Migrating SAM into CARS

As part of a Platform Evolution Program (PEP), SAM (Shared Accounting Module) will be merged into the CARS (Central Accounting Reporting System) application – targeting February 2026. This migration will impact all users of SAM.

Frequently Asked Questions

- *Why is Treasury introducing these changes?*
    - *CARS and SAM serve overlapping purposes - this integration reduces duplication and increases consistency and efficiency, providing a simpler, more reliable service for all users.*

- *When will these changes occur?*
    - Changes are tentatively scheduled for the weekend of **February 20, 2026**.

- *Will I be able to access the old SAM application after go-live?*
    - No – the legacy SAM application will be shut down and unavailable starting go-live weekend.

- *How do I log in to CARS?*
    - Log in to CARS here using your PIV-I card or ID.me: https://cars.for.fiscal.treasury.gov/gwa/Home

- *How will my access change when I log in to CARS?*
    - Upon go-live, users with the SAM **Cash Flow Admin (CFA)** role will receive equivalent roles/access groups in the CARS application. CFA users' will have access to the same ALCs within their SAM Agroup once logged into classifications.

    - **All other SAM agency roles will be decommissioned.**

- *Will my access change in SAM before February 2026 go-live?*
    - *To ensure successful user migration from SAM into CARS, the PLSA role will be removed in early January 2026. Additionally, users are unable to request changes to their SAM access or roles starting January 2026 until go-live.*

- *I don't have a CFA role, but I want access to CARS application. How do I obtain access?*
    - For information on gaining access to CARS, click here: Central Accounting Reporting System - Getting Started

- *How will Cash Flow and Default Rule Management work in CARS?*
  - Cash Flow Rule and Default Rule management is migrating to the new Classifications module in CARS. Rules perform the same during transaction processing, but how users access the UI, and how rules are stored, will function differently.

- *What training is available on the Classifications module?*
  - Information on the new Classifications module can be found on the Intro to New Classifications Interface user guide and supporting webinar found here: [Central Accounting Reporting System - Training](#)

- *What SAM reports will be available in CARS?*
  - The **Agency Location Codes** report, has been added to the CARS Agency Standard Reports (ASR) module. One key difference between the reports – currently SAM users have access to view all ALCs, however, in the ASR report, users can only view the ALCs tied to Agencies in their Agroup.

  - A CARS Agency Standard Report (ASR), SAM-002 TAS BETC Listing, is in development and can be used to replace the **Treasury Accounts** report. This report, which will provide a listing of valid TAS-BETC data in CSV format, is expected to go-live in Q1 2026.

- *What training is available on the ASR reports?*
  - Instructions on accessing the Agency Location Codes report within ASR can be found here: [JobAid-ALCReport.pdf](#)
  - Instruction on accessing the Treasury Accounts report will be published here once available: [Central Accounting Reporting System - Reference & Guidance](#)

- *What SAM reports will be retired?*
  - The following agency facing reports will be retired:
    - Security
      - Access Group by ALC
      - Access Group by user
      - ALCs by Access Group
      - User Information
      - Users by Access Group
      - Users by Role
    - Business
      - Access Group Default Rules
      - Access Group Default Rules Search
      - Classification Statistics by Transaction
    - Exception
      - GWA Reporters without Valid Default Rules
        - *Note, this information is available through Classification UI*
      - Empty Access Groups

- *I'm a PLSA user – how will I manage Access Groups in CARS?*
  - The Treasury Support Center (TSC), available at GWA@stls.frb.org, will manage CARS access groups moving forward. Please reach out to TSC if new or additional ALCs need to be added to a users' Access Group.

- *How can I provide feedback on these changes?*
  - *A survey will be sent to all SAM users following go-live. Additionally, Federal Reserve Bank and Fiscal Service will host office-hours where users can ask questions or provide feedback. Links to the survey or to register for the webinars will shared closer to go-live.*

- *Who should I contact if something doesn't look right?*
  - If you run into issues, please reach out to the Treasury Support Center at GWA@stls.frb.org.