


UN2988 1 of 2 27 January 2021	Electronic Staff Record Programme USER NOTICE	
Title	ESR Release 48.2.0.0 Notification of Downtime	
Purpose	To inform users of planned downtime for ESR Release 48.2.0.0	
Intended Audience	All ESR & DW Users	

SUBJECT

Users are advised that the ESR Production Service, e-Learning, ESRBI, ESR Data Warehouse, ESR Portal and TRS will be withdrawn at 18:00 on Friday 29th January 2021, in order to apply Release 48.2.0.0.

The ESR Hub will be available throughout the period of downtime.

DETAIL

Release Notice detailing the content of R48.2.0.0 will be issued later this week.

The content assigned to this release has been considered and agreed to limit the amount of downtime required for deployment. However, a small period of system unavailability is still required on Friday evening and this period of downtime is estimated to be 6 hours from 18:00 with the Service expected to become available by 23:59 on Friday 29th January 2021. This is a significant reduction from an end point of 18:00 on Sunday 31st January as previously communicated in the Advanced Notification UN2945

Users are asked to note the 18:00 closure time for the on-line Service on Friday and co-operation is requested to ensure that all Users are logged off by 18:00.

Users are also advised that ESR batch queues will be held from 16:00 on Friday to ensure that no batch work is running when the service is withdrawn at 18:00.

Please Note:


Any pay-related jobs that need to complete before the system closedown at 18:00 must be submitted well in advance of the 16:00 cut-off in order for them to be completed by 18:00. This includes payroll, prepayments, print pay advice, RTI Processes and transmit BACS.

To ensure that jobs are completed by 18:00, and therefore the period of downtime is not unnecessarily delayed, there will be active management of related queues from 10:00 on Friday that may result in processes showing as 'Inactive No Manager'. If a process must be run and complete before the downtime period commences, please raise an appropriate 'Report an Issue' P3 SR detailing the RequestID and reason for the request to be released so this can be reviewed and assessed.

Users are advised not to submit jobs to run "as soon as possible" before 16:00 on Friday that might be expected to run past 18:00, but to schedule these to run after the advertised downtime is complete. Any jobs which are still running at 18:00 on Friday will be aborted to ensure that the release can be deployed within the downtime window.

ACTION REQUIRED

Organisations are advised to ensure that they internally communicate the downtime to all Self Service and Learning users.

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Processes submitted on Friday that are expected to take several hours to run should be scheduled to run after the advertised downtime completion time.

For processes that are required prior to 18:00 on Friday but are showing 'Inactive No Manager', raise an appropriate 'Report an Issue' P3 SR detailing the RequestId and reason for request to be released.

FURTHER INFORMATION

ESR, e-Learning, ESRBI, ESR Data Warehouse, ESR Portal and TRS will be unavailable during this period of downtime.

The TRS, ESS over the internet and ESR Portal services will display maintenance pages.

The ESR Hub will be available throughout the period of downtime, the ESR System Status Portlet will be updated to show the availability of ESR related services.

NEXT UPDATE

None