
MYOB IMS Payroll 7.20

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Introduction

The 7.20 release makes sure that MYOB IMS Payroll complies with tax and payroll changes for the 2026 to 2027 tax year.

For more information on what to do before you start a pay in the new financial year, see the [tax year end procedures document](#).

Installing your upgrade

To install the desktop upgrade

Note: Before installing the desktop upgrade, you must close all **Open** payroll periods in your payroll companies.

Before you install the desktop version:

1. Close all **Open** payroll periods in your payroll companies.
2. Back up each of your payroll companies via the **Tools** menu.
3. Close all IMS applications on your PC.

Note: Uninstalling an earlier version of IMS Payroll prior to installing this version is not recommended or required, as you'll need to reinstall any custom payroll software or modules.

If you're downloading the installer:

1. Double-click the executable file (.exe) that you downloaded.
2. Install the new version on every computer that has MYOB IMS Payroll installed.

To install the IMS Payroll Cloud upgrade

1. Log in to IMS Payroll Cloud.
2. At the bottom left, click the gold **Upgrade** button.

Note: The **Upgrade** button only appears after you click on a company with the **Closed** status.

3. Repeat steps 1–2 for each payroll company you manage.

What's new

ACC rates and thresholds

MYOB IMS Payroll will apply the following ACC changes from your first pay period with an end date on or after 1 April 2026:

	2025-26 tax year value	2026-27 tax year value
ACC earner levy rate	1.67%	1.75%
ACC income maximum	\$152,790	\$156,641
Maximum ACC earner levy	\$2,551.59	\$2,741.22

Minimum wage increase

From 1 April 2025, wage rate increases apply. To apply the new rates, go to the **Tools** menu and choose **Hourly Rate Update**.

	2025-26 tax year value	2026-27 tax year value
Adult	\$23.50	\$23.95
Starting and training	\$18.80	\$19.16

KiwiSaver changes

Increased minimum contribution rate

From 1 April 2026, the default minimum contribution rate for both employees and employers will increase from 3% to 3.5%.

To make it easier to update rates for employees, we've added the **KiwiSaver Contribution Update** tool to the **Tools** menu.

For more information about using the tool to update rates, see the tax year end procedures document.

IMS KiwiSaver Contribution Update

Backup
It is recommended that you create a backup of your payroll database before proceeding with this update. Click the Backup button to create a backup now. Backup...

Employees to Include

All
 Range
 From: Pay Point:
 To: Pay Point:

Payroll Frequency
 All
 Weekly
 Fortnightly
 Half Monthly
 Four Weekly
 Monthly

Employee Type
 Salary
 Wage
 Both

Employees to Update		KiwiSaver Fund				Compliant Fund				
Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer	Select All
1053 BLACK, Roger		3	3.5	3	3.5					<input type="checkbox"/>
1017 FLOWERS, Andrew		4	4	3	3.5					<input type="checkbox"/>
1050 ORANGE, Dorothy		3	3.5	3	3.5					<input type="checkbox"/>
1019 SKUDDER, Kate		4	4	3	3.5					<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: Employee's should only be updated to the new minimum 3.5% when the next pay period has a Payment Date of 1st April 2026 or later. Only the values in bold will be updated for the selected employees.

Display Employees to Update
Update KiwiSaver Contribution %
Close

Temporary rate reductions

From 1 February 2026, employees can apply to Inland Revenue for a temporary rate reduction from 3.5% to 3%, applicable from 1 April 2026.

The rate reduction also applies to employer contributions, allowing them to temporarily contribute 3%.

The rate reduction can be approved for a minimum of three months to a maximum of 12 months. Employees must re-apply to extend it.

If an employee has received a rate reduction, you can now add it on the **Rate Reduction?** section on the **KiwiSaver** tab of the **Employee** screen.

IMS Sample Company Limited - MYOB IMS Payroll

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Emp# 11022 IRD# 089-417-163

Standard | Payment | Leave | **KiwiSaver** | Permanent | HR / Notes | Totals | History

KiwiSaver Fund

Entry Status
 Not Eligible
 Auto Enroll
 Opt In
 Existing

Employee Contribution
 Contribution %:

Employer Contribution
 %: Gross Up
 Fixed:
 Costing Code:

Opt Out?
 Opt Out Date:
 Bank Account:
 Account Name:
 Late Opt Out Reason Code:
 Other Reason: (500 chars max)

Savings Suspension?
 Suspension Ceases on: Continue CEC

Compliant Fund
 Scheme:
 Reference:
 Employer Contribution
 Contribution %:
 Employer Contribution: Gross Up
 %:
 Fixed:
 Costing Code:

ESCT Calculation
 ESCT %:

Total Remuneration
 Employer Contribution As Salary?
 Net Gross

Rate Reduction?
 Exemption Ceases on:
 Apply only to Employee Rate?

Exemptions
 CEC?

Load Totals...

Contains Employee Information Current Weekly Salary Closed

We've also updated reports and employee import and export:

- When you run the **Employee Listing** report with full details, including superannuation information, the report now displays the rate reduction settings for each employee in the KiwiSaver section of the report.
- The employee export options for Employee List and Visual Personnel have been updated to include the rate reduction fields.
- The employee import has been modified to include the new rate reduction fields.

The screenshot shows the 'Sample Company Limited - MYOB IMS Payroll' window. The 'KiwiSaver Fund' section is active, showing 'Entry Status' as 'Auto Enrol'. The 'Employer Contribution' is set to 3% with 'Gross Up' checked. The 'ESCT Calculation' section shows 'ESCT %' as 30.0%. The 'Rate Reduction?' checkbox is checked, and the 'Exemption Ceases on' date is 01/07/2026. A pink circle highlights the 'Rate Reduction?' checkbox and the 'Exemption Ceases on' date field.

Lowered eligibility age for employer contributions

From 1 April 2026, employees aged 16 or 17 who have opted in to KiwiSaver will be eligible for compulsory employer contributions. This doesn't affect employees aged 16 or 17 who have **not** opted in to KiwiSaver, as auto-enrolment for KiwiSaver still starts at age 18.