



Minutes – A–NZ Service Provider Forum

Date held: 26 May 2026

The minutes below do not repeat written messages provided in the pre reading papers and record only additional information discussed during the meeting.

Item number 1 – Welcome

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

Item number 2 – Highlight key issues from meeting papers

Peppol Authority Updates

AU update:

- AU reached a milestone > 5 million invoices sent through the Peppol network
 - NZ delegate: congratulated the Australian Peppol Authority for nearing mid-tier status among Peppol Authorities and currently doing well.
- AU has seen increased participation at webinars with 95 agencies represented in recent webinars.

NZ update:

- NZ government policy - NZ government rules have been enacted for Government agencies requiring them to be eInvoice send and receive capable. A further update to the Rules comes into force on 1 January 2027 requiring large suppliers to send eInvoices to government.
- Engagement with local government every quarter to test local authorities' intentions around eInvoicing.

Specification and Guidance Updates

- Thank you to everyone for making the PKI migration a success
- SML migration is in progress
 - SMP migration deadline is 31 May 2026
- MLS migration released for member review
 - Access Points need to have support in place to receive MLS by 1 March 2027
 - Due date to submit feedback to OpenPeppol is 8 June 2026

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Open Peppol Activities

- Managing Committee update
 - Brief update from last MC meeting
 - Working through a process to share MC meeting minutes with members
 - Network continues to expand strongly. Peppol network is now operating across 47 countries, with over 1,000 members and a continued year-to-date growth
 - Sustained growth in receivers and transactions has seen the network exceed 3 million receivers. This demonstrates that adoption is expanding geographically while also deepening in usage.
 - Decision items
 - A change to the Swedish Peppol Authority was approved.
 - Government-led transfer from DIGG to the National Procurement Authority.
 - Looking forward, it may also indicate the direction of travel. As jurisdictions move further toward ViDA and similar regulatory models, we may start to see tax authorities taking a more active role in Peppol governance, including potentially assuming PA responsibilities.
 - Approval of a Netherlands PA proposal for an invoice extended use case.
 - This is a sector-specific extension to support more detailed energy invoicing. It was assessed as compliant with existing rules, with no interoperability concerns.
 - Seeing increased demand for sector-specific extensions. Referred to BIS4.0 workgroup for a global approach per sector as the network matures.
 - Approval of a new service provider from Pakistan
 - The Service Provider is based in Pakistan but intend to operate in the UAE market.
 - This was supported, but it introduces a more complex operating model, particularly in the absence of a local Peppol Authority and with the cross-border nature of the service.
 - Reinforces the need to ensure oversight and governance arrangements scale effectively as the network expands.
 - Areas of discussion
 - Initial discussion around membership fees for 2027 with some early thinking around how to ensure sustainable funding, particularly as the network grows and requires further investment in areas like security and monitoring. At this early stage, we do not anticipate seeing increasing of fees for SPs in the 26/27 financial year.
 - Discussion on the SP2SP agreement with GENA, defining the governance boundaries between Peppol and GENA. Still being worked through and likely to come back for a decision later in the year.
 - Governance Revision Task Force
 - The task force is now established and has started work. The current focus is on developing a clear problem and opportunity statement, which is expected in early July.

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- The intention is to ensure that any future governance changes are grounded in a clear understanding of current challenges and future needs, particularly considering the growth and complexity we are seeing.
- Market Development
 - Progress continues across several jurisdictions, including Oman, UAE, Nigeria, and the UK, as well as ongoing engagement with the European Commission on the future of the eInvoicing Directive.
- In summary
 - Growth remains strong, both geographically and in usage.
 - Complexity is increasing, particularly with cross-border models and sector-specific use cases.
 - Member comment: It's not fair SPs abiding by certain rules of a country, while SPs from outside of OpenPeppol (like Pakistan example) are being accepted into the network (not a level playing field). Peppol should've considered the costs across countries across members before that decision was made.
 - MC delegate: acknowledged this as a known issue, and advised APPCMB are looking at issues in terms of agreements and PASRs. Issues will be looked at as part of the Governance Revisions Task Force work. MC delegate was happy to discuss further offline.
 - There is growing pressure on governance, standardisation, and regulatory alignment.
- Peppol Security Committee update from Rick Harvey
 - Mandate ISO 27001 for all SPs will be in place by July 2027,
 - Operating Office is developing guidance on the ISO27001 mandate, which will be enforced for new Peppol SPs by 1 January 2027 and existing SPs by the middle of next year (July 2027).
 - Senior Officer Attestation will be required from SPs to confirm their ISO credential covers the Peppol service.
 - NZ Chair acknowledge Rick's input to help develop the security requirements, including involvement in working groups and the Peppol Security Committee.
 - Mandating ISO 27001 sets a minimum baseline across the entire network, but does not guarantee safety. We are lifting the bar to strengthen and improve the overall network.
 - Member question: Is ISO mandatory or are there other alternatives?
 - Response: IRAP is being considered as an equivalent for submission to Open Peppol. IRAP controls are more exhaustive than ISO. Further details will be provided in the guidance to be issued by the OO.

Item number 3 – Service Provider questions/discussion

- No member comments
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Item number 4 – Other Business

- Next Meeting – 1 September 2026.
 - Thank you and wrap up. Meeting closed at 11:33am AEST / 13:33pm NZST.
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