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SUBJ/IATS 8.0 RELEASE MIGRATION TO MS SQL, CAC ENABLING, AND DATA CALL/ (TRAVEL TECHNICAL MESSAGE 21-04)//

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1. IATS VERSION 8.0 WILL INCLUDE MANDATORY TECHNICAL CHANGES. THESE CHANGES CONSIST OF COMMON ACCESS CARD (CAC) / PERSONAL IDENTITY VERIFICATION (PIV) AUTHENTICATION FOR LOGIN PURPOSES AND A MIGRATION FROM THE SYBASE DATABASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE THAT IS CURRENTLY IN USE TO MICROSOFT SQL (MS SQL) SERVER.
2. THE DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE (DFAS) TRAVEL OFFICES ARE SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE IATS VERSION 8.0 IN JUNE 2021. ALL OTHER CUSTOMERS ARE REQUIRED TO UPGRADE TO VERSION 8.0 SOMETIME AFTER JUNE 2021.
3. IATS VERSIONS THAT UTILIZE SYBASE SOFTWARE WILL NO LONGER BE SUPPORTED.
4. CURRENTLY, DFAS PAYS FOR CUSTOMERS' SYBASE LICENSES. HOWEVER, THE CURRENT DFAS LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH MICROSOFT DOES NOT APPLY TO NON-DFAS HOSTED SERVERS.
5. CUSTOMERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING MICROSOFT SQL SERVER LICENSES (MOST SITES HAVE A CURRENT MICROSOFT CONTRACT). THE SQL SERVER EDITION REQUIRED WILL DEPEND ON THE SIZE OF THE IATS DATABASE. BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS INVOLVE A COST:
  - A. FOR DATABASES 8 GIGABYTES OR GREATER, 2019 SQL SERVER ENTERPRISE IS REQUIRED.
  - B. FOR DATABASES LESS THAN 8 GIGABYTES, 2019 SQL SERVER STANDARD CAN BE USED. SQL SERVER EXPRESS WILL NOT WORK AND IS NOT AN OPTION.
6. FOR INFORMATION ON THE GOVERNMENT CONTRACT WITH MICROSOFT, PLEASE CONTACT DEONNA PIERCE (DEONNA.S.PIERCE.CIV@MAIL.MIL) WHO WILL SUPPLY YOU WITH YOUR ACCOUNT MANAGER DETAILS.
7. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT EACH SITE HAVE A MICROSOFT SQL DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR, AS THIS SOFTWARE REQUIRES MORE TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE TO INSTALL.
8. ONCE IT IS KNOWN WHEN NON-DFAS SITES ARE REQUIRED TO UPGRADE TO VERSION 8.0 AND WHEN SYBASE WILL NO LONGER BE SUPPORT, ANOTHER TRAVEL TECHNICAL MESSAGE WILL BE ISSUED.
9. IN ADDITION, ALL IATS USERS MUST BE ON THE WINDOWS 10 OPERATING SYSTEM FOR MS SQL AND IATS VERSION 8.0 TO OPERATE. WINDOWS 10 IS ALSO REQUIRED FOR IATS TO USE THE MOST UP-TO-DATE DEFENSE TABLE OF OFFICIAL DISTANCES (DTOD) SOFTWARE.
10. TO ASSIST US WITH ENSURING YOUR UPGRADE TO VERSION 8.0 GOES AS SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE, WE ARE REQUESTING ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

- A. WHAT IS YOUR ORGANIZATION'S NAME?
  - B. WHAT IS THE ADDRESS OF YOUR SITE OR INSTALLATION?
  - C. WHO IS THE MAIN POINT OF CONTACT (POC) FOR IATS AT YOUR SITE (POC NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL ADDRESS)?
  - D. WHAT VERSION OF IATS ARE YOU CURRENTLY RUNNING?
  - E. WHAT IS THE SIZE OF YOUR IATS DATABASE IN MEGABYTES?
  - F. HOW MUCH MEMORY DOES YOUR DATABASE SERVER HAVE?
  - G. HOW MANY USERS LOGIN TO IATS AT YOUR SITE?
  - H. DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A LICENSE FOR STANDARD OR ENTERPRISE EDITIONS OF MICROSOFT SQL SERVER?
  - I. DO YOU HAVE A SQL SERVER DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR (DBA) ON SITE TO ASSIST WITH INSTALLATION?
  - J. IATS 8.0 IS CAC / PIV ENABLED AND IS REQUIRED BY DOD, BUT SOME SITES CANNOT TRANSITION TO CAC/PIV (LIMITED / NO NETWORK CONNECTIVITY). WILL YOUR SITE IMPLEMENT PIV LOGIN?
  - K. IF YOU CANNOT TURN ON CAC / PIV, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY NOT?
  - L. IF PIV IS USED WITH IATS, YOU WILL HAVE TO SETUP ACTIVE DIRECTORY (AD) GROUPS TO USE THE CAC / PIV LOGIN. DO YOU KNOW HOW TO REQUEST AD GROUPS ON YOUR NETWORK?
  - M. WHAT VERSION OF WINDOWS ARE YOU ON? WINDOWS 10 IS REQUIRED FOR IATS 8.0, MS SQL, AND FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE VERSION OF DTOD.
11. YOUR IATS CONFIGURATION CONTROL BOARD (CCB) MEMBER HAS AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET WITH THESE QUESTIONS AND WILL DISSEMINATE IT FOR YOU TO COMPLETE.
12. SUBMIT THE COMPLETED SPREADSHEET TO THE IATS HELP DESK AT DFAS.INDIANAPOLIS-IN.ZTD.OTHER.IATS-HELP-DESK@MAIL.MIL BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS APRIL 9, 2021. PLEASE INCLUDE "IATS 8.0 RESPONSE" IN THE EMAIL SUBJECT LINE.
13. POC FOR THIS MESSAGE AND THE IATS PROCEDURES CONTAINED WITHIN IS THE IATS HELP DESK AT 317-212-7718.

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