (please see Importing Pre-Defined Report Definitions on page 12).

Checking Basic Details

- Selected Focus | Person | Staff. 1.
- Search for and highlight the required person, then click the **Open** button to display the **Employee Details** page.

1 Basic Details Title Miss Photograph Helen Legal Forename × Middle Name(s) Legal Surname Green Helen Preferred Forename Preferred Surname Green Gender Female Eligible for SWR V New Previous Name Preferred Sumame Preferred Forename Middle Name Date of Change Open □ Delete

Select the **Personal Details** tab to display the **Basic Details** panel.

- Ensure that the Legal Forename and Legal Surname are up-to-date and accurate.
- 5. Ensure that the correct **Gender** is selected from the drop-down list.

NOTE: To assist schools with the government requirement that companies with more than 250 employees be able to provide evidence of the gender pay gap, the employee's gender has been added to the Salary Information report (via **Reports | Personnel | Salary Information**). The report can be exported to Excel, where full analysis can be carried out.

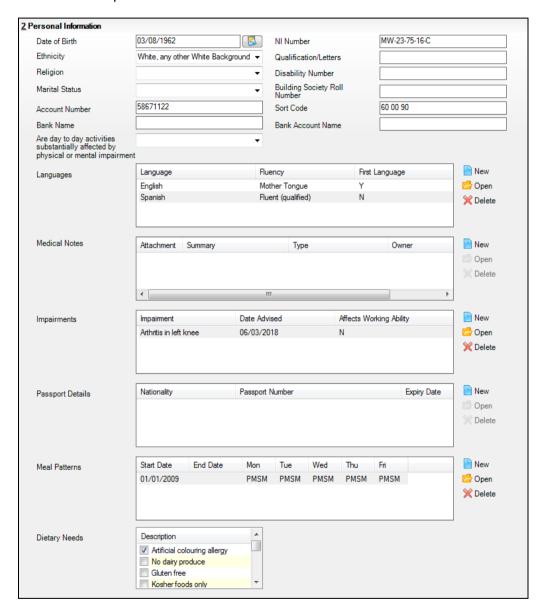
- If the staff member is to be included in the Schools Workforce Census Return, ensure that the **Eligible for SWR** check box is selected.
- If **Previous Name** is applicable to this member of staff, ensure that the details are entered correctly.

Click the **New** button to create a new **Previous Name** record. Alternatively, highlight an existing record then click the **Open** button (located adjacent to the Previous Name table) to display the Edit Previous Name dialog. Edit the details, as required.



Editing Personal Information

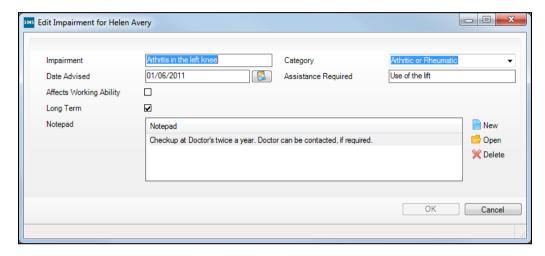
- Selected Focus | Person | Staff.
- Search for and highlight the required person, then click the **Open** button to display the **Employee Details** page.
- Select the **Personal Details** tab then navigate to the **Personal** 3. **Information** panel.



- Ensure that the **Date of Birth** is correct. Enter the correct date or click the **Calendar** buttons and select the correct dates, if required.
- Check that the National Insurance Number (NI Number) is entered using the correct format, e.g. MW-23-75-16-C.
- 6. Ensure that the staff member's **Ethnicity** is selected from the drop-down list.

- Ensure that the correct value is selected from the Are day to day activities substantially affected by physical or mental impairment drop-down list.
- Ensure that any impairment has been recorded.

Click the **New** button adjacent to the **Impairments** table to create a new record. Alternatively, highlight an existing Impairment record then click the Open button to display the Edit Impairment dialog.



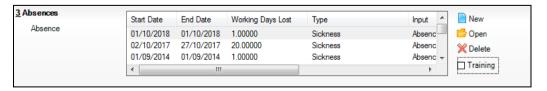
- Ensure that the **Impairment** description is correct and that the correct **Category** is selected from the drop-down list.
- Check the other details and use the **Notepad** options to add or edit b. additional information, if required.
- Click the **OK** button to return to the **Personal Information** panel.



Editing Absences Information

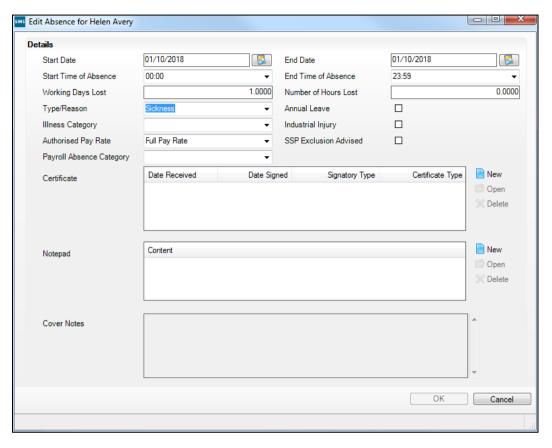
Absence information is not required for centrally employed staff. Details are collected for teaching contracted teachers and teaching assistants only.

- Selected Focus | Person | Staff. 1.
- Search for and highlight the required person, then click the **Open** button to display the **Employee Details** page.
- 3. Select the **Personal Details** tab then navigate to the **Absences** panel.



IMPORTANT NOTE: Ensure that the **Training** check box is <u>deselected</u>. This removes training absence records from the list, making it easier to locate non-training absence records.

To edit an absence record, highlight the record and then click the **Open** button to display the Edit Absence dialog.



- Check the Start Date and End Date of the absence. Enter the correct date or click the Calendar buttons and select the correct dates, if required.
- Ensure that the total number of **Working Days Lost** is entered in the correct format, e.g. 1.5000, if applicable.
- Ensure that the correct **Type/Reason** for the absence is selected from the drop-down list, e.g. Sickness, Secondment, Pregnancy Related, etc.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For annual leave and certificated sick leave to be reported correctly in the absence reports, ensure that annual leave is recorded by selecting the **Annual Leave** check box.

Click the **OK** button to return to the **Absences** panel.

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Editing Address Details

- 1. Selected Focus | Person | Staff.
- Search for and highlight the required person, then click the **Open** button to display the **Employee Details** page.
- 3. Select the **Personal Details** tab then navigate to the **Addresses** panel.



Check that the **Post Code** and **House Number/Name** exist and that they are valid. These details can be checked by clicking the **Address** button to launch the selected mapping website (specified via Tools | Setups | User **Options**), where a map of the area surrounding the address is displayed.

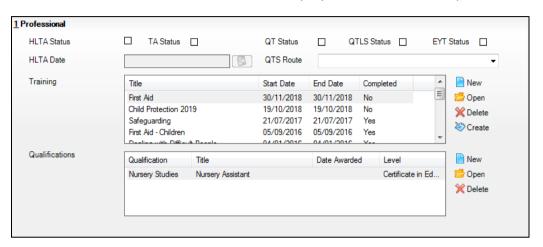
NOTE: British Forces Post Office numbers can be added as post codes.

- 5. If you have edited the address, click the **Save** button.
- If the staff member has an additional <u>current</u> address, i.e. a **Second Home**, enter the additional address and then click the Continue button (adjacent to the **Country** field) to display the **New Address Details** panel.
- Enter the remaining address details and the **Address Type**, then click the **Save** button to refresh the display.

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Checking/Editing Professional Details

- Selected Focus | Person | Staff.
- Search for and highlight the required person, then click the **Open** button to 2. display the **Employee Details** page.
- Select the **Professional Details** tab to display the **Professional** panel. 3.

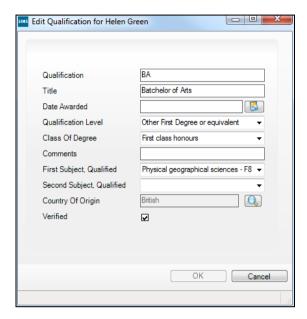


If the staff member is a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, ensure that the **HLTA Status** check box is selected.

NOTE: Required for contracted teachers and contracted teaching assistants and other contracted support staff who are aged 18 or over.

- If the **HLTA Status** check box has been selected, enter the date that the HLTA status was achieved (dd/mm/yyyy). Alternatively, select the required date from the Calendar.
- If the member of staff is a Teaching Assistant, ensure that the **TA Status** check box is selected.
- 7. Select the QT Status (Qualified Teacher), QTLS Status (Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills) and/or EYT Status (Early Years Teacher) check boxes, if applicable. Members of staff can hold more than one teacher status.
- If the staff member has Qualified Teacher Status, ensure that applicable route is selected from the QTS Route drop-down list, e.g. Graduate Teacher Programme, Flexible Routes, etc. (Mandatory for all teachers, including those working towards QTS.)
- Ensure that the **Qualifications** record is correct and up-to-date.

 a. Click the New button adjacent to the Qualifications field or highlight an existing qualification, then click the Open button to display the Add (or Edit) Qualifications dialog.



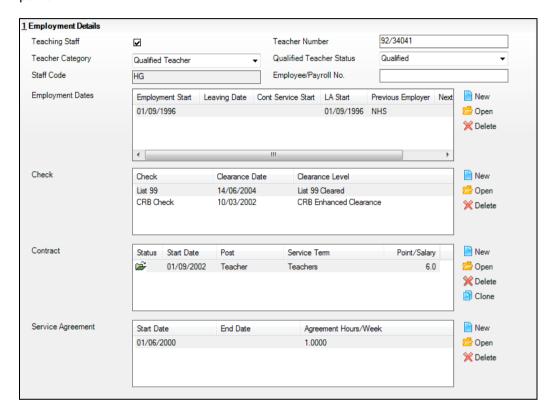
- b. Ensure that the **Qualification** description is correct.
- c. Ensure that the applicable **Class of Degree**, e.g. **First class honours**, is selected from the drop-down list.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Class of Degree is collected for new teachers where their employment start date is 1 August onwards.

- d. Ensure that the correct **First Subject, Qualified** and the **Second Subject, Qualified** are selected from the drop-down lists.
- e. If the qualification has been verified, e.g. the paper certificate has been checked, select the **Verified** check box.
- f. Click the **OK** button to return to the **Professional Details** page.

Checking/Editing Employment Details

- Selected Focus | Person | Staff.
- Search for and highlight the required person, then click the **Open** button to 2. display the **Employee Details** page.
- Select the **Employment Details** tab to display the **Employment Details** 3. panel.



- If the staff member is employed primarily in a teaching capacity, select the Teaching Staff check box.
- Ensure that a **Teacher Number** is entered using the correct format, e.g. 12/34567.

An identifying teacher number is allocated to teachers on an individual basis by the DfE. A teacher number is required for all members of staff, including non-teachers.

If a Teacher Number has been entered, a Qualified Teacher Status must be selected from the drop-down list.

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Editing Employment Dates

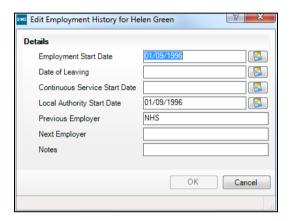
The employment dates must be checked for all teachers, contracted teaching assistants and other contracted support staff.

- 1. Selected Focus | Person | Staff.
- Search for and highlight the required person, then click the **Open** button to display the **Employee Details** page.

3. Select the **Employment Details** tab, then navigate to the **Employment Dates** table.



4. Click the **New** button or highlight an existing **Employment Dates** record and then click the **Open** button to display the **Add** (or **Edit**) **Employment History** dialog.



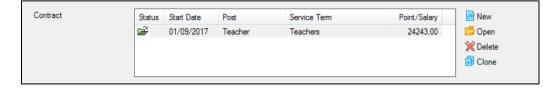
- Ensure that the **Employment Start Date** in entered in the correct format (dd/mm/yyyy).
- 6. Check all other details to ensure they are accurate.
- 7. Click the **OK** button to return to the **Employment Details** panel.



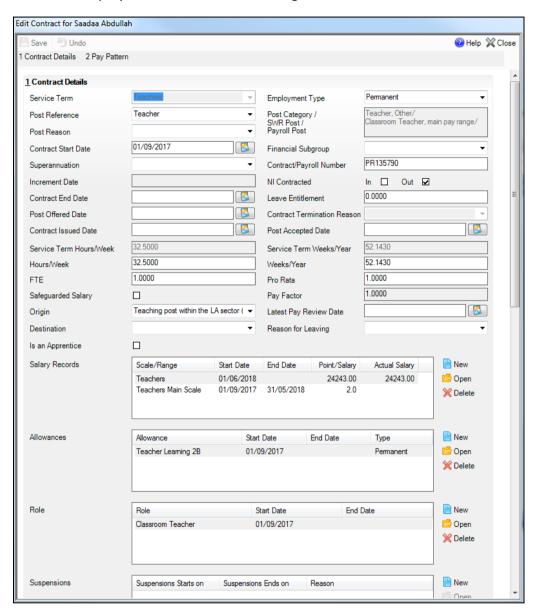
Editing Contract Details - Salary Ranges

The following contract details related to salary ranges should be checked to ensure that the correct values are collected in the return.

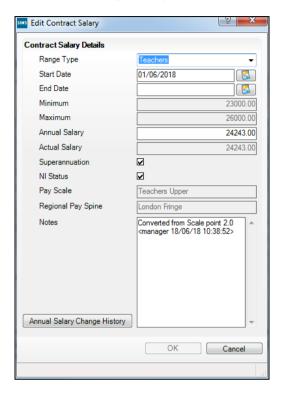
- 1. Selected Focus | Person | Staff.
- Search for and highlight the required person, then click the **Open** button to display the **Employee Details** page.
- 3. Select the **Employment Details** tab then navigate to the **Contract** table.



Click the New button or highlight an existing record and then click the Open button to display the **Edit Contract** dialog.



Click the **New** button adjacent to the **Salary Records** or highlight an existing record and then click the **Open** button to display the **Add** (or **Edit**) Contract Salary dialog.



- Select the appropriate **Range Type** from the drop-down list.
- Select the **Start Date** for the pay range by clicking the **Calendar** button and selecting the dates. Alternatively, enter the date in dd/mm/yyyy format.

NOTE: The first time that a pay range is added to a staff member's contract, the **Start Date** defaults to the **Employment Start Date**. If any subsequent contracts are added, the **Start Date** defaults to the **Contract** Start Date.

A range will be terminated automatically when you apply a new range, when you enter a contract end date or when you enter a date of leaving.

The **Minimum** and **Maximum** salary are populated automatically according to the service term selected.

8. Enter the staff member's **Annual Salary**. This must be within the stated

The **Actual Salary** is calculated automatically, based on the annual salary, full time equivalent and weeks worked per year pro rata.

If the superannuation scheme is to be applied to this contract, select the **Superannuation** check box.

NOTE: If the check box is selected, it is assumed that the employer makes superannuation contributions at the relevant rate. If it is deselected, no superannuation contributions are made.

10. If the pay is subject to National Insurance contributions, select the NI Status check box.

NOTE: When salary commitment is calculated in FMS, these check boxes are not taken into account. National Insurance and superannuation are always calculated for a pay scale.

The Pay Scale and Regional Pay Spine default from the service term selected and are not editable here.

11. Any **Notes** can be entered, as required. If the salary has been converted from a pay scale, the details are entered here.

NOTE: On saving the changes, the username, date and time of any updates to the salary are recorded in the **Notes** field. Any changes made to the salary via **Tools | Staff | Salary Update** are also recorded here.

12. If you wish to view the history of changes to the annual salary, click the **Annual Salary Change History** button. The annual salary change history can be printed, if required.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The annual salary change history will not display any changes made to the salary by B2B:Personnel.

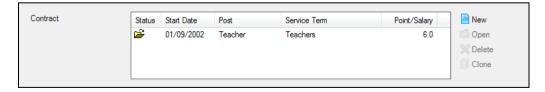
- 13. Click the **OK** button to return to the **Edit Contract** dialog.
- 14. Click the **Save** button to return to the **Employment Details** page.

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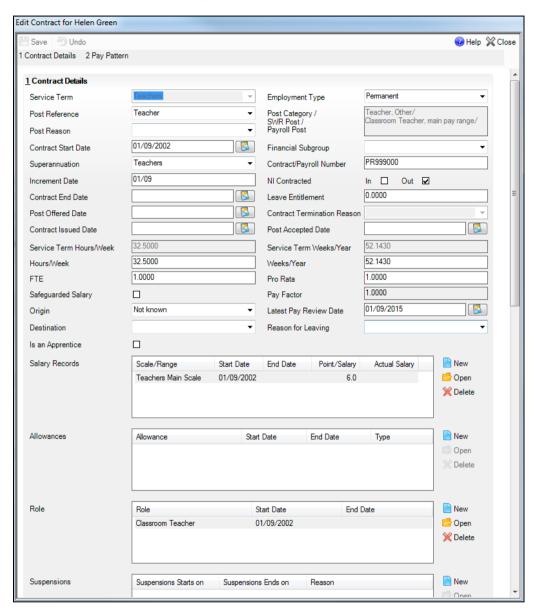
Editing Contract Details - Pay Scales

The following contract details related to pay scales should be checked to ensure that the correct values are collected in the return.

- 1. Selected Focus | Person | Staff.
- Search for and highlight the required person, then click the **Open** button to display the **Employee Details** page.
- Select the **Employment Details** tab, then navigate to the **Contract** table.



Highlight an existing **Contract** record, then click the **Open** button to display the Edit Contract for dialog.



Some read-only fields are populated automatically, including the **Post** Category/SWR Post/Payroll Post and Service Term Hours/Week.

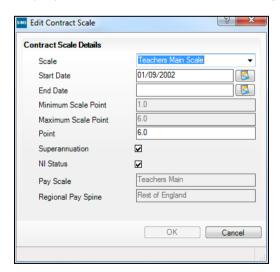
- Ensure that the applicable Post Reference and Post Reason are selected from the drop-down lists.
- Ensure that the correct **Employment Type** is selected from the drop-down list, e.g. **Permanent**.
- When the first contract is entered for a member of staff, the Contract Start 7. Date defaults to the Employment Start Date. This can be edited by clicking the **Calendar** button and selecting the date, if required.
- If the contract has ended, ensure that a **Contract End Date** is entered.

- Ensure that the number of hours per week the member of staff works is entered in the Hours/Week field. The actual amounts paid are calculated using the number of hours worked and the pay rates applicable to the employee.
- 10. Ensure that the number of weeks per year the member of staff works is entered in the Weeks/Year field.
- 11. If the employee has protected rights in their salary, select the **Safeguarded Salary** check box. (Applicable to contracted teachers only.)
- 12. If a **Contract End Date** has been entered ensure that:
 - the leaver's **Destination** (e.g. **Remaining in the same LA primary school**) has been selected from the drop-down list.
 - a Reason for Leaving (e.g. Left for other teaching post) has been selected from the drop-down list.
 - It is advisable to enter the reason for leaving when entering the leaver's destination because a blank **Reason for Leaving** field will trigger a validation error when completing the School Workforce Census.
- 13. Ensure that the employee's employment prior to joining the school is selected from the **Origin** drop-down list.
- 14. Enter the Latest Pay Review Date (in dd/mm/yyyy format) or select the required date from the Calendar. This date is collected in the School Workforce Census and applies to all teachers with contracts or service agreements.
- 15. Click the Save button.

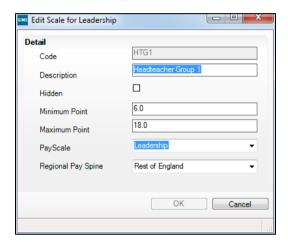


Editing Contract Salary Records

- In the **Edit Contract for** dialog, navigate to the **Salary Records** panel. 1.
- Highlight an existing Pay Scale record, then click the Open button to display the Edit Contract Scale dialog.



- Ensure that the following details are correct:
 - Scale **Point** Select the correct value from the drop-down list, if required.
 - Pay Scale and Regional Pay Spine These read-only fields are populated automatically. If incorrect values are displayed:
 - Select Tools | Staff | Pay Related, then search for and select the applicable service term to display the **Service Term Details** page.
 - In the Pay Awards panel, highlight the required Scales record, then click the **Open** button to display the **Edit Scale for** dialog.



- Select the applicable **Pay Scale** from the drop-down list.
- Indicate which regional variation the pay scale is for by selecting from the Regional Pay Spine drop-down list.

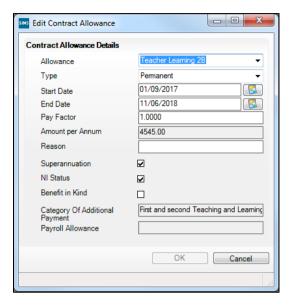
NOTE: Regional pay spine (range) is no longer collected for the return. However, it is advisable to ensure that records are up-to-date.

- e. Click the **OK** button to return to the **Service Term Details** page.
- Click the Save button.
- Select Focus | Person | Staff Employment Details tab -**Contract**, then open the relevant entry in the **Salary Records**.
- Ensure that the correct Pay Scale and Regional Pay Spine values are now displayed.
- Click the **OK** button to return to the **Edit Contract for** dialog.
- Click the **Save** button.

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Editing Contract Allowances

In the Edit Contract for dialog, highlight an existing Allowances record, then click the **Open** button to display the **Edit Contract Allowance** dialog.

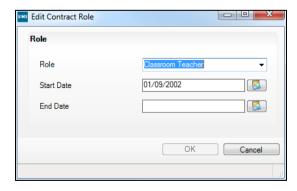


- 2. Ensure that the following details are recorded correctly:
 - **Allowance** select from the drop-down list, if required.
 - all other allowance details are current and complete.
- Click the **OK** button to return to the **Edit Contract for** dialog. 3.
- Click the Save button. 4.

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Editing Contract Roles

In the Edit Contract for dialog, highlight an existing Role, then click the Open button to display the Edit Contract Role dialog.



- Ensure that the following details are recorded correctly:
 - Select from the drop-down list, if required.
 - **Start Date** for this role (in dd/mm/yyyy format).

- 3. Click the **OK** button to return to the **Edit Contract for** dialog.
- 4. Click the **Save** button.

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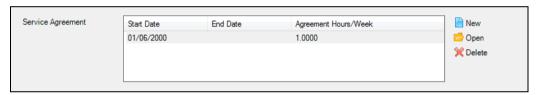
Editing Service Agreement Information

Not applicable to third party support staff

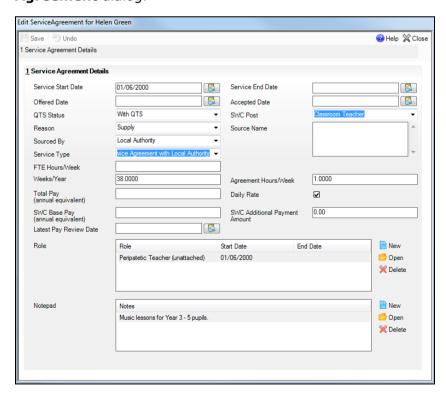
A person can have more than one role in the school, e.g. Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor, or can have more than one simultaneous contract with the same school. Multiple contracts/service agreements or roles (as well as old and current contracts) will be included in the return.

The following service agreement details should be checked to ensure that the correct values are collected in the return.

- 1. Selected Focus | Person | Staff.
- 2. Search for and highlight the required person, then click the **Open** button to display the **Employee Details** page.
- 3. Select the **Employment Details** tab, then navigate to the **Service Agreement** table.



 Click the New button or highlight an existing service agreement record, then click the Open button to display the Add (or Edit) Service Agreement dialog.



- Ensure that the **Service Start Date** in entered in the correct format (dd/mm/yyyy). (Not required for centrally employed staff.)
- Ensure that the **Service End Date** in entered in the correct format (dd/mm/yyyy). (Required for all current members of staff on a fixed term contract and Leavers.)
- Check that the correct School Workforce Post has been selected from the 7. SWC Post drop-down list.

IMPORTANT NOTE: To avoid the validation error 4410 (post is missing or invalid) being triggered during the Create and Validate process, the correct SWC Post must be selected.

- Check that the correct **Service Type** has been selected from the drop-down list. (Required for teachers with service agreements.)
- If applicable, ensure that the full time equivalent has been entered in the FTE Hours/Week field.
- 10. Enter the number of weeks worked per year, as stated in the service agreement, in the Weeks/Year field. (Required for all members of staff except agency/service agreement teachers who are on a Daily Rate.)
- 11. Enter the number of hour worked per weeks as stated in the service agreement in the Agreement Hours/Week in the field. (Required for all members of staff except agency/service agreement teachers who are on a Daily Rate.)
- 12. For members of staff who are not paid a daily rate, enter the pre-tax annual salary of the staff member in the SWC Base Pay (annual salary equivalent) field. This is not mandatory if the member of staff is an Agency/SA teacher who is on a **Daily Rate**.
- 13. If the person is on a daily rate of pay, select the **Daily Rate** check box. (Required for agency/service agreement teachers. Not required for centrally employed staff.)

NOTE: Those providing a service for which there is no charge should not have the **Daily Rate** check box selected, e.g. governors and volunteers.

- 14. For staff members who are not paid a daily rate, enter any additional payment amount in the SWC Additional Payment Amount field.
- 15. Enter the Latest Pay Review Date (in dd/mm/yyyy format) or select required date from the Calendar button. This date is collected in the School Workforce Census and applies to for all teachers with contracts or service agreements.
- 16. Click the **New** button to add a **Role**.

Alternatively, highlight an existing **Role** then click the **Open** button to display the Edit Service Agreement Role dialog.

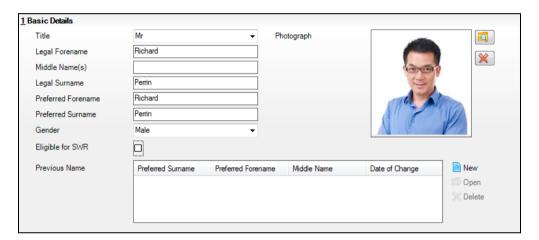
- Ensure that the applicable **Role** is selected from the drop-down list.
- Ensure that **Start Date** is entered in the correct format (dd/mm/yyyy).
- Click the **OK** button to return to the **Edit Service Agreement** dialog.
- 17. Click the **Save** button.

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Excluding Teacher/Support Staff Records from the Return

If there are teachers or support staff who have been entered in error (such as duplicates) or records that are not required to be collected for the return, it is recommended that you carry out the following action to ensure that these records are not included in the School Workforce Census return.

- Select Focus | Person | Staff. 1.
- Search for and then select the required person to display the **Employee Details** page.
- Ensure that the **Personal Details** tab is selected. 3.
- In the Basic Details panel, ensure that the Eligible for SWR check box is <u>deselected</u>. This removes the member of staff from the return.



Click the **Save** button.

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Reviewing Service Term Definitions

A service term helps to define a staff contract. It contains generic information including the number of hours worked per week, weeks worked per year, etc. Some service terms have scales defined within them, which determine the annual salary or hourly rate payable and allow spinal progression, where an employee's salary increments annually.

Service term information can be imported from a file provided by your LA or Local Support Unit (please see Importing Service Term Definitions on page 11), or it can be entered manually.



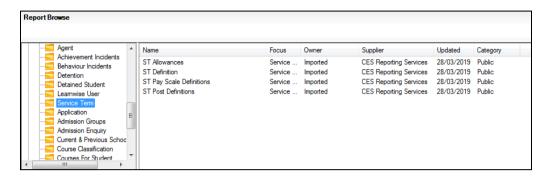
Additional Resources:

Defining Superannuation, Service Terms and Training Event Details chapter in the *Managing Staff* handbook

Four reports are available in SIMS to facilitate the preparation for the School Workforce Census.

Ensure that the up-to-date pre-defined reports have been imported (please see Importing Pre-Defined Reports on page 39).

- 1. Select **Reports | Run Report** to display the **Report Browse**.
- In the report navigation tree, select **Focus | Service Term**. The names of the four service term reports are displayed in the right-hand panel.



- Double-click the required report name to generate the report, which is displayed in Microsoft Word.
 - **ST Allowances Report**

WATERS EDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL				
	Service Term Allowance Definitions			
	AT: Advanced Skills Teacher			
Allowance	Allowance	Category		
LD:	LD: Leadership			
Allowance	Allowance	Category		
Allowance N.J:				
Allowance	Allowance	Category		
	TE: Teachers			
Allowance	Allowance	Category		
MGT1	Management 1	Management Allowances		
MGT2	Management 2	Management Allowances		
MGT3	Management 3	Management Allowances		
MGT4	Management 4	Management Allowances		
TL1B	Teacher Learning 1B	Teaching and Learning Responsibility Payments		

The default **Category** of **Other** is displayed in the report if a category has not been allocated to the allowance.

To allocate Categories to Allowances:

- Select Tools | Staff | Pay Related to display the Find Service **Term** browser.
- Search for, then select the required service term.
- In the **Allowances** panel, highlight an allowance then click the Open button to display the Edit Allowance for Teachers dialog, where a category can be allocated to an allowance.

ST Definition Report

	WATER	S EDGE PRIMARY	SCHOOL	
	AT	: Advanced Skills Tea	cher	
Spinal Progression: Increment Mth: Hrs / Wk: Wks / Yr:	F 0 27.5000 52.14300	Salaried: Teacher: Term Time Only: Hidden:	T T F F	
Points, Min: Points, Max:	1.0 27.0	Single Pay Spine: Interval:	T 1.0	
Superannuation	:			
TEAC :	leachers	8.05		
		LD: Leadership		
Spinal Progression:	F	Salaried:	T	
Increment Mth: Hrs / Wk:	0 26.2500	Teacher: Term Time Only:	T F	
Wks/Yr:	26.2500 52.14300	Ferm Fime Only: Hidden:	F F	
Points, Min: Points, Max:	1.0 43.0	Single Pay Spine: Interval:	T 1.0	
Superannuation	:			
TEAC :	leachers	8.05		
Financial Sub-groups MW: Manual Staff				
Spinal Progression:	F	Salaried:	F	
Increment Mth: Hrs / Wk:	37.5000	Teacher: Term Time Only:	F F	
Wks/Yr:	52.14300	Hidden:	F	
Points, Min: Points, Max:	1.0 1.0	Single Pay Spine: Interval:	F 1.0	

ST Pay Scale Definitions Report

	WATERSEI	JGE PKIMA	RY SCHOOL	
	P	ay Scale Definit	ions	
AT:	Advanced Skills Teacher			
Scale		Points	Region	National Scale
AST	Advanced Skills Teacher	1.0 - 27.0	Rest of England	Advanced Skills Teachers
LD:	Leadership			
Scale		Points	Region	National Scale
HTG4	Headteacher Group 4	14.0 - 25.0	Rest of England	Leadership
HTG5	Headteacher Group 5	18.0 - 29.0	Rest of England	Leadership
MW:	Manual Staff			
Scale		Points	Region	National Scale
GR 1	Grade 1	1.0 - 1.0	Rest of England	Other
GR 2	Grade 2	1.0 - 1.0	Rest of England	Other
GR 3	Grade 3	1.0 - 1.0	Rest of England	Other
GR 4	Grade 4	1.0 - 1.0	Rest of England	Other
NJ:	NJC - APT & C Staff	·		·
Scale		Points	Region	National Scale
SC 2	Scale 2	11.0 - 13.0	Rest of England	National Joint
				Council (Local
				Government
				Services)
SC 3	Scale 3	14.0 - 17.0	Rest of England	National Joint
				Council (Local
				Government
				Services)

ST Post Definitions Report

WATERS EDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL					
	Service Term Post Definitions				
AT: Advanced Skills Teacher					
Post		Category	SWR Post		
AST	ADVANCED SKILLS	Teacher, Other	Excellent Teacher		
	TEACHER				
LD:	Leadership				
Post	•	Category	SWR Post		
HT	Headteacher	HT Headteacher	Head Teacher		
DH	Deputy Head	Teacher, Other	Head Teacher		
MW:	Manual Staff				
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Post CARE KITC MID ASCK ASCA HDCK CLEA	Caretaker Kitchen Staff Midday Supervisor Assistant Cook Assistant Caretaker Head Cook Cleaner	Not inc on Form 7/PLASC Category	Support Staff		
Post CARE KITC MID ASCK ASCA HDCK CLEA NJ: Post ADMN	Caretaker Kitchen Staff Midday Supervisor Assistant Cook Assistant Caretaker Head Cook Cleaner NJC - APT & C Staff Admin Clerk	Not inc on Form 7/PLASC Category AC Other Admin/Clerical	Support Staff		
Post CARE KITC MID ASCK ASCA HDCK CLEA NJ: Post	Caretaker Kitchen Staff Midday Supervisor Assistant Cook Assistant Caretaker Head Cook Cleaner NJC - APT & C Staff	Not inc on Form 7/PLASC Category	Support Staff		



Additional Resources:

SIMS Pre-Defined Reports Catalogue

Importing Pre-Defined Reports

NOTE: The availability of reports depends on your permissions.

- Select **Reports | Import** to display the **Import report(s)** dialog. Click the **Open** button and then locate the predefined reports. The location might vary but is usually C:\Program Files\SIMS (x86)\SIMS .net.
- Highlight the required file, which is named according to the version of SIMS, e.g. PreDefined Reports v7188. RptDef, then click the Open button to return to the **Import report(s)** dialog. The file name and location you have specified are displayed in the Archive file field.
- Where the specified file contains more than one report, you have the option to import selected reports only. If you do not wish to import a report, deselect the check box adjacent to the description.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are re-importing a report, the existing report is overwritten and, therefore, any changes made to the original are lost.

- If you do not wish to import the associated templates (e.g. Word templates), deselect the **Import associated templates** check box.
- 5. Click the **Import** button.
- 6. When the import is complete, click the **Close** button.



Additional Resources:

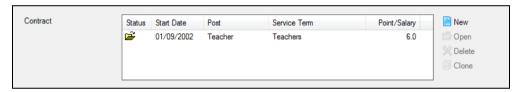
Designing and Running Reports handbook

Checking/Editing the SWC Post

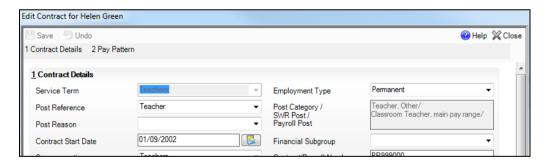
To avoid the validation error 4410 (post is missing or invalid) being triggered during the Create and Validate process, ensure that the SWC Post (SWR Post) is specified.

Checking the Current School Workforce Census Post Value

- Select Focus | Person | Staff. 1.
- Search for and highlight the required person, then click the **Open** button to display the **Employee Details** page.
- 3. Select the **Employment Details** tab, then navigate to the **Contract** table.



Highlight the applicable Contract, then click the Open button to display the Edit Contract dialog.



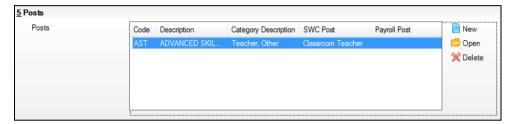
- Check that a **Post Reference** has been selected from the drop-down list. It might be necessary to add an applicable Service Term if it does not already exist.
- Click the **Save** button to return to the **Employee Details** page. 6.
- Re-open the contract, then check the read-only entry in the **Post** Category/SWR Post/Payroll Post field.

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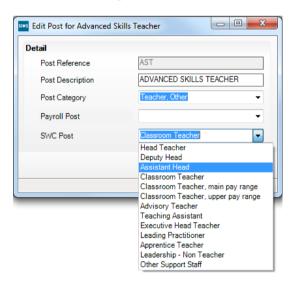
Changing the School Workforce Census Post

If the School Workforce Census Post needs to be changed:

- Ensure that all staff (including yourself) have closed the Employees Details
- Select Tools | Staff | Pay Related to display the Find Service Term 2. browser.
- Search for and highlight the required service term, then click the **Open** 3. button to display the **Service Term Details** page.
- Navigate to the **Posts** panel.



Highlight the applicable record then click the **Open** button to display the Edit Post dialog.



- Select the applicable value from the SWC Post drop-down list, i.e. Classroom Teacher, main pay range, Classroom Teacher, upper pay range, etc.
- Click the **OK** button to return to the **Service Term Details** page. 7.
- Click the Save button.

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Mapping Subjects to DfE Subject Codes

Applicable to schools with a Secondary phase

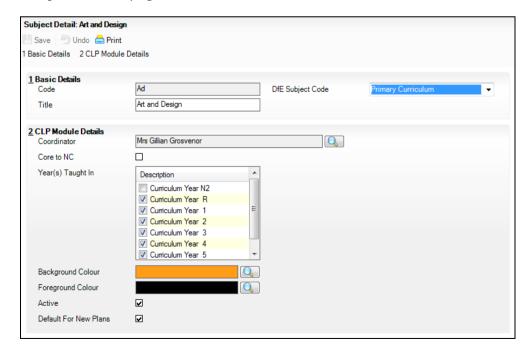
In the School Workforce Census, curriculum information is collected on the subjects taught by teachers in Secondary schools. This information is usually entered into SIMS via Academic Management or into Nova then transferred over into SIMS. To enable curriculum information to be recorded accurately, it is necessary to map all the subjects taught in school to DfE subject codes.

NOTE: One curriculum record will be generated when more than one Nova subject is mapped to the same DfE subject.

- Select **Tools | Setups | Subjects** to display the **Find Subject** browser. 1. A combination of subject Title, Year Taught In and Active status can be used to refine the search for the required subject. Alternatively, the fields can be left blank to display a list of all subjects.
- Click the **Search** button to display a list of subjects that match the search criteria.



Highlight the required subject, then click the **Open** button to display the Subject Detail page.



- Ensure that the applicable **DfE Subject Code** is selected from the drop-down list.
- 5. Check the other details displayed to ensure that they are correct.
- Click the **Save** button.

IMPORTANT NOTES: Schools are advised not to amend the subject Code and/or **Title**. Amendments to the **Code** and/or **Title** that change the meaning of a subject (previously in use) should be avoided because this would result in a conflict with the information held in the SIMS SQL database.

For example, changing **IT (Italian)** to **IT (Information Technology)** might render class and course data associated with Italian unusable. To resolve to this issue, a new subject for Information Technology should be added.

If schools need to edit subject details, they must do so using the normal procedures in Nova. For more information, please refer to the Maintaining Subjects section of the Getting Started with Nova handbook.

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Introduction

After carrying out the preparation routines documented in this guide, ensure that any subsequent changes at your school (e.g. changes to staff detail, service terms, etc.) are recorded accurately in SIMS.

You must upgrade to the SIMS 2019 Summer Release (7.188) before completing the School Workforce Census 2019 Return. However, it is advisable to check whether a later version of SIMS is available and then upgrade to the current release of SIMS, if required.

You should now be ready to produce the final School Workforce Census 2019 Return. For specific instructions, please refer to the *Producing the* School Workforce Census 2019 Return handbook.

Where Can I Get More Information?

In addition to this preparation guide, the following information is also available:

- Producing the School Workforce Census 2019 Return handbook This handbook outlines how to produce the School Workforce Census in SIMS.
- School Workforce Census 2019 Validation Errors and Resolutions document
 - This guide provides suggestions on how to resolve any validation errors or queries.
- Managing Staff handbook This handbook provides details about the processes that relate to Service Terms, etc.
- The School Workforce Census information provided by the DfE useful (http://www.gov.uk/quidance/school-workforce-census).

Online help can be accessed by pressing **F1** or clicking the applicable **Help** button in SIMS.

A wide range of documentation is available from the SIMS **Documentation** Centre, including handbooks, quick reference sheets and tutorials. Click the **Documentation** button (located on the top right-hand side of the SIMS **Home Page**), select the required category and then select the document you require. Alternatively, use the **Search** facility to locate the required document.

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