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## ODYSSEY Q&A FOR SCOMIS AND JIS SUBSCRIBERS

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**Q1: WHAT IS SC-CMS?**

**A:** The term 'SC-CMS' is short for the Superior Court Case Management System. This project is a partnership between the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and the Superior Court and County Clerk communities. In July 2013, AOC contracted with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to implement their commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) case management system called Odyssey. [Back to top](#)

**Q2: HOW LONG IS IT GOING TO TAKE TO IMPLEMENT ODYSSEY?**

**A:** SC-CMS is a large, complex, long-term project that will be completed over the course of several years. AOC implemented the Odyssey system in the SC-CMS Pilot site – Lewis County – in June 2015. Three early adopter sites (Thurston, Yakima, and Franklin counties) have also gone live with Odyssey in November 2015. Snohomish County will follow in May 2016. The remaining counties will go live in groups approximately every 6 months beginning in November 2016. The statewide rollout is expected to be complete by 2018. [Back to top](#)

**Q3: WILL ODYSSEY INFORMATION BE AVAILABLE IN SCOMIS AND JIS?**

**A:** The AOC currently anticipates Person data will remain available in JIS indefinitely. Case information, except financial information, for those counties using Odyssey is being replicated to JIS/SCOMIS. [Back to top](#)

**Q4: WHEN WILL SCOMIS AND JIS SUBSCRIBERS BE ABLE TO SEE THE NEW SYSTEM?**

**A:** The Odyssey case management system is available only to Superior Court and County Clerk staff. The general public are able to obtain a limited view of public case and person information for counties live with Odyssey via the Odyssey Portal at <https://odysseyportal.courts.wa.gov/odyportal>. The Odyssey Portal also provides access to case documents with authorization from, and a possible fee collected by, each County Clerk's Office. Court records found in the Odyssey Portal are limited to cases filed in the Superior Courts and County Clerk's Offices using the new Odyssey case management system. [Back to top](#)

**Q5: WHAT IS THE FEE FOR ACCESS TO THE ODYSSEY PORTAL?**

**A:** Unregistered public users will not pay for Portal access and will be provided information similar to what is available to public users on the Washington Courts website. Users requiring greater access to Portal information or to documents, such as title companies, will be charged a fee. Fees may vary by county and will be administered by the County Clerk. [Back to top](#)

**Q6: WHAT SORT OF ACCESS DOES ODYSSEY PORTAL PROVIDE?**

**A:** An unregistered public user will be able to access Odyssey Portal online at <https://odysseyportal.courts.wa.gov/odyportal>. This access will not require any credentials and will provide information similar to what is available to public users on the Washington Courts website. Public users will have more access to case information, as well as publically available documents, at the Clerk's Office lobby terminal. Access and fees will be administered by each County Clerk.

Odyssey Portal also provides a facility that allows county officials, justice partners (i.e., public defenders, prosecutors, attorneys-of-record, corrections, service providers) and local law enforcement access to court records and documents via authorized and protected user accounts. [Back to top](#)

**Q7: WILL ODYSSEY PORTAL REPLACE JIS-LINK?**

**A:** No. Odyssey Portal contains data only for those courts and County Clerks' Offices which have implemented Odyssey. [Back to top](#)

**Q8: KING AND PIERCE COUNTIES HAVE OPTED NOT TO IMPLEMENT ODYSSEY. WILL SCOMIS AND JIS SUBSCRIBERS STILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS THEIR CASE AND PARTY INFORMATION?**

**A:** Yes. Case and party information from King and Pierce counties will still be available in SCOMIS and JIS. [Back to top](#)

**Q9: ARE ODYSSEY CASE NUMBERS DIFFERENT THAN SCOMIS CASE NUMBERS?**

**A:** The Odyssey case numbering system is different than the SCOMIS case numbering system. SCOMIS case numbers are comprised of the following information:

- 2 digit filing year;
- 1 digit case type number;
- 5 digit sequence number; and
- 1 digit check digit

Odyssey case numbers will remove the check digit at the end and replace it with a 2 digit County ID. Therefore the new case number for Odyssey cases will be:

- 2 digit filing year;
- 1 digit case type number;
- 5 digit sequence number; and
- 2 digit County ID

However, because JIS data replication still requires the legacy SCOMIS numbering format, the case number will be converted into a legacy number. Statewide JIS Link users and public index subscribers will see the usual legacy case number format for Odyssey Court Cases. Counties live with Odyssey will have both the Odyssey case number and the generated legacy case number in its case management system. Also, some forms that are generated for justice partners will have both case numbers listed. [Back to top](#)

**Q10: WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SC-CMS PROJECT?**

**A:** We encourage you to visit the project website at [www.courts.wa.gov/SC-CMS](http://www.courts.wa.gov/SC-CMS) or e-mail the project team at [SCCMSProject@courts.wa.gov](mailto:SCCMSProject@courts.wa.gov). [Back to top](#)