

Key Outcomes – Practitioner lodgment service working group

Venue: Webex
Date: 9 May 2023
Start: 1.00pm AEST **Finish:** 2.00pm AEST
Chair and facilitator: Sonya Summers
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Attendees:

Sonya Summers, Danny Figueiredo, Felicity-Ann Stokes, Anusha Young, Anupama Duggirala, David Baker, Esther Daniell

Apologies: Sangitha Sivayogaraj

Agenda item 1 – Welcome

Sonya opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

Agenda item 2 – Action item updates

There is 1 open [action item](#). We are still waiting on the update to the PLS Troubleshooting page.

Agenda item 3 – Tax time related documentation

The [Tax Time – Rates and Thresholds table](#) has been reviewed and updated where needed.

The majority of the [2023 Tax Time draft forms](#) are now available.

28 April

Both the complete [2023 draft ITR Supplement instructions](#) and complete [2023 Business and Professional Items](#) zip files were uploaded.

2 May

An updated version of the [NRFI schedule occupation deduction ratios](#) is now available.

The [2023 draft Business and Referred publications draft instructions file](#) has been updated. The Foreign income return form guide was made non-year specific from 2021 and is available on ato.gov.au.

4 May

The complete [2023 draft IND Tax Return Instructions](#) zip file was uploaded.

9 May

Updated the Collaboration Hub page with the itemised NITR draft instructions that were published within the [2023_Draft_Business_Referred_Publications zip](#) file.

The 2023 [NRFI schedule occupation deduction ratios](#) were updated to correct a spelling error.

Agenda item 4 – Update on general matters and Tax time delivery

Most tickets requesting PVT for FBT have now been finalised and closed.

Whitelisting for 2023 tax time services will occur after the Integrated Release on 16-19 June 2023. SBR whitelisting will occur after these dates – further details will be provided when the dates are determined.

Tax Agent and Individuals support teams will continue to work with intermediaries to suggest they hold off lodging returns that may need amendment until prefill information is available after 15 July 2023. (see also [prefill availability](#))

Agenda item 5 – Delivery update

The latest [Release on a page v0.5](#) has now been published on the Collaboration Hub.

The May EVTE release on 20/05 will see updates to a number of tax forms:

- IITR, CTR, PTR and TRT and TRTAMI (CCIV) to include validation rules to block Small Business boost labels
- TRTAMI to include CCIV

Another EVTE drop aimed for the end of May will be considered for any late changes announced in the budget.

There will be some updates to the activity statement service including the removal of enhanced response and removal of redundant values in activity statement status.

The changes to the Payevent service to accept the default TFN will also occur in the May EVTE release. Payevnt adjust VR (artefact only) published in May. Changes to Payevnt MST/VRs and code will be deployed in June EVTE.

PAYEVENTRECON – initial release of code and conformance in May. Additional conformance in July.

ASLRPT code and conformance suites are expected in July. ITCRPT artefact, code and conformance also planned for July (tentative).

Updates to a number of client update (CU) services to allow for special characters will occur in August, some of which may include a schema change. The group agreed this timeframe was acceptable. The changes to the CU services will also include a TFN refresh in the conformance suite.

Agenda item 6 – Platform update

All platforms are currently stable.

There were a few incidents raised in last fortnight where DSPs were experiencing intermittent issues:

26 April -incident experienced where externals could not connect to SBR, this was not seen internally, and has since been resolved.

3 May - there was an issue where BBRP and CHIIRP were failing. This was due to dependant applications failing. These have now been resolved.

Agenda item 7 – Agent online environment update

On the 26 April 2023, the OSfA online deferral form was released - [Deferrals forms for registered agents | Australian Taxation Office \(ato.gov.au\)](#).

As mentioned in the previous PLS working group, the deferrals functionality was updated in OSFA on 26 April to allow up to 40 deferrals to be requested at a time with results being returned within 48 hours.

Agenda item 8 – DSP communications update

The DSP Newsletter will be issued as per usual timeframes, the team will monitor the budget announcements for impacts and advise accordingly.

Agenda item 9 – DSP feedback

Concerns raised around the specifications released in April, especially for CTR and IITR validation rules, are being managed by the SBR Service Desk team and related technical parties via their respective Jira tickets. Updates will be provided as they become available.

Issues with the TRTAMI test cases will be resolved in the May 2023 EVTE release.

Tax Time – rates and thresholds table, was requested to have a date on when the new release is expected. This is not something we can commit to as there are unforeseen factors that impact the availability of information which is out of our control.

DPO still following up on to see whether we will be able to provide a machine-readable version of the Zone Offset Locations.

In reference to the inconsistencies in the numbering of labels for the SB Boost measures on various tax return forms – business have noted this is not ideal, but unfortunately the forms will not be updated this late into the financial year.