Differences between CamCORS v6 and v7

Logging in and accounts

As with v6, to use v7 a user needs to have a Raven login and at least one Role. Raven accounts are managed by UIS.

All Supervisor, Student, Director of Studies, and Tutor accounts will be created automatically. Director of Studies and Tutor Roles will be separate in v7.

Initially, College Roles (such as Senior Tutor and Tutorial Officer) will be managed by the CamCORS helpdesk, but eventually we plan that Colleges will manage their own users.

Office Roles

We have split the College Officer Role into Tutorial Officer and Finance Officer. The Tutorial Officer has almost all the functionality that the College Officer Role had, apart from the marking of claims as processed and downloading payment data files. The Finance Officer will not be able to see Reports but can mark claims as exported and download payment data files.

The separation of Roles gives better control over who can see what data, in line with requirements of GDPR etc. A user who needs to carry out all functions can have both Roles.

Course Co-ordinator

We have added a new College Role to v7. It is called Course Co-ordinator and it allows the user to see all Supervision Reports relating to their Courses. A Course is a set of Tripos Parts and/or Papers.

A Course Co-ordinator can set up Supervisions and view Supervision Reports, but they cannot Approve or Release them. They cannot see Non-supervision Reports.

Students and advisors

Student, Director of Studies and Tutor information will be automatically retrieved from CamSIS. This means that changes in CamSIS will be reflected in CamCORS the following day.

If the data is incorrect in CamCORS then it needs to be corrected in CamSIS. If it is still incorrect in CamCORS the following day then you should contact the CamCORS helpdesk.

Supervisor applications and approval

UIS will no longer set up CamCORS Supervisor accounts. A supervisor will apply through the CamCORS supervisor application page and their application will either be automatically approved or will need to be approved by a College.

Tutorial Officers at each College will be able to approve applications for a Supervisor account. These changes are to give Colleges more control over the payment methods available to individuals, managing work agreements, meeting visa requirements, etc.

All Supervisor accounts will expire after a year (or less). When an account has expired the user must apply again. This is so that we hold accurate, up-to-date data. When existing Supervisors first login to v7 they will be asked to check and confirm their Personal Details.

Terminology

Most terminology is the same but there are a couple of important differences that are worth pointing out.

v6 term	v7 term
Report	Supervision Report
Per-student non-supervision	Non-supervision Report
General non-supervision	General Claim
Processed/Paid	Exported

Claims that had been downloaded from v6 showed as "processed" or "paid". This was misleading to supervisors. We hope that "exported" will be a little clearer, and more accurate. It also ties in better with plans to rewrite PPS and integrate it closely with CamCORS so that we will be able to show in CamCORS when payments have been posted in PPS.

Links to a College webpage

All Colleges have different deadlines for submission and approval, and different payment run schedules, which makes it very difficult for CamCORS to give any information to Supervisors about these. In v7 you can specify a page on your College website giving your College specific information about deadlines, and other information you want Supervisors to know.

Links to the webpage will be shown on

- · each Report,
- · a page showing College contact details, and
- · a page showing the supervisor's expected payments.

General Claims

In v6 Colleges were able to configure whatever type of General Non-supervision categories they wanted. In v7 Colleges will be restricted to using pre-defined Categories. This is to ensure that all Colleges comply with tax and legal requirements.

Also in v7 Colleges will need to configure the categories they want to use every Academic Year. This ensures the correct rates will be used. Categories can be copied from year to year so this should not be an onerous task after the initial set up.

Payment data downloads

The payment data downloads from v7 will be the same as the downloads from v6. This is to ensure that they can be uploaded to PPS (or any other payment system) without any problems.

We expect PPS to be redeveloped, and that downloading and uploading data will no longer be required as PPS becomes much more tightly integrated with CamCORS.

Data retention

All data going back to 2002 has been retained in v6. In v7 the data retention policy is to hold data for up to 10 years. If a College wants to keep reports for longer then the reports should be downloaded and filed in the students' files.

All data will be migrated from v6 to v7, but older data will be deleted when the data retention policy is implemented.

Note that stale claims (claims that relate to a Term before the start of the previous academic year) will be deleted automatically by v7. For example, in Michaelmas 2024 any draft or returned claim relating to Easter 2022 or before, will be deleted.