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2026 Testing and Transition Plan

**A transition guide for employers, funds and solution providers
updating to the 2026 Fund Validation Service**

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Contributions version 3

The Government announcement that employers will pay superannuation along with salary and wages has led to an upgrade of SuperStream to Contributions v3.

The Fund Validation Service (FVS) has been updated to support the requirements for this measure, to improve data integrity, allow faster payments and address existing irritants by facilitating tracking of accounts after a successor or intra fund transfer. This involves a transition from the FVS 2014 service to FVS 2026 service. The updated FVS suite are also changing from XBRL to XML.

This document provides information for funds, digital service providers, intermediaries and employers to assist with transitioning to the upgraded FVS suite.

FVS Service Names

FVS service names have been updated to align with SBR and ATO standards.

Table 1. Updates to 2026 FVS service and interaction names

2014 Service Action Name	2014 Interaction	2026 Service Action Name	2026 Interaction
Fund Validate Service Update 2014 - Submit	fvsu.0001.2014.submit	Fund Validate Service 2026 - Submit	fvs.0003.2026.submit
Fund Validate Service Get 2014 – Get*	fvsg.0002.2014.get	Fund Validate Service 2026 - Get	fvs.0003.2026.get
Fund Validate Service Get 2014 – List**	fvsg.0002.2014.list	Fund Validate Service 2026 - List	fvs.0003.2026.list
#Fund Validate Service List 2014 – List	fvsl.0002.2014.list	Deprecated with no replacement	NA

* Commonly referred to as Get Single service

** Commonly referred to as Get Bulk service

The FVS 2014 List service is being deprecated and will not be replaced

Start Date

All superannuation funds must upgrade to the FVS 2026 Submit service by 1 July 2026. FVS Get and List users will have an additional 12 months to update to the 2026 services, with both the 2014 and 2026 services operating in parallel for this period. Refer to Table 2 for an overview of cutover timeframes.

Table 2. Cutover to 2026 services

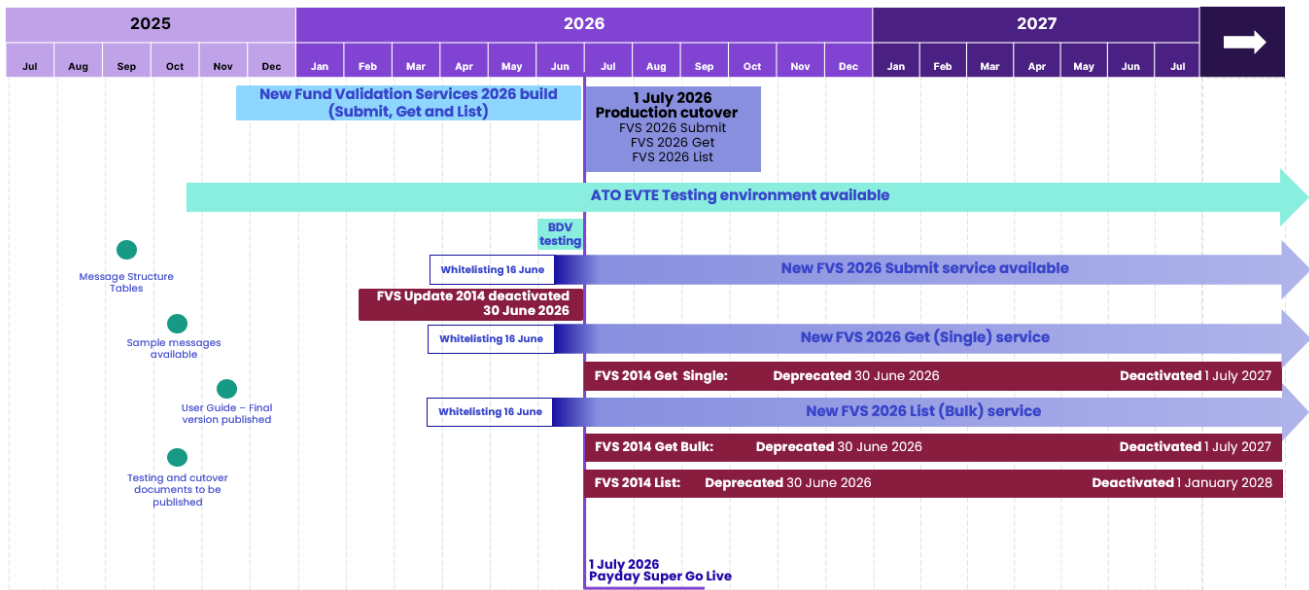
2026 Service	Cutover	2014 Deactivation	Details
FVS Submit	1 July 2026	30 June 2026	Hard cutover. Funds must use the 2026 Submit service from 1 July 2026.
FVS Get	1 July 2026	1 July 2027	Soft cutover. Both 2014 and 2026 versions will run in parallel. The 2014 Get (single) service will be deactivated on 1 July 2027.
FVS List	1 July 2026	1 July 2027	Soft cutover. Both 2014 and 2026 versions will run in parallel. The 2014 List (Get Bulk) service will be deactivated on 1 July 2027.

FVS users will not have access to additional information provided via the improved data elements until they upgrade their Get and List services to the 2026 versions.

Build and Test

An indicative timeline for DSPs to build, test and cutover can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3. Implementation and cutover timeline for FVS changes



Deprecation in the above context means that no new Digital Service Providers (DSPs) will be able to build to the service. From 1 July 2026 new DSPs will be required to build for the 2026 FVS. Existing users will still be able to access the service.

A **deactivated** service means that existing users will no longer be able to use the service, and therefore must have updated to the newer version to continue using the service.

External Vendor Testing Environment

External Vendor Testing Environment (EVTE) is available to provide an integrated test environment for developers to undertake system testing prior to self-certification. Test data is available in the Conformance Suite for registered DSPs via the ATO ShareFile site.

Business Deployment Verification

Business Deployment Verification (BDV) is conducted in the production environment to ensure that business transactions, processes and system outputs are correctly functioning after a system release has been deployed.

Further information will be made available closer to the BDV period, including how the ATO will manage the interaction between funds participating in BDV and the details returned in the 2014 Get services during the BDV period.

Funds that would like to undertake BDV testing should contact SuperStreamStandards@ato.gov.au

Early adopters

This section applies to Super funds ready to have a CONT3.0-X certification value or update a PayID, on or close to the 1st July 2026

The CONT3.0-X certification value cannot be added until all Contributions v3.0 tests in Cycle 2 and Cycle 4 have been undertaken. You may need to consult with your software provider to get agreement that they are ready to support 2026 FVS Submit.

Early adopter process:

1. Complete Cycle 2: Better Error Code Management testing
2. Complete Cycle 4: MIG Changes testing
3. Ensure the production readiness checklist for each cycle is completed. The checklists are to be submitted when the superannuation fund or solution provider has assessed their readiness to go-live in production.
4. Contact the ATO via SuperStreamStandards@ato.gov.au by Monday the 15th June at the latest so that your details can be updated ready for 1 July.

See the [Conformance Implementation Guide Contributions V3](#) document on the ATO software developers webpage for more detailed information.

USI Records in 2026 services

The 2026 Get and List services will return closed, current and future dated USI details where available.

Closed (end-dated) USIs will be returned for up to 18 months. Only the most recent closed details will be returned in both the 2026 Get and List services.

Where multiple records are on the Fund Details Register (FDR), a maximum of 3 records will be returned for a requested USI from the Get service. The hierarchy for returned details in the 2026 Get service are as follows:

- Current details
- Future dated details in order of ascending “Effective from” date then ascending “effective to” date
- End dated details

The current, most recent end dated and all future dated records for a USI will be available in the List service.

In the example below, the records returned in the Get service are highlighted in green.

Table 4. Example of returned records for 2026 Get request made on 15 November 2026

USI	Effective from	Effective To	Update
123456789001	01/07/2026	30/09/2026	End dated USI
123456789001	1/11/2026	31/12/9999	Current details
123456789001	01/12/2026	28/02/2027	Future dated details
123456789001	01/03/2027	29/09/2027	Future dated details

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USI	Effective from	Effective To	Update
123456789001	30/09/2027	31/10/2027	Future dated end date

Rows 1 and 5 will not be returned in the 2026 Get service due to the hierarchy for current and future details and the limitation of 3 records per USI. All the above records will be returned in the 2026 List service.

FVS Data Elements

Data element visibility

When a FVS 2026 Get or FVS 2026 List request is made, the data elements returned may vary depending on:

- If the update to the USI was made before or after 1 July 2026 (i.e. using the FVS 2014 Update or FVS 2026 Submit service)
- The version of FVS Get or FVS List users have

Table 5 below shows differences for updated data elements between the existing (2014) and new (2026) versions of the FVS Get and FVS List services.

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Table 5. Visibility of updated data elements returned in FVS 2014 and 2026 services

Data element	Existing record (USI update before 1 July 2026)		New record (USI update after 1 July 2026)	
	2014 Get Services (Get Single/Get Bulk)	2026 Get/List RESP	2014 Get Services (Get Single/Get Bulk)	2026 Get/List RESP
Profile	Returned	Not available	Default "Application Gateway" returned (mandatory field)	Not available
Certification details	CONT RESP Returned (2.0) RESP Not returned	Returned (2.0) RESP Not returned	Returned (3.0) RESP returned	Returned (3.0) RESP returned
USI close reason	Not available*	No data returned	Not available	Returned
New fund ABN	Not available	No data returned	Not available	Returned
New fund USI	Not available	No data returned	Not available	Returned
NPP Contribution indicator	Not available	No data returned	Not available	Returned
Contribution PayID	Not available	No data returned	Not available	Returned
NPP Rollover indicator	Not available	No data returned	Not available	Returned
Rollover PayID	Not available	No data returned	Not available	Returned
Contact person – First name	Returned	Not available	Default value "NA" returned	Not available
Contact person - Surname	Returned	Not available	Data from the Contact name field will be returned in this field	Not available
Contact Name	Not available	First name and Surname data concatenated with a space between	Not available	Returned
Contact phone number – Area Code	No data returned**	Not available	No data returned	Not available
Contact phone number	Area code and phone number concatenated with a space between	Area code and phone number concatenated with a space between	Returned from single field in 2026 Submit form	Returned

Notes:

*Not available fields: this field does not exist in the Get and List service

**No data returned fields: the field exists in the Get and List services but no data is populated

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Users that have not updated to the FVS 2026 Get or List service will have some changes to their data fields returned due to the new and updated data elements. This will apply from 1 July 2026.

Where a user has updated to the FVS 2026 Get or List service, no information will be populated in the new data fields when the fund USI update occurred prior to 1 July 2026 (via the 2014 Submit service).

NPP data elements

All super funds must be able to receive and allocate NPP payments for contributions from 1 July 2026. Funds can also choose to use NPP to facilitate rollovers.

Funds ready to receive NPP payments before 1 July 2026 can indicate their readiness on the SuperStream NPP register available via the Contribution standard v3.0 page.

From 1 July 2026 the NPP register will be replaced by the FVS to indicate they can receive NPP payments for contributions and/or rollovers. All funds will be defaulted to “yes” for contributions and “no” for rollovers from 1 July 2026 on the FVS **Funds that have previously advised their readiness to accept NPP payments for rollovers via the SuperStream NPP register will also have this defaulted to ‘yes’.**

Funds also have the choice to add a PayID for both contributions and rollovers, however as optional fields one or both may be blank in the Get and List responses. Funds can update the FVS with their valid PayID details from 1 July 2026, effective 14 days thereafter. If funds wish to have their PayID effective from 1 July 2026, they should contact the ATO at SuperStreamStandards@ato.gov.au

FIA name field length

The data element fields for Financial Institution Account (FIA) Name for Contributions and Rollovers have had their length increased from 32 characters to 200 characters to allow for longer account names. Over 15% of Account names on the Fund Details Register (FDR) had reached or exceeded the 32-character limit.

The validation rule limiting the character length for the FIA name fields will no longer apply on the FVS Submit service, meaning updates made after 1 July 2026 will allow account names over 32 characters to be returned in the FVS 2014 Get responses.

Any FVS submit updates made prior to 1 July 2026 will still return 32 characters in this field.

When digital service providers update their Get and List services, they should ensure the FIA account name is made available in full.

Certification Values

Two new certification values have been introduced in the 2026 FVS.

CONT3.0-X certification value

The certification value for contributions has been updated from CONT1.0-X to CONT3.0-X. Funds are required to lodge their production readiness checklist and receive acknowledgment from the ATO before updating their certification value. The CONT3.0-X certification value cannot be added until all Contributions v3.0 tests for Better Error Code Management and MIG Changes have been undertaken.

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The start date that funds should use to commence CONT3.0-X will depend on their internal system readiness, E2E testing, consultation with their solution provider, and with the ATO.

Funds updating a USI must provide an “Effective from” date at least 10 business days from the submission date. Funds who will be ready to move to CONT3.0-X in early July will need to contact the ATO via **SuperStreamStandards@ato.gov.au** to have their records updated.

Funds that have updated their USI to CONT3.0-X and then need to remove this certification due to encountering an issue will also need to contact the Super Stream Standards mailbox.

During the cutover phase, superannuation funds should be aware of the certification value of the message when responding, to ensure that the recipient is able to process the response message.

(Note: CONT2.0-X was related to the introduction of GCON2.0-X and was not used in production).

RESP certification value

Previously a NIL certification value was available, however, this was a transitional value that will be discontinued in the 2026 FVS.

A new RESP certification value will be available in limited circumstances. RESP’s intended use is during the closure of a USI as a final end-state value, and is limited to a 60 day period. This informs FVS users that the product will not accept any rollover or contribution payments or messages (including government rollovers and contributions), however will respond with error and outcome response messaging.

Gateways

Gateways should validate that the product has an **effective from** and **effective to** date that is current on the FVS for that ABN and USI combination. They are not required to check prior certification values.

This means responses can be successfully passed through the gateway network, regardless of whether the rollover or contribution certification value currently exists for that product. As per existing process, funds would not respond to a message they were not certified for previously.

Table 6 below shows how the RESP certification value could be used.

Table 6. RESP certification value example

From date	To date	Certification value	Description
01/07/2026	31/12/9999	CONT 3.0-X GCON2.0-X ROLL3.0-X GROL3.0-X	Active USI accepts all payment types
01/08/2026	31/08/2026	CONT3.0-X ROLL3.0-X	End-dated USI no longer accepts Government payments. Can respond to Government contributions and rollovers.

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From date	To date	Certification value	Description
01/09/2026	30/09/2026	CONT3.0-X	End-dated USI only accepts contributions. Can accept and send outcome and error responses for all payment types.
01/10/2026	30/11/2026	RESP	No longer accepts any payments but will respond to and send error and outcome response messages

The above table shows one example of how RESP might be used when closing a USI. The fund would still receive and send outcome response messages for each certification value for which they have previously been certified. For example, for the update commencing 01/09/2026 (third row), the fund would still send and receive outcome responses for ROLL3.0-X, GROL3.0-X and GCON3.0-X while still accepting contribution data and payments and sending associated responses.

Response and Error Codes

Due to the change from XBRL to XML the codes have been changed to better align with SBR naming conventions ("U" is removed in FVSU, "G" is removed from FVSG).

Table 7. Updates to 2026 FVS response codes

FVS service	Existing SBR response code until 30 June 2026	SBR response code from 1 July 2026	FVS 2026 Short Description
Submit	CMN.ATO.FVSU.OK	CMN.ATO.FVS.OK	Lodgement successful
Submit	CMN.ATO.FVSU.RECV	CMN.ATO.FVS.RECV	Lodgement received. Financial institution account details will be validated
Submit	CMN.ATO.FVSU.FAIL	CMN.ATO.FVS.UNKNOWN	An unexpected error has occurred, try again. If problem persists, contact the ATO. Error code {Code}.
Submit	NA	CMN.ATO.FVS.EM95172	ABN is not current and inactive
Get		CMN.ATO.FVS.UNKNOWN	An unexpected error has occurred, try again. If problem persists, contact the ATO. Error code {Code}.

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FVS service	Existing SBR response code until 30 June 2026	SBR response code from 1 July 2026	FVS 2026 Short Description
Get		CMN.ATO.GEN.EM0001	An unexpected error has occurred, try again. If problem persists, contact the ATO. Error code {Code}
Get		CMN.ATO.GEN.EM0002	Lodgement Failed. Contact the ATO. Error code {Code}
Get	CMN.ATO.FVSG.41152	CMN.ATO.FVS.EM41152	USI information not found
Get	CMN.ATO.FVSG.41190	CMN.ATO.FVS.EM41190	USI is inactive or end dated more than 18 months ago
Get		CMN.ATO.FVS.EM19967	Please be advised that there are additional future dated USIs. For more information, check the FVS List service.

Contact ATO

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Technical documents 2026 FVS

Technical documentation can be found on the [SBR Superannuation](#) webpage.

The conformance suite document is available for registered solution providers through the SBR ShareFile page. DSPs must be registered to access this page.

Refer to the [Fund Validation Service User Guide](#) for further information.