

Minutes – A-NZ Service Provider Forum

Venue: Microsoft Teams meeting

Date: 4 March 2025

Start: 11:00 AEDT **Finish:** 13:00 AEDT | **Start:** 13:00 NZDT **Finish:** 15:00 NZDT

Chairs: Mark Stockwell, Director AU PA and Craig Smith, Director, NZ PA

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Members:

Services Australia	Link4	Pacific Commerce
Esker	IBM Australia	Pagero
Ozedi	Xaana	Payreq
MessageXchange	B2B Router	Luca+
Storecove	Open Text	B2BE NZ
SAP SE	Edicom Capital	Xero
Havi Technology	Fujifilm	Tickstar
Basware Corporation	Spend Console	Valtatech
Layer Security	Tie Kinetix	Tranzsoft
Hitachi Energy Australia	Sovos Saphety	HQ Engine
eCloud Business Services	SNI Teknoloji	Unifiedpost
Inposia Solutions	Tradeshift Belgium	Canon Business Services Australia
CNW	Tungsten Automation	Comarch
Ademico Software	Billit	cbs Corporate Business Solutions
Taxilla Inc.	Xtracta	Innovate BI
Sandfield Associates		

Observers:

Various Service Providers that have submitted an EOI

Apologies:

Names removed

Item number 1 – Welcome

- The Chair, NZ delegate and AU Chair welcomed attendees.
- The previous meeting's minutes endorsed.

Item number 2 – Introducing Fawad Abro

- This Item is postponed.

Item number 3 – Adoption Update

Australian Update

- End User registrations and volumes
 - 415,778 End Users registered for PINT A-NZ.
 - Over 2 million elnvoices exchanged in Australia to date.
- Government
 - Awaiting policy announcement from Minister.
 - Agencies increasing vendor onboarding to meet internal targets.

The Digital Transformation Agency has opened a Request for Tender for The Software and ERP Marketplace and are currently accepting applications for new sellers. Lodgement closes 14 March at 5pm ACT local time.

<https://www.tenders.gov.au/Atm/Show/1e9710e5-dc52-4446-85d5-8ce8c484cc32>

- Events
 - The team have attended and/or presented at several events across many industry sectors including technology, health, education and government throughout February and March. Contact the AU PA team if you would like to discuss how we can support your and/or your client events.
- Resources
 - Guide to receiving and processing elnvoicing can be found at [guide to receiving and processing einvoices](#).
 - Large business supplier onboarding support guide can be found at [large business supplier onboarding support](#).
 - A-NZ Peppol elnvoicing Business guide (co-designed with NZ PA) coming soon.
 - An elnvoicing online training module for inclusion in the ATO Small Business Essential package as part of the elnvoicing self-help guide for small business is being developed.

New Zealand Update

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- End User registrations and volumes
 - Over 50,000 organisations registered in New Zealand.
 - This represents approximately 20% of what we consider the addressable market for business registrations in NZ, noting that around half of businesses do not use cloud accounting software.
 - Close to 31k elnvoices for January, up from 17k in December.
 - Growth across volumes and active users is aligned.
 - Large businesses are tracking well with a strong 2025 pipeline of household names that have committed to adopting elnvoicing send and/or receive capability.
- Government
 - New Procurement Rules announced in November require more government agencies to send elnvoices, receive elnvoices and to pay elnvoices within 5 business days.
 - All 135 mandated agencies are required to follow the new payment time rules.
 - 54 agencies are yet to implement either send and/or receive capability.
 - In total, around 75 agencies are required to implement elnvoicing receive capability, and to pay elnvoices within 5 working days by January 2026. Around 40 agencies still to implement.
 - In total, around 30 agencies are required to implement elnvoicing send capability in their primary sending system.
 - 60 agencies are out of scope for the requirements as they send/receive a small volume. These agencies and a further group of wider government agencies (including councils) are encouraged to voluntarily adopt elnvoicing.
 - The deadline for this change is January 2026. There is a strict extension process requiring multiple specific Ministerial approvals, therefore limited extensions are expected.
 - New procurement rules in place for NZ agencies are limited to Peppol.
 - Agencies are expected to implement elnvoicing in their primary systems.
 - MBIE is strongly encouraging interoperability for parties on both sides, advising against strict validation rules.
 - Consideration is being given to further potential requirements for certain government suppliers, to submit elnvoices when invoicing government. Key stakeholder consultation on this has been supportive and the next step is for Cabinet to consider this proposed change as part of the wider NZ Government Procurement Rules Review.
- Events
 - Government elnvoicing Day event was held in Wellington 3 March 2025, with 140 attendees from 80 government agencies.
 - Partnered with Inland Revenue for joint webinars to their staff and tax agents in February and March.
- Communications

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- NZQBA (New Zealand Qualified bookkeepers Association) partnership – eDM deployed to their members in February.
- >11,000 businesses registered to receive eInvoices received an eDM reminding them to make the most of eInvoicing by exchanging with their trading partners.
- Monthly eDM to businesses who registered in the previous month recommenced in February.
- SPs encouraged to issue automated messaging to software users shortly after they register. Contact Linda at the NZ PA if you are interested in template content that can be adapted for your own use.
- Minister for Small Business and Manufacturing had a [press release](#) in February.
- Paid advertising begins early March for 2 months.
- Resources
 - A-NZ Peppol eInvoicing Business guide (co-designed with AU PA) can be found at [Advice for large businesses | eInvoicing](#)
 - Change Management guide can be found at [Advice for large businesses | eInvoicing](#)
 - Communication toolkits can be found at [Advice for large businesses | eInvoicing](#)
 - How to guides can be found at [Get your business eInvoicing today | eInvoicing](#)

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Accreditation Update

- Accredited service providers
 - No new Service Providers (SP) accredited since the last meeting.

A-NZ Framework updates

- November 2024 release
 - A-NZ November release 2024 (A-NZ BIS Billing extensions & PINT A-NZ specifications), published 9 December 2024 becomes effective Monday 10 March 2025. Please ensure you have implemented all changes for all specifications you support.
 - Changes included code list and Schematron updates, as well as updates to compliance rules on how to use sender and receiver identifiers when enveloping a message in a Standard Business document header.
 - Reminder - SPs should continue to maintain support for the A-NZ BIS Billing extensions until **15 May**, until migration for all senders to PINT A-NZ is complete. v1.0.12 of the A-NZ BIS Billing extensions (effective 10 March) will be the final version of the extensions as PINT A-NZ becomes the default specification for eInvoicing in Australia and New Zealand.
 - BIS 3 upgrade (Other eProcurement BIS) – OpenPeppol advised of an additional hotfix required for the November 2024 Release BIS 3 upgrade. A small error with significant impact was discovered requiring the hotfix. Hotfix - AdditionalItemProperty/ID changed from mandatory to

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optional.

Note – Mandatory date of the BIS 3 upgrade, including the hotfix, became effective **17 February 2025**. Please ensure you have upgraded your implementations, including the hotfix change, for any eProcurement documents other than BIS Billing you currently support.

- May 2025 release
 - POAC held a [webinar](#) on 27 January to present RfCs for candidates of inclusion in the May 2025 release. Feedback on the proposed changes closed on the 3 February.

Note – Changes presented in the webinar are not guaranteed to be included in the May release.
 - A-NZ Peppol Authorities raised several RfCs to improve the PINT A-NZ BIS & artefacts, to enhance end user experience of the documentation and better assist with implementation of the specification. There will be no functional changes to the specification as a result.
- eDelivery updates
 - Code Lists:
 - v9.0 eDEC Code lists released 6 January 2025
<https://docs.peppol.eu/edelivery/codelists/index.html>
 - Change Log of the updates <https://docs.peppol.eu/edelivery/codelists/changelog.html>
 - Peppol Policy for use of Identifiers v4.3.0
 - Implementation period for PINT exact match receiving capabilities using the wildcard Document Type Identifier scheme – Commenced 9 October 2024 to 15 May 2025.

Note – PINT A-NZ only supports wildcard DTIS as of 28 February 2025, with receivers required to publish a wildcard best match receiving capability, until exact match is supported using the wildcard scheme from 15 May 2025.
 - SMP v1.3.0

Reminder – A new version of the SMP specification (v1.3.0) published last year required updating of the signature algorithm used in the signing of the SMP response from SHA-1 to SHA-256 on SMP servers and APs. The update was due to SHA-1 signature algorithm no longer considered secure enough. There has been an instance of this causing conflict issues for a provider using the deprecated algorithm, so please ensure you have implemented the new version.
- PINT & PINT Migration updates
 - The A-NZ Peppol Authorities, from feedback received by Service Providers, formalised a request to remove support for registering PINT A-NZ receiving capabilities using the Busdox exact match Document Type Identifier scheme by 28 February 2025.

The change will help reduce complexity for sending software providers as all receivers must now register PINT A-NZ receive capabilities using wildcard (best match) from 28 February 2025, providing certainty to senders that the document type identifier scheme for PINT A-NZ will always be wildcard.
 - Reminder for key PINT migration dates:

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- 1 March 2025 – all receivers should now be ready to receive PINT A-NZ messages and the Peppol Directory must be refreshed whenever there is at least one change to a participant, including additions and removals of receiving capabilities.
- 15 May 2025 – all senders should be sending PINT A-NZ messages and have updated their lookup algorithm to look for exact match receiving capabilities registered with the wildcard Document Type Identifier Scheme (as well as looking for best match capabilities).
- 15 May 2025 - Exact match capability using wildcard document type identifier now supported.
- 15 May 2025 – Use of the current A-NZ BIS Billing extensions discontinued.
- The Peppol Authorities are holding weekly PINT A-NZ Migration status meetings which all SPs are invited to attend, to discuss progress on the PINT Migration and hear updates from the group on their experiences implementing solutions to support PINT.
- A risk was raised in one of these weekly meetings relating to overseas sellers currently sending invoices using the BIS Billing A-NZ extension, and their local SPs possibly not being aware of the migration to PINT A-NZ.
 - SPs are requested to advise the AU or NZ Peppol Authority when SPs not accredited locally are sending the old A-NZ spec, so the Peppol Authority can follow up with relevant information.
 - We will also request information from OpenPeppol about this use case.
- Testbed
 - OpenPeppol have made several improvements to the A-NZ test suites on Testbed 2:
 - Support of multiple versions, to ensure the current effective and the published, but not yet effective, versions can be used for testing. Plan to deploy by 9 March 2025.
 - Split off Self-billing into separate test suites so that SPs that do not support Self-billing do not need to undertake those tests. Plan to deploy by 9 March.
 - Inclusion of a test case to support exact match with the wildcard Document Type Identifier scheme. Work is currently in progress as OpenPeppol understand the importance for SPs preparing their software for the change.

Item number 5 – Service Provider Updates

Service Provider Update

A-NZ All Stakeholders Working Group

- Service Providers are encouraged to provide any feedback to Peppol Authorities or DSPANZ.
- Meeting was held 12 February.
 - Topics included:
 - adoption update.

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- intro session on A-NZ Peppol eInvoicing Guide (ran by MBIE)
- Peppol Priorities Roadmap – a lot happening in the region, see benefit in developing a 24-month roadmap that allows a cohort of business opportunities, changes and impacts; technology changes, and regulatory changes to identify and prepare for what's happening in the next of couple years.
- Invoice content practice statement – buyer contact details, particularly buyer email. The item will be an additional requirement for Peppol Ready+ as well. Seeking feedback on appropriate transition time once it becomes mandatory in that process.
- GST rounding. Experienced by invoice senders representing a large aggregation of very small transactions, that can create rounding problems. Peppol preferences one of those techniques. Some invoices are crossing over the \$1 threshold.
Call for participants in a WG of that item.
- Reach out to either AU or NZ Peppol Authority or DSPANZ for more information, including outcomes of the recent meeting.

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Peppol community updates

Committee	Who	Org
Managing Committee	Ger Clancy	IBM
	Craig Smith	NZ PA
APPCMB	Craig Smith	NZ PA
	Simon Foster	Xero Ltd
PoAC CMB	Simon Foster	Xero Ltd
eDec CMB	Bård Langøy	Pagero AB
Security Committee	Craig Smith	NZ PA
CTC Community	Nazar Paradivskyy	Pagero AB

Updates provided for the following:

- OpenPeppol Elections
- Managing Committee
- APPCMB
- POAC
- PAC
- eDelivery Board Meeting
- Security Committee

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Open Peppol Working Groups

- CIWG – Critical Infrastructure Working Group
- Peppol SMP2.0 Working Group

Item number 7 – Other Business

- Next Meeting – 20 May 2025
- Thank you and wrap up. Meeting closed at 12:10pm AEDT.
