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MANAGING SOVEREIGN DEBT

Commonwealth Meridian Q&A

Why has Commonwealth Meridian been developed?

Commonwealth Meridian was developed to align with recent changes in the public debt management arena. As well as incorporating improved functionality to cater for this significant advancement, the software also includes advanced features to better address future debt management requirements, and takes advantage of advancements in technology to deliver an intuitive state-of-the-art system.

Can my CS-DRMS database be used with Meridian?

The CS-DRMS database cannot be used with Meridian as they are two different systems.

Very detailed guidelines have been prepared to assist sites with migrating their CS-DRMS databases to Meridian. Besides the physical installation and technical aspects of the process, the Secretariat will work with each country to migrate their databases.

Migration efforts will differ from site to site depending on the number and types of instruments as well as the types of transactions recorded.

Do we need any special hardware or system software to install Meridian?

The hardware and system software requirements are different from CS-DRMS. The specifications are available for your review on our website thecommonwealth.org/about-meridian.

Can we develop custom reports in Meridian?

Yes, multiple tools in Commonwealth Meridian are available for custom reports. However, complex reports will require the use of the Telerik reporting tool which will require a separate license.

Will CS-DRMS still be supported after Meridian is released?

The Secretariat will continue to support CS-DRMS for a limited number of years after Meridian has been released. However, no new features will be introduced and only critical bugs will be fixed during this time. Existing users will be strongly encouraged to migrate to Meridian.

Can I get Commonwealth Meridian if I am not a Commonwealth member country?

Non-Commonwealth member countries can contact Development Finance International (DFI), our official distributor, through dfi@dri.org.uk or csdms@commonwealth.int

Does our IT section need additional training to support Commonwealth Meridian?

During the implementation of Commonwealth Meridian, your IT section will receive hands on training on topics including how Meridian is installed, managing users and how to troubleshoot typical issues. Your IT section will also be advised on how to upgrade Meridian when new versions are released. IT staff are encouraged to attend the end-user training sessions especially topics relating to their role. The training needs are not extensive and documentation/instructions are provided in addition to the hands-on and classroom training. It is however expected that your IT section already has MS SQL or Oracle skills and knowledge, depending on which database management system is used in your environment.