



Key Outcomes – Practitioner lodgment service working group

Venue: Teams
Date: 17 June 2025
Start: 1.00pm AEST **Finish:** 1.18pm AEST
Chair and facilitator: Sonia Lark
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Attendees:

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Agenda item 1 – Welcome

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

A reminder that the MTAS phase 2 EOI process is now open, the working group is expected to run for 2 years, with the first meeting anticipated in August 2025.

In addition, co-design opportunities relating to ATO rules as code will be highlighted in this week's DSP newsletter. The ATO is partnering with the Department of Finance to use their sandpit to test our rules as code and deliver a proof of concept – and DSPs are invited to take part.

Agenda item 2 – Action item updates

There is 1 open [action item](#) - Business Industry Codes (BIC) - there are no further updates to provide on the BIC code action item. It will remain on pause until Tax Time so we can see if the updates have improved the experience.



Agenda item 3 – Tax time related documentation

All ATO forms and instructions are now available on the ATO website, as a result, there will be no further publishing of 2025 tax time forms and instructions to the DSP Hub.

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

From 20 June, the Tax Time 2025 release will be deployed and practitioner lodgment service (PLS) products of DSPs who have met the requirements will be whitelisted in production.

[Tax Time 2025 PLS additional information FAQs](#) has been updated with the details of 2 new bugs.

Agenda item 5 – Delivery update

July EVTE release (Publication for 17th July):

- Non-Individual Income Tax Return (NITR) 2025 Package:
 - o IDS: Removed Alias (IDS612) as no longer required and was replaced as a header in the MST. Updated Technical Business Rule to align with code (documentation only change).
 - o Various bug fixes for PTR2025, FITR2025, TRT2025, TRTAMI2025
 - PTR: PTR431002 returning 'Fault from agency' error
 - FITR: Some cross form validations return wrong document identifier. W00002 returning wrong rule identifier
 - TRT: 5 validation rules were showing wrong date format
 - TRTAMI: Some cross form validations do not contain required labels and values in error messages
- Lodgment (LDG) Package:
 - o LDG Get 2019: Updated to include amended field codes applicable for the 2024-2025 financial year in response message structure table

Bug fixes will be added to [Tax Time 2025 PLS additional information FAQs](#).

Agenda item 6 – Platform update

Disaster recovery testing for SBR1, SBR2 and BDE platforms was completed at the end of May with no issues identified. The process for certification of testing is in its final stages with BCM.

The June Integrated Release was successfully deployed on the weekend and testing was signed off successfully. Monitoring of systems will be a key focus heading into tax time.



Agenda item 7 – Agent online environment update

Testing with agents of tax time changes that went through over the weekend has been carried out, no issues have been identified from the agent perspective.

Agenda item 8 – DSP communications update

Further information on the below topics can be found in issue [22](#) and [23](#) of the DSP newsletters:

- Tax Time 2025 production whitelisting
- Apply to join the MTAS Phase 2 working group
- Stay up to date this tax time
- Co-design opportunity: ATO Rules as Code API
- Reminder: MTAS working group EOI
- ATO Vulnerability Framework consultation
- Changes to SuperStream contributions standard and Fund Validation Services
- Updated SMSF annual return instructions
- Scam emails: real consequences

Agenda item 9 – Other business

A question was raised as to whether ato.gov.au will be updated to advise when taxpayers can expect their 2025 notice of assessments, as per the [Important information 2024 content](#).

Following the meeting we have been advised there will not be a version of this page for Tax Time 2025, the current information for Tax Time 2025 can be found by visiting [Your Tax Return](#) on ato.gov.au.