

FIPS Technical Specification Requirements

In order to use FIPS and maximise the benefits it offers training providers will need to check they have the minimum technical specification in place:

FIPS is based on the Microsoft Dynamics 365 platform and as a part of Office 365, for the system to work correctly, you'll need to make sure that you are using the Supported Browser.

Supported Browsers

Internet Explorer:

Office 365 is designed to work with Internet Explorer 11. We recommend that you upgrade to Internet Explorer 11, if you are using an earlier version. Internet Explorer 10 and earlier, are no longer supported.

Safari, Chrome and Firefox:

FIPS/Office 365 will work with the latest versions of Safari, Chrome and Firefox, however, the only browser that SDS support for FIPS is Internet Explorer 11

Microsoft Edge

FIPS/Office 365 is designed to work with the latest version of the Microsoft Edge browser. FIPS/Office 365 might continue to work with versions of the Edge browser older than the latest, but Office 365 can't provide any guarantees.

If relevant, please check with your local IT admin before upgrading your browser.

Training providers may also wish to use Excel extract from FIPS. This is not a requirement but does provide an easy way to transfer large volumes of data. If training providers wish to use this feature of the system, they will need to have a compatible version of Excel installed. This would be Excel 2013 or Excel online – part of the Office 365 suite.

An email system will also be required if training providers wish to receive email alerts from FIPS. Any smtp server-based email system will be compatible with FIPS. SDS assumes that training providers currently have a suitable email system.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact FIPS@sds.co.uk.