

TO: All Destination Points
FROM: U.S. Department of Education
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RE: FTI-TDCM version 3.4.2

The Department of Education is pleased to announce the availability of FTI-TDCM version 3.4.2. For additional information, the FTI-TDCM User Guide can be found on the [Software and Other Tools](#) page of the Knowledge Center website.

FTI-TDCM version 3.4.2 provides the following enhancements:

- **Password Length Increased:** The password length requirement has been changed to 15 characters, enhancing the security of user accounts by promoting stronger and more complex passwords.
- **Multifactor Authentication (MFA):** Multifactor authentication has been implemented, providing an additional layer of security. Users will now need to provide multiple forms of verification, such as an FSA User ID, Mailbox ID, password, and a one-time code to access their accounts.
- **Authentication Certificate Download:** Users can now download an authentication certificate. This certificate can be used for secure access to EDconnect and TDClient, ensuring a trusted and encrypted connection for data transmission.

These enhancements are aimed at improving the overall security and access control of the system.

Note: The FTI-TDCM portal URL link is listed below:

- FTI-TDCM portal: <https://ftisaigportal.ed.gov/tdcm>

Contact Information

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