

# July 2026 Release Note



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## Release Scope

This release introduces **Flash**, our first conversational feature. In this first iteration, we want to help learners find relevant content, answer questions on past courses, and navigate the platform.

We also provide a series of major updates for platform management. The awaited **Course Deadlines** feature enables fixed or relative deadlines to manage compliance training. **Multi-step validation for course registration** allows organisations to match their internal process within Rise Up. And for complex group management, we've reworked our **Smart Rules** feature to support more complex rules. A new **LTI Provider** feature rounds out the release, enabling distribution of your Rise Up catalogue to third-party LMS platforms through the LTI 1.3 standard.

# Major Improvements

## 1. Flash

**Objective:** Introducing Flash, our new platform assistant for Rise Up users. This first iteration is focused on the learner experience with two capabilities: search through platform content, and platform support. We'll add abilities to Flash to perform all actions available within the platform.

- **Available from the learner navbar:** accessible from the navigation bar across the learner experience, not tied to a specific page.
- **Search:** learners can ask a question and get redirected to a matching course, course step, or catalogue item available on the platform. They can also ask about content they have already completed.
- **Platform support:** learners can ask how to perform common platform actions - download a certificate, change their password, switch their interface language, find their goals, and similar - and get a clear, contextual answer.
- **Grounded in platform data and documentation:** answers are generated from platform content (courses, catalogue, learner data) and from Rise Up's product help knowledge. Flash does not draw on external general knowledge outside this scope.
- **No relevant content found:** Flash provides a minimal contextual response and clearly states that it cannot help.

## 2. Course Deadlines

**Objective:** Manage course completion timelines with fixed or relative deadlines, configurable reminders, and visibility on every learner status.

- **Deadline configuration:** a new Course Deadline setting is available in the course general information section with three options
  - No deadline (default)
  - Fixed deadline (specific date)
  - Relative deadline (calculated from each learner's registration date).
- **Reminder before deadline:** configurable value and unit (Days, Weeks or Months) - default to 8 Days.

- **Course availability "By period":** deadline options are disabled when the course is set as available by period.
- **Learner-side display:** the deadline status appears on My Learning, Homepage, Course View and Catalogue (web and mobile) with four statuses: On time, Soon to be late, Late, Course finished before deadline.
- **New filters:** Deadline Status filter (Ongoing, Soon to be late, Late, On time, No deadline) in My Learning. With/without deadline filter in the Catalogue.
- **Notifications:** email #203 "Don't forget to finish your course" and the corresponding in-app reminder are updated to include the deadline date.

### 3. Smart Rules Improvements

**Objective:** Expand Smart Rules capabilities and improve the experience for the administrators managing complex group hierarchies. New condition groups support combined AND/OR logic, and the interface has been redesigned with full transparency and traceability for governance at scale.

- **Condition groups:** conditions are always created within a group. Operators (AND or OR) can be defined at two levels - between condition groups (Main Rule) and within each group (Group Rule), unlocking flexible AND/OR combinations within a single rule.
- **Conditions limit:** maximum of 50 conditions per Smart Rule. Existing rules above 50 conditions remain active but become non-editable.
- **Audit trail:** a new event log records who modified a Smart Rule and which group was impacted.
- **New Group Board card sections:** Configuration (visibility type, active conditions count, See Details), Linked to Group (courses, learning paths, goals), and User Activities (ongoing enrolments, pending corrections).

### 4. Approval Workflow - Course Registration

**Objective:** Extend the existing validation configuration with a multi-step workflow for Course Registration, and align governance flexibility between internal and partner perimeters. Administrators can define exactly who is responsible for validating registrations at each step, while existing validation actions remain unchanged.

- **Single or double validation:** for each perimeter, administrators choose how many validation steps to enforce. A double validation requires two distinct users to approve.
- **Internal and Partner perimeters:** each perimeter is configured separately under Settings > Validations and Corrections. The Partner section is hidden for Rise Up Essential clients.
- **Eligible roles:** responsibilities are assigned to roles or functions at each step.
- **Workflow safeguards:** the requester cannot validate their own request. In double validation, a user who validated step 1 cannot also validate step 2. Once approved or refused, the request is no longer visible to other validators.
- **Backup logic:** if no eligible user exists for a step, administrators receive the request.
- **Dynamic email recipients:** email templates 145 (course registration) and 149 (exam correction) recipients adapt to the configured workflow. Only configured users receive notifications and can act on a request.

## 5. LTI Provider (LMS Publishing)

**Objective:** Publish Rise Up courses inside client LMS platforms via LTI 1.3. Client organisations can launch Rise Up content with SSO, select courses through Deep Linking, and report learner progress back to their LMS through Assignment & Grade Services. LTI Provider will be released for all tiers on July 29.

- **LTI 1.3 endpoints:** Rise Up exposes the four required LTI endpoints (OIDC Login Initiation, LTI Launch, Deep Linking, JWKS) and validates LTI 1.3 messages signed with the platform's private key.
- **Just-in-time provisioning:** users are uniquely identified by issuer + subject. If the user does not exist, an account is created automatically (no email stored). Users outside the connection scope are refused at launch.
- **Automatic enrolment:** if the user is not already enrolled in the target course at launch time, enrolment is created automatically.
- **Grade and completion passback:** Rise Up sends achieved score, maximum score, progress and completion status to the LMS via AGS when a learner completes an evaluated activity.
- **Applications page:** a new Applications page is available in Settings > Developer to manage Integrations and LMS Publishing connections, each scoped to a Rise Up perimeter and optional client ID. The detail view shows

both the LMS-provided data and the Rise Up-side URLs to share with the LMS administrator.

## Minor Improvements

### UI and UX Reworks

- **Skill in course creation:** a dedicated Step 3 Skills is added to the Course Creation flow, centralising skill management and memorisation. AI recommends up to 4 skills from client and ESCO repositories. 10 questions are auto-generated per linked skill, with the ability to generate more or create them manually (multiple choice, drag-and-drop, open). Memorisation is now managed through a single binary toggle inside the Skills space.
- **Course View & Preview migration:** work on the Course View migration to the new technical stack continued through the quarter. It comes with integrated accessibility improvements aligned with RGAA. No new functional scope is introduced.
- **Certificates in User Details:** a new Certificates tab on the admin User Details page lists all certificates earned by the user with a download action. Columns include Certificate, Course, Certification/Expiration date, and Status. All columns are sortable.
- **Certificate tooltips on the home page:** certificate thumbnails on the learner home page now display the course name and expiry status.
- **Microsoft Teams application update:** a new version of the Teams app delivers full feature parity with the web platform through a single full-screen embedded experience. Any feature available on the web is now accessible in Teams.
- **Organizational chart:** Group hierarchy is now available in an organizational view. Accessible from the group administration and group manage page.

### Administration & Reporting

- **Waiting Lists exports:** a new "Waiting Lists" Standard Export lists users currently registered on a waiting list for a classroom module, with filters

(user, registration date, course, module, group, custom fields) and direct action links to the related session list.

## Content & Authoring

- **Subtitles without AI:** SRT subtitle file upload is now available on video steps and on course translations regardless of AI feature activation. AI-generated subtitles still require AI features to be activated.
- **Minimum time on SCORM steps:** course designers can now enforce a minimum time spent on SCORM steps before completion, in line with the behaviour already available on other step types. The setting is exposed when Sequential steps and "Set a minimum time to spend on steps" are enabled on the course, and uses the same hours/minutes configuration.
- **Text-to-Speech on course view:** the course view's text-to-speech engine moves to new AI models, delivering a substantial improvement in voice synthesis quality for learners.

## Privacy & Compliance

- **Cookie consent update:** to align with current GDPR/ePrivacy regulation, a "Refuse" button is added to the cookie consent pop-up displayed at first connection, and a "Refuse All" button is added in Account > Security. Both decline all optional cookies; mandatory cookies remain active.

## Integrations & API

- **Course view embedding - full screen option:** a new `full_screen=1` URL query parameter is available on the course view URL. When present, the first step of the course loads automatically in full screen mode inside an embedded context. Compatible with the existing `embed_view` and `hide_side_nav` parameters.
- **API - Group hierarchy:** the v3 Groups API now supports parent-child relationships at creation and update through an optional `parent_group_id` field on `POST /v3/groups` and `PUT /v3/groups/{id}`. A dedicated endpoint manages hierarchy links (create, update, delete). Cycles and duplicate parents are validated and rejected.
- **API - Evaluations:** evaluations are now exposed through the public API. New resources cover `EvaluationTemplate` (CRUD on templates),

EvaluationTemplateQuestion (CRUD on rating, poll and open questions), and read-only EvaluationUser and EvaluationUserQuestions for retrieving learner submissions and answers. The Course resource is extended with an evaluations field linking hot and cold evaluation templates (with cold delay) at the course level. Standard pagination, filtering, and the 300 calls per minute quota apply.

- **API - Course deadlines:** Full API support for course deadlines will be available on release.
- **Zoom integration update:** the Zoom attendance synchronisation now runs only on the day of the virtual session, instead of the previous 30-day window. After the session day, manual attendance updates are no longer overridden by Zoom data. This addresses edge cases such as shared devices and personal-account logins.
- **Monetisation - Simplified Chinese & German:** Simplified Chinese (zh-CN) and German (de-DE) are added as interface languages on the monetisation product.

# Changelog

This section details every behavioural change on the platform.

Feature Area	Change Description	Impacted User
Navbar / AI	<b>Flash:</b> new conversational assistant accessible from the learner navigation bar.	Learners
Navbar / AI	<b>Find content:</b> answers questions about courses, catalogue items, and previously completed content. Redirects to the matching item when relevant.	Learners
Navbar / AI	<b>Platform help:</b> answers common how-to questions on the platform itself (download certificate, change password, switch interface language, etc.).	Learners
Course Configuration	<b>Course Deadline:</b> new setting in General Information. Choose between No deadline, Fixed deadline (specific date) or Relative deadline (default 15 days).	Designers / Authors
Course Configuration	<b>Reminder Before Deadline:</b> configurable value and unit (default 3 days).	Designers / Authors
Course Configuration	<b>Availability conflict:</b> deadline options are disabled when course availability is "By period".	Designers / Authors
Course Configuration	<b>Update protection:</b> warning displayed when updating a deadline on a published course; impacts non-archived/non-completed registrations only.	Designers / Authors
My Learning	<b>Deadline status:</b> displayed on course cards with four statuses (On time, Soon to be late, Late, Finished before deadline).	Learners

<b>My Learning</b>	<b>Deadline filter:</b> new filter values - Ongoing, Soon to be late, Late, On time, No deadline.	Learners
<b>My Learning</b>	<b>Learning paths:</b> number of courses with a deadline displayed on each path card.	Learners
<b>Homepage</b>	<b>Smart prioritisation:</b> courses Soon to be late or Late surfaced first in the My Courses section.	Learners
<b>Course View</b>	<b>Deadline display:</b> status shown in the left sidebar; deadline date or duration shown alongside metadata.	Learners
<b>Catalogue</b>	<b>Deadline display &amp; filter:</b> deadline shown on course detail pages. New "With/Without deadline" filter.	Learners
<b>Mobile App</b>	<b>Course Deadlines:</b> deadline status, deadline filter and deadline information available on Dashboard, My Learning, Course View and Catalogue.	Learners
<b>Mobile App</b>	<b>Push notification:</b> new push notification for the soon-to-be-late deadline reminder.	Learners
<b>Emails</b>	<b>#203 update:</b> "Don't forget to finish your course" updated to include the course deadline date.	Admins / Learners
<b>Emails</b>	<b>New email:</b> sent when a course deadline date is changed. Sent to all impacted registered users.	Admins / Learners
<b>Groups</b>	<b>Organizational chart:</b> Group hierarchy is now available in an organizational view.	Admins / Group Managers
<b>Settings - Applications</b>	<b>New Applications page:</b> marketplace-style management of Integrations and LMS Publishing	Admins

	connections, available under Settings > Developer.	
<b>Smart Rules</b>	<b>Condition groups:</b> AND/OR operators at two levels - Main Rule (between groups) and Group Rule (within a group).	Admins
<b>Smart Rules</b>	<b>Conditions limit:</b> maximum 50 conditions per Smart Rule. Existing rules above 50 remain active but non-editable.	Admins
<b>Smart Rules</b>	<b>Event log:</b> new log entry recording who modified a Smart Rule and which group was impacted.	Admins
<b>Smart Rules</b>	<b>Group Board card:</b> new sections - Configuration, Linked to Group, User Activities.	Admins
<b>Course Configuration</b>	<b>Step 3 Skills:</b> new dedicated step in the Course Creation flow, centralising skill management and memorisation.	Designers / Authors
<b>Course Configuration</b>	<b>AI auto-tagging:</b> up to 4 recommended skills from client and ESCO repositories. 10 questions auto-generated per linked skill.	Designers / Authors
<b>Course Configuration</b>	<b>Skills logic:</b> binary linked/not-linked. Activation/deactivation states removed for skills and questions.	Designers / Authors
<b>Course Configuration</b>	<b>Memorisation:</b> moved under Step 3 Skills with a single toggle and contextual warnings based on publication and enrolment status.	Designers / Authors
<b>Course View</b>	<b>Architecture migration:</b> all Course View steps migrated to the new technical stack with accessibility improvements aligned with the RGAA audit.	Learners

<b>Course Preview</b>	<b>Architecture migration:</b> Course Preview migrated to the new Course View architecture - no functional change.	Designers / Authors
<b>Course Preview</b>	<b>Exam step:</b> direct link to exam correction management added inside the Exam step preview.	Designers / Authors
<b>User Course Details</b>	<b>Responsive layout:</b> the progression detail and manage course pages render correctly on smaller screens.	Admins / Group managers
<b>User Course Details</b>	<b>Skill assessments:</b> displayed as disabled fields (read-only) when the user cannot edit them. Learners can access their own assessment details from the progression detail page.	Admins / Group managers / Learners
<b>User Course Details</b>	<b>Breadcrumbs:</b> updated to reflect the group manager navigation context when the user is a group manager.	Group managers
<b>User Details</b>	<b>Certificates tab:</b> new tab listing all certificates earned by the user with a download action. Columns sortable.	Admins
<b>Settings - Validations &amp; Corrections</b>	<b>Course Registration workflow:</b> single or double validation, separately for Internal and Partner perimeters. Eligible roles assigned per step. Partner section hidden for Rise Up Essential.	Admins
<b>Settings - Validations &amp; Corrections</b>	<b>Backup logic:</b> administrators receive the request if no eligible user is available; auto-validation if no recipient remains.	Admins
<b>Emails</b>	<b>Workflow recipients:</b> email templates #145 (course registration) and #149 (exam correction) adapt to the configured workflow.	Admins

<b>Reporting</b>	<b>Waiting Lists export:</b> new Standard Export listing users on session waiting lists per module. Filters by user, date, course, module, group and custom fields.	Admins
<b>Settings</b>	<b>Warnings clarified:</b> wording and warnings updated to accurately reflect the effects.	Admins
<b>Microsoft Teams</b>	<b>New Teams app:</b> full-screen embedded web experience with full feature parity. Single login via SSO; external links open in the browser.	All Users
<b>Content - Video</b>	<b>SRT upload:</b> subtitle file upload available on video steps regardless of AI feature activation.	Designers / Authors
<b>Content - SCORM</b>	<b>Minimum time on step:</b> designers can enforce a minimum time spent on SCORM steps before completion. Available when Sequential steps and "Set a minimum time to spend on steps" are enabled. Enforced on web and mobile.	Designers / Authors / Learners
<b>Course View</b>	<b>Text-to-Speech:</b> engine upgrade to new AI models for a substantial improvement in voice synthesis quality.	Learners
<b>Privacy - Web</b>	<b>Cookie consent:</b> "Refuse" button added to the consent pop-up at first connection. "Refuse All" button added in Account > Security. Both decline all optional cookies; mandatory cookies remain active.	All Users
<b>Privacy - Web</b>	<b>PayPal cookie:</b> hidden when the PayPal integration is not active in Settings > Catalogues > Payment method.	All Users

<b>Privacy - Web</b>	<b>Zendesk cookie:</b> hidden for non-administrator users. Administrators continue to see and manage the entry.	All Users / Admins
<b>Embedding</b>	<b>Full screen parameter:</b> new full_screen=1 URL parameter on the course view URL - first step loads in full screen on page load. Compatible with embed_view and hide_side_nav.	Admins / Learners
<b>API</b>	<b>v3 Groups - hierarchy:</b> optional parent_group_id field on POST and PUT for parent-child relationships.	API consumers
<b>API</b>	<b>Hierarchy links endpoint:</b> dedicated endpoint to create, update and delete hierarchy links. Cycles and duplicate parents are validated.	API consumers
<b>API</b>	<b>Evaluations support:</b> API support for evaluation management aligned with the web platform scope (hot and cold evaluations).	API consumers
<b>Integrations</b>	<b>Udemy connector:</b> new standard Udemy connector available on request.	Admins
<b>Monetisation</b>	<b>New interface languages:</b> Simplified Chinese (zh-CN) and German (de-DE) added to the monetisation product.	Monetisation users

# Impacts and Recommendations

## Impact on Data & Configuration

- **Smart Rules:** existing rules with more than 50 conditions remain active but become non-editable. Admins should review and refactor such rules to regain editing capability. The number of smart rules can be lowered by using custom fields to highlight discriminants.
- **Course Skills:** skill and question activation/deactivation states are removed at migration. All previously linked skills and their questions are kept and become active by default.

## Update Instructions

- **Prerequisites:** none.
- **Procedure:** automatic rollout from July 1st to 29th, 2026.