



# Modernising Business Registers

## Design Working Group

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Agenda Item 2

<b>Title</b>	<b>Current state services in the scope of the Companies tranche of the MBR program.</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose is to reach a common view of current state services in the scope of the Companies tranche of the MBR program.
<b>Key Considerations</b>	<p>A view of the current state services relating to the Companies tranche of the MBR program was provided for members' review in papers for the Design Working Group meeting of 4 February 2021. That view has been updated to incorporate feedback provided by members, and is provided at Attachment A.</p> <p>Overview of changes to the current state service view provided 4 February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Search services – listing has been narrowed to reflect the scope for the Companies tranche.</li><li>• Registry services – simpleFeeLookup has been removed from listing to reflect discussion in previous focus groups.</li><li>• Registry services – queryAddress has been removed from listing.</li></ul>
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Design Working Group agrees to the current state services in the scope of the Companies tranche of the MBR program.
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### Background

The ATO is seeking to confirm the current state services in scope for the Companies tranche of the MBR program. This is to allow the Companies API co-design and delivery to focus on the services and business functions which digital service providers will take up, and to provide a view in sizing the work required to transition to the new service offering.

Members are asked to review the list at Attachment A and bring their views to the meeting.

Current State - Message Name	Target Tranche	Business Description / Notes
<b><i>EDGE Electronic lodgement system companies registration messages specification</i></b>		
Form 201 - Application for registration as an Australian company (version 8.00)	T2	Initiates the process resulting in either the registration or rejection of registration request. A multistep process and may involve manual processing.
Form 410 - Application for reservation of a name (version 8.00)	T2	Only names reservations for Australian public and proprietary companies may be lodged electronically. Reservations for foreign companies and registered Australian bodies must be lodged as paper documents.
Form RA50 - Request for withdrawal of Form 201 (version 1.00) - assume (Request to withdraw a lodged document)	T2	If the system cannot make an automatic decision on whether the proposed name on a Form 201 is available or acceptable, or if insufficient data is supplied on the application, the document will queue for manual inspection. In this instance, if you do not wish to wait for manual processing of the application you can lodge an RA50 that will automatically reject your application and show the document as fully processed.
Form RA51 - Request reprint of registration certificate (version 8.00)	T2	An agent may request a reprint of a certificate within 30 days of the registration of the company, where the company was registered by the agent and the original certificate was delivered electronically. Lodgement of a valid RA51 will result in the preparation of a RA55 reply.
Form RA52 - Request account transaction listing (version 3.00)	T2	An agent may request an account transaction listing for a specified period. Lodgement of a valid RA52 will result in the preparation of a RA57 reply. In deciding the period of the request agents should consider their processing volumes and the consequent effects on the size of the reply message.
Form RA55 - Company Registration Advice (version 8.00)	T2	Response will be replaced by a response from the company registration service. The RA55 is issued in response to a 201 that has resulted in the registration of a company, and to the RA51.
Form RA56 - Advice of ASIC processing status (version 8.00)	T2	Response will be replaced by a response from the company registration service.
Form RA57 - Agent account transaction listing (version 3.00)	T2	The account statement will be produced from an ASIC back office accounts receivable system.
<b><i>Business Registration Service (BRS) Message Implementation Guide (These refer to the underlying BRS Web Services not inclusive of existing BRS UI)</i></b>		
queryNameAvailability	T2	To query the availability of a proposed name.
searchNniName	T2	Searches ASIC registers by name/type/status.
getNni	T2	Returns publicly available company data - web service allows users to retrieve details of an entity specified in the request by ASIC identifier.
initiatePayment	T2	Used to make payment for a registration. This is the credit card function as part of the BRS service.
bnLodgeApplication	T2	Used for a business name registration.
companyLodgement	T2	Used for a company registration.
reservationLodgement	T2	Used to reserve or extend the reservation for a company name.
getTransactionStatus	T2	Returns the status of the transaction with ASIC.
<b><i>ASIC Message Implementation Guide (MIG) For ASIC Digital Service Providers</i></b>		
queryNameAvailability	T2	This web service allows users to query and check ASIC's registers (i.e. companies or business names) for the availability of a proposed name, including the availability of a cancelled business names that is intended for transfer (of registration).
searchNniName	T2	This web service may be used for searching ASIC registers for registered businesses or companies with names similar to the proposed business name. It allows the searching of the National Name Index using the entity name as search criteria and optionally the type or status of the entity. The request must specify if the search should look for an exact match or for all matching entries.
getNni	T2	This web service may be used for validating or pre-filling data related to entities that are already registered with ASIC (e.g. companies, registered bodies). It allows users to retrieve details of an entity specified in the request by one of the identifiers: ABN, ACN, State Code & State Number or the ASIC internal identifier for a business name.
bnlodgeApplication (bz1)	TBC	This web service allows lodgement of applications for registration of a business name that is due for renewal.
bnRenewal	T2	This service enables customer to request an invoice for a business name that is due for renewal.

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<b>ASIC EDGE Electronic Lodgement System Agent Services</b>		
Form 361 - Registered agent ceasing to act for a company (version 1.00)	T2	This form is used to cease the link between a registered agent and a single company. The form must be signed by the agent.
Form 362 - Appointment or cessation of a registered agent by a company (ver 1.00)	T2	Form 362 is used by a company to notify ASIC that a particular agent has been appointed to act for or ceased from that company. An officer of the company must sign this form, it cannot be signed by the agent. The Form 362 may be lodged electronically by the agent.
RA17 - Request for data amendment report (ver 1.0)	T2	This report can be used to keep track of any minor changes made by ASIC staff to the details of companies for which you are the registered agent.
RA18 - Data amendment report (version 1.00)	T2	
RA61 - Request Review Date Report (version 1.00)	T2	This report allows a registered agent to determine the review dates of the companies that are linked to that agent.
RA62 - Review Date Report (version 1.00)	T2	
RA63 - Request Company Debt Report for a specified company (ver1.00)	T2	This report allows a registered agent to review the debt details for a particular company that is linked to that agent.
RA64 - Company Debt Report for a specified company (ver 1.00)	T2	
RA65 - Request Documents Lodged Report (version 1.00)	T2	This report allows a registered agent to review the documents lodged by the companies that are linked to that agent. Details of documents lodged are provided for the company specified in the request.
RA66 - Documents Lodged Report (version 1.00)	T2	
RA67 - Request Company Debt Report (version 1.00)	T2	This report allows a registered agent to review the debt details for all companies that are linked to that agent.
RA68 - Company Debt Report (version 1.00)	T2	
RA71 - Request for Company Details (version 3.00)	T2	Use an RA71 to request a company's details. If you request details of a company for which you are not the registered agent, your request will be rejected.
RA72 - Data Download (version 3.00)	T2	ASIC provides the company data download facility to assist you to load company records into your corporate registry database. EDGE extracts this company data from ASIC's ASCOT database, which reflects the data captured from documents lodged with ASIC.
<b>ASIC EDGE Electronic Lodgement Registry</b>		
Form205A - Notification of resolution - change of name (version 2.00)	T2	A company may apply to change its name by lodging Form 205A. If the resolution to change company name is accepted, an RC05 ASIC-generated correspondence will be returned. The RC05 will include a PDF of the change of name certificate. If the change of name cannot be accepted or if it has been queued for manual processing, the RC05 will include a PDF notice describing this.
Form 370 - Resignation of officeholder (version 3.00)	T2	A resigning or retiring company office holder can use a Form 370 to notify ASIC of their cessation.
Form 410B - Application for reservation of a name-change of name (version 2.00)	T2	A company may reserve a name by lodging Form 410B. (The ECR Form 410 may also be used to reserve a name). If the application to reserve a name is approved, an RC05 ASIC-generated correspondence will be returned. The RC05 will include a PDF of the name reservation notice. If the reservation cannot be accepted or if it has queued for manual processing, the RC05 will include a PDF notice describing this.
Form 410F - Application for reservation of a name-extension of reservation (version 1.00)	T2	A company may extend an existing name reservation by lodging Form 410F. If the application to extend a reservation is approved, an RC05 ASIC-generated correspondence will be returned. The RC05 will include a PDF of the extension notice. If the extension cannot be accepted or if it has queued for manual processing, the RC05 will include a PDF notice describing this.
Form 484 - Change to company details (version 2.00)	T2	Form 484 has three sections; ...A: Address Changes, Change of name of officeholders or members, Change of ultimate holding company ...B: Appointments or cessations of officeholders, Changes to special purpose company status ...C: Changes to share structure, Issuing and cancelling shares, Changes to the member's register.
Form 485 - Statement in relation to company solvency (version 2.00)	T2	This Form must be lodged where the directors of the company have either: ...i) Passed a negative solvency resolution; or ...ii) Not passed a solvency resolution within the statutory two-month period after the review date.
Form 489 - Change of address or office hours of registered body (version 2.00)	T2	Use this Form to notify ASIC of changes to registered office address or office hours of a registered foreign company or registered Australian body.
Form 490 - Change of officeholders of registered body (version 2.00)	T2	Use this Form to notify ASIC of new or ceasing officeholder(s), and for changes to the name or address of current officeholder(s) of a registered foreign company or registered Australian body.

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Form 492 - Amendment to previously lodged document (version 1.00)	T2	A Form 492 may be lodged electronically only to amend a document which was originally lodged electronically and is not under requisition. The Form 492 should contain details of the correct information and an explanation of how the error occurred.
Form 902 - Amendment to previously lodged document (version 4.00) General "Modify a registry record"	T2	A form 902 may be lodged only in response to a requisitioned, electronically lodged document. Form 492 is used to notify corrections.
Form 6010 - Application for voluntary deregistration of a company (version 1.00)	T2	The application for deregistration may be made by the company; a director or member of the company; or a liquidator of the company.
<b><i>ASIC EDGE Electronic Lodgement System ASIC Generated</i></b>		
480 Annual Statement	T2	From 1 July 2003, companies will receive an annual statement once a year, generally on the anniversary of when your company started. You must check the statement is correct and pay an annual review fee. EDGE users are sent annual statements online. The statement can be downloaded up to 28 days from the review date. If you do not retrieve it in this time, you have another 32 days to request a copy of the annual statement by a Reprint of the annual company statement (RA71 report).
<b><i>Australian Taxation Office Business Registration Business Implementation Guide</i></b>		
ABN Application - abnreg	T2	This interaction enables parties to submit an application with the ABR for an ABN and/or a TFN (TFN only for non-individuals). Bundled registration also supports the inclusion of optional registration for tax roles (Goods and Services Tax, Luxury Car Tax, Wine Equalization Tax, Fuel Tax Credit, Pay As You Go Withholding, Fringe Benefit Tax).
TFN Application - abnreg	T2	TFN Application Forms
Get Entitlement for Application - abnregent	T2	This interaction allows a party to request questions to be answered in order to apply for an ABN.
Help Content - abnreghelp	T2	The ABN Registration Help Service is a service that can be used to retrieve help details on completing the ABN Registration Service.
ApplicationStatus - abnregsts	T2	This interaction enables parties to initiate the request to check and obtain the status of an already submitted application for ABN, TFN and tax roles.
ApplicationDetails - abnregdtl	T2	This interaction enables parties to retrieve the business registration details from the ABR for a supplied ABN. Optionally the service will also return details of the tax roles for the ABN.
Tax Role Registrations - abnregtaxadd	T2	This service can be used to register for one or more of tax roles.

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ASCOT - Datastream Messages Specification Version 2.71	Organisation Name Search	T2	WS4 - Search public entity register
ASCOT - Datastream Messages Specification Version 2.71	Organisation Extract	T2	WS6 - Search public register request extract WS10 - Free Current Company Extract WS11 - Free Current Australian Registered Body Extract WS12 - Free Current Registered Foreign Company Extract WS40 - Certificate of Registration of a Company WS41 - Current Company Extract WS42 - Current and Historical Company Extract WS43 - Certificate of Registration of an Australian Registrable Body WS44 - Current Australian Registered Body Extract WS45 - Current and Historical Australian Registered Body Extract WS46 - Certificate of Registration of Foreign Company WS47 - Current Registered Foreign Company Extract WS48 - Current and Historical Registered Foreign Company Extract
ASCOT - Datastream Messages Specification Version 2.71	Organisation Details	T2	WS5 - Search public entity register detailed
ASCOT - Datastream Messages Specification Version 2.71	Document Details	T2	
ASCOT - Datastream Messages Specification Version 2.71	Document Image request	T2	WS64 - Copy of a Document given to ASIC
ASCOT - Datastream Messages Specification Version 2.71	Relational Organisation Extract	T2	WS68 - Current and Historical Relational Company Extract
ASCOT - Datastream Messages Specification Version 2.71	Personal Name Search	T2	
ASCOT - Datastream Messages Specification Version 2.71	Personal Name Extract	T2	WS66 - Current Personal Name Extract WS67 - Current and Historical Personal Name Extract
ASCOT - Datastream Messages Specification Version 2.71	Weekly Summaries	T2	
Public Search	WS1 - Name query	T2	
Public Search	WS2 - Name availability - companies	T2	
Public Search	WS3 - Name availability - business names	T2	