

# MYOB Advanced

## Release Notes

2018.1.5



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# Introduction

Welcome to the 2018.1.5 release of MYOB Advanced.

## What's New in this Release?

The 2018.1.5 release adds features to the Payroll module to better support contractors in your organisation. It also improves data security by encrypting sensitive employee details.

## Installing this Release

The 2018.1.5 release is automatically deployed to all production accounts.

**Note:** An updated licence is required to enable configuration options for the new features. While accounts in our managed environment will have their licences updated automatically, a local installation must be updated manually by navigating to the Licence Maintenance (SM.20.15.10) form and clicking the **Update Licence** button.

# New Features

## Payroll Updates

### Support for Contractors

This release improves support for contractors in the MYOB Advanced system, by adding new Payment Summary types and updates to fields relating to contracting.

**Note:** See the “Contractors” white paper on the [MYOB Advanced Education Centre](#) for more information on dealing with contractors.

As of this release, the “Labour hire / Contractor” option has been changed to “Labour hire” in the **Employment Basis** dropdown on the Taxation tab of the Pay Details form (MPPP2310) and a new **Contract type** dropdown has been added. This dropdown’s available options are:

- Individual
- Labour hire
- Contractor

The contractor’s ABN can now be saved in a new field. This can be used when either “Labour hire” (optional) or “Contractor” (mandatory) is selected.

Melbourne ▾ Pay Details ★

Employee ID: EP00000004 - Sheridan Matthew, Mr. Status: Active ▾

Employee name: Sheridan Matthew, Mr.

Standard Pay Taxation Employment Settings Employee Defaults Entitlement Balances Payroll Tax

**Tax Declaration Summary**

Tax File Number (TFN):	565051603	Medicare Levy:	Has not claimed Medicare Levy variation
Residency:	Australian resident	Children:	Has not claimed dependent children
Tax-free threshold (TFT):	Claimed	Study Debt:	Nil
Special Tax Offsets:	No special Tax Offsets claimed	Tax Scale:	2
TFN Declaration Status:	Never Submitted	Withholding Variation:	No withholding variation
TFN Last Submitted Date:			

**Tax File Number and Withholding Declaration**

Tax File Number (TFN): 565051603

Australian Business Nu...

Previous Last Name:

Employment Basis: Not required ▾

Contract type: Contractor ▾

Residency?: Individual ▾

Payment summary type: Contractor ▾

Application Pending ☐ Under 18 ☐ Pension/Benefit ☐ None ☒

Pay Maker ☐ Update open pay(s) ☐ Update all completed pay(s)

Claim Tax-free threshold?: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Claim Seniors tax offset?: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Single ☐ Illness-separated couple ☐ Couple

## Employment Basis Changes

The available options in the **Employment Basis** dropdown are now determined by the Contract type:

- If the **Contract Type** is “Individual”, the **Employment Basis** dropdown includes only “Full-time” (default), “Part-time” and “Casual”.
- If the **Contract Type** is “Labour hire”, the **Employment Basis** dropdown includes only “Labour hire” (default).
- If the **Contract Type** is “Contractor”, the **Employment Basis** dropdown is set to “Not required” (default).

If an employee’s **Contract Type** selection changes, the Employment Basis selection will be changed to the default for the Contract Type selection, as above.

**Note:** The **Employment Basis** dropdown on the Employment History tab of the Employees form (EP203000) has also been affected by this release: the “Labour hire / Contractor” option has been changed to “Labour hire”; however, this dropdown is not affected by the contract type (as the **Contract Type** setting exists on the Pay Details form only). The **Employment Status** dropdown on this tab also contains a new “Contractor” option.

## Contractor Taxation

When “Contractor” is selected for the **Contract Type**, the employee must be taxed at the taxation rate for contractors—this is usually 20%, but the contractor may supply a different rate. To do this, you must ensure that the pay items in the employee’s pay are set to use a custom tax rate, with the contractor’s rate specified.

**Note:** When the “Contractor” option is selected, a note appears on the Pay Details form, reminding you to set up the employee’s taxation this way.

## Payment Summary Type

On the Pay Details form (MPPP2310), the **Payment Summary Type** field has been moved from the Employment tab to the Taxation tab. There are several new types, and the appropriate one will be automatically selected based on the selections for residency and contractor.

- If residency is Australian, and contract type is “Individual”, then PS type is set to Individual Non-Business (INB).
- If residency is Australian, and contract type is “Labour hire”, then PS type is set to Business and Personal Services (BPS).
- If residency is Australian, and contract type is “Contractor”, then PS type is set to Voluntary Agreement (VA).
- If residency is Foreign, then PS type is set to Individual Non-Business (INB).
- If residency is Working Holiday Maker, then PS type is set to Working Holiday Maker (WHM).

You can override the Payment Summary type, but take care when doing so—this can result in an invalid combination of settings.

Melbourne ▾ Pay Details ★

Actions ▾ Employees TFN Declaration ▾ Reports ▾

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TFN Last Submitted Date:			

**Tax File Number and Withholding Declaration**

Tax File Number (TFN): 565051603 ☐ Application Pending ☐ Under 18 ☐ Pension/Benefit ☒ None

Australian Business Nu...  
Previous Last Name:  
Employment Basis: Not required ▾

Contract type: Contractor ▾

Residency?: ☒ Australian ☐ Foreign ☐ Working Holiday Maker

Payment summary type: **Voluntary Agreement**  
Individual Non-Business  
Business and Personal Services  
Voluntary Agreement  
Working Holiday Maker  
Not Required

☒ Override PS Type ☐ Update open pay(s) ☐ Update all completed pay(s)

☐ No ☒ No ☐ Illness-separated couple ☐ Couple ☒ No

**Note:** The BPS and VA types are supported by Single Touch Payroll reporting only, i.e. you cannot report them using the PSAR.

**Note:** The Working Holiday Maker type is a Payment Summary type for reporting purposes, but in practise it is actually the Individual Non-Business type, with WHM earnings reported separately. This applies to the PSAR and STP.

## Leave Update

Leave payments now reduces the main income item. When entering days taken on the Employee's Current Pay form (MPPP3130), the Income Pay Item to offset the leave payment against now defaults to the pay item with highest value, not the first pay item in the employee's pay.

## Interface Updates

This release also includes some updates to the user interface in the Payroll module to make the system easier to use:

- When searching for a batch on the Manage STP Submissions form (MPPP5019), the search window now displays the Pay Group ID, making it easier to find the batch you're looking for.
- The text on the Single Touch Payroll tab of the Payroll Preferences form has been updated to refer to Secure Authentication.

# Data Encryption

This release improves data security by encrypting employees' TFN and Super Fund Member IDs in the MYOB Advanced database. TFNs and Super Fund Member IDs will appear as normal in the MYOB Advanced user interface, but attempts to access the data in any other way will display encrypted data—this includes accessing data via OData, via the Advanced API and via generic inquiries.

**Note:** Encryption certificates are not included in snapshots, i.e. the encrypted data is included in screenshots, but the certificates required to decrypt them are not.

# Resolved Issues

The following tables detail the issues that are addressed by this release.

## System and Platform

Problem ID	Description
<b>162533172189</b> 163169649101 162428010761 162206563251	It was not possible to switch between tenants from the User dropdown at the top right of the screen, if one tenant used the classic UI and the other used the new UI. This has been resolved.

## Payroll

Problem ID	Description
<b>161030080175</b> 160908278645	Annual Leave accrual could stop carrying over on the employee's anniversary date. This has been resolved.
<b>162551181791</b> 162428010641 <b>162995238006</b> 162918787751	The following error message could occur when processing a pay run: "Error: Another process has added the 'MPCurrentPayPayItemRollup' record. Your changes will be lost." This has been resolved.
<b>162507529518</b> 162190812881	YTD values could be incorrect on employees' payslips. This has been resolved.
<b>162566136241</b> 162519117041	When entering a superannuation fund on a pay item, the fund defaulted to a different fund. This has been resolved.
<b>163083720813</b> 163055436421	The error message "An item with the same key already been added" could appear when opening a pay. This has been resolved.
<b>163298663217</b> 163212689278	It was possible for companies to disappear out the bottom of the table of companies on the SBR Registration tab of the Payroll Preferences form (MPPP1100). This has been resolved; pagination has been added to the tab so that all companies can be seen.
<b>162260955930</b> 160991813741	The error message "ABN for employee fund is invalid" could appear when submitting a superannuation payment. This has been resolved.
161392360711	The error message "The resource you are looking for does not exist" could appear when attempting to submit a superannuation batch. This has been resolved.



# Known Issues

The following known issues and breaking changes have been identified in this release.

## Partner users visible on some forms

User accounts with the licence type MYOB\_Partner and the Admin account used exclusively by MYOB are hidden from all other users; they do not appear on user selection lists. However, these user accounts will appear in selection lists on the following forms:

- Event > Attendees (CR.30.60.30)
- Role List (SM.65.10.00)

## Switching between tenants with different UIs

When switching tenants from the User dropdown at the top right of the screen, the system retains the UI (classic vs. new) of the first tenant, i.e. if a user switches from a tenant where they use the new UI to a tenant where they use the classic UI, the second tenant will still display the new UI.

## Error message when a my.MYOB login is required

Certain actions, such as submitting an STP batch in the Payroll module, require that the current user is logged in with a my.MYOB/Secure Authentication account—if this is not the case, an error message will appear. To avoid the error message, the user must log out, then log in again using their my.MYOB/Secure Authentication login and perform the action again.

## Secure Authentication signin button unavailable

If a user logs in with a Secure Authentication account that has not been associated with an MYOB Advanced login, they will be redirected to the MYOB Advanced login screen, where a message informs them that they must log in with their Advanced details so that the two accounts can be associated with each other. At this point, the **Sign in with Secure Authentication** button cannot be used—clicking it just redirects back to the Advanced login screen. In the rare case that another user who uses the same Secure Authentication account tries to log in on the same PC, the **Sign in with Secure Authentication** button will not work for them either.