MYOB Advanced

Release Notes

2017.1.3

Contents

Introduction

Welcome to the 2017.1.3 release of MYOB Advanced.

What's New in this Release?

The 2017.1.3 release is focussed on the Payroll module. It contains compliance updates for the 2017–2018 financial year, including updates to all tax scales, the introduction of a new Working Holiday Makers scale, support for reportable fringe benefits and updates to payment summaries. This release also addresses issues identified in previous releases. See the sections below for details of all changes introduced by this release.

Installing this Release

The 2017.1.3 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 Compliance Updates

Australia only

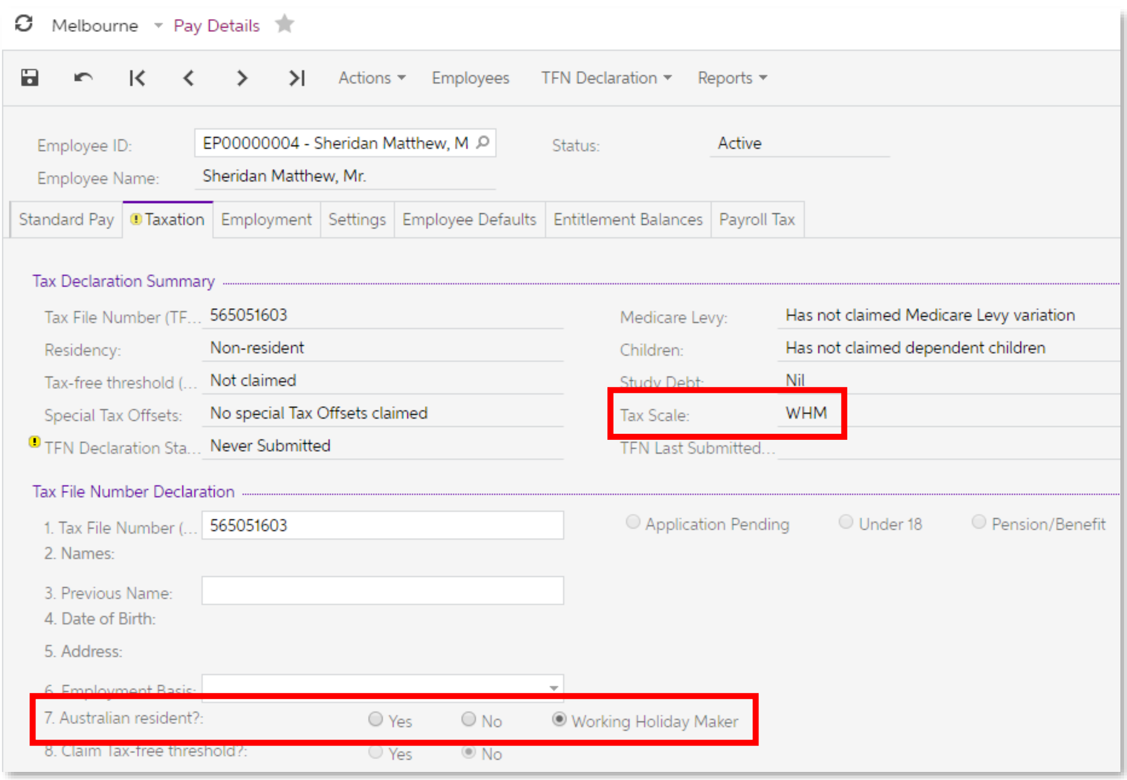
This releases includes compliance updates to the Payroll module that affect the current and upcoming Australian financial years. These include:

- Updates to the tax tables for Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP) and Student Financial Supplement Scheme (SFSS)
- Updates to Payroll Tax rates and thresholds
- Updates to Superannuation Guarantee thresholds
- Updates to the Child Support Protected Earnings Amount

Working Holiday Makers Tax Scale

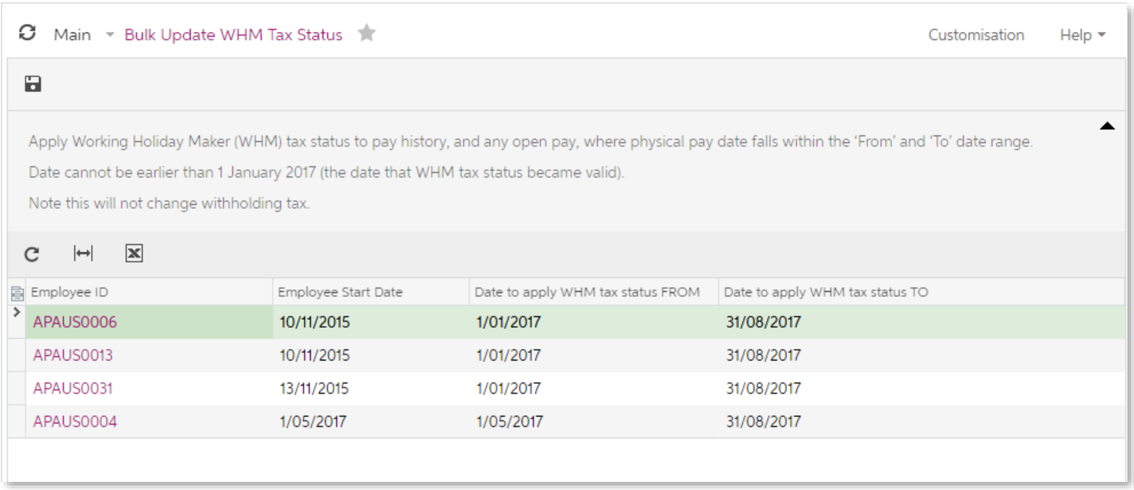
A Working Holiday Makers (WHM) tax scale was introduced on 1 January 2017. The Payroll module has been updated to support this; a new **Working Holiday Maker** option is available for question 7 on the TFN Declaration section of the Pay Details form (MP.PP.23.10). When this option is selected, the Tax Scale field is set to “WHM”.

> **Note:** See the ATO website for information on the requirements that must be met for an employee to qualify for the Working Holiday Makers tax scale and how employers can register them as such.



Updating Historical Pays

While the new tax scale came into effect from 1 January 2017, it isn't available in MYOB Advanced until this release is installed, so employees can only be assigned the WHM tax scale for pays that were started after this version is installed. The new Bulk Update WHM Tax Status form (MP.PP.50.09) lets you edit historic pays for employees who should have been using the WHM tax scale, so that you can retrospectively assign them the correct tax scale.



This form displays all employees who currently have the WHM tax scale. For each employee, set start and end dates that cover the period during which the employee was using the WHM tax scale, then click the Save button to update, for each employee, all pays whose Physical Pay Dates fall between the start and end dates, including historical pays and any open pays.

> **Note:** In the rare case that an employee was on the WHM tax scale and moved off it between 1 January 2017 and 31 June 2017, you will need to change their tax scale to WHM, use this form to update the historical pays where they were on the WHM scale, then change the tax scale back to their current scale.

Effects on Payment Summaries

A new **Type** box has been added to the Individual Non-Business Payment Summary. This indicates the income type; it will contain "S" for standard income and "H" for income under the WHM tax scale.

When generating payment summaries, records will be split for any employees who changed to (or from) the WHM tax scale during the financial year, i.e. there will be two lines for them in the payment summary and two PDFs printed for them.

To ensure that payment summaries for the 2106–2017 financial year are produced correctly:

1. Use the Pay Details form (MP.PP.23.10) to update the taxation details of all employees who are using the WHM tax scale.
2. Use the Bulk Update WHM Tax Status form (MP.PP.50.09) to update historical pays for these employees.
3. Generate payment summaries for the 2016–2017 financial year.

Reportable Fringe Benefits

This release adds support for reportable fringe benefits. New reportable fringe benefit pay items can be created and added to employees' pays, and reportable fringe benefit amounts appear on payment summaries.

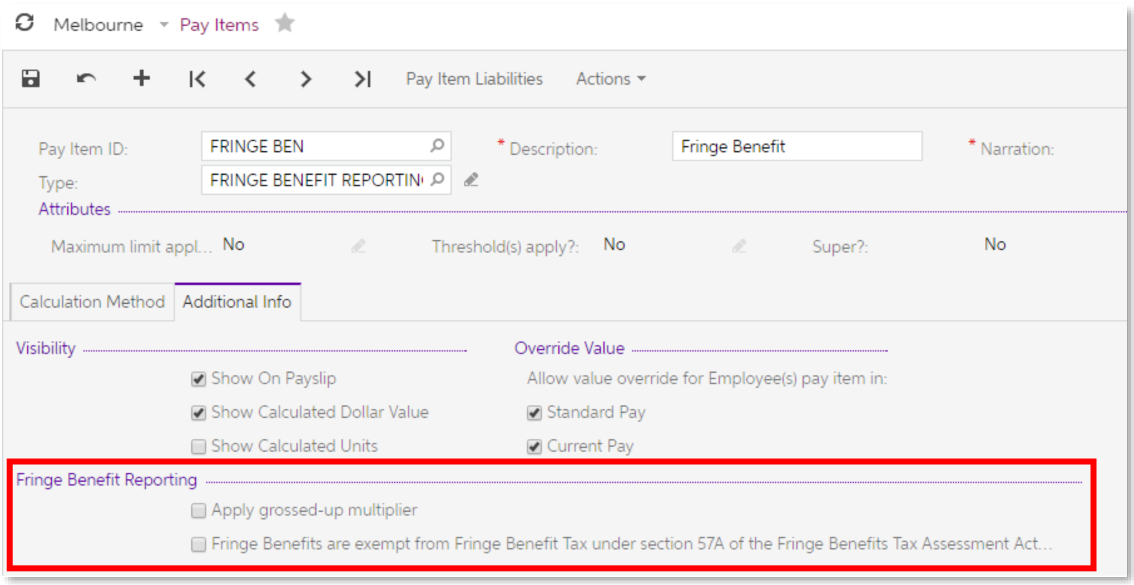
Reportable Fringe Benefit Pay Items

A new "FRINGE BENEFIT REPORTING" Pay Item Type is available. You can create new reportable fringe benefit pay items and assign them this type, which gives them the following properties:

- The **Taxation** field on the Pay Items form (MP.PP.22.10) is set to "Tax-free (Paid after tax)".
- A General Ledger Purpose is not required—the **General Ledger Purpose** field is hidden on the Pay Items form.
- The item's **Payment Summary Category** on the Pay Items Liabilities form (MP.PP.10.25) is set to "Reportable fringe benefits amount".

Note: If your company currently has Fringe Benefit pay items that use the ONCOST type, you will need to delete these items and replace them with new items that use the FRINGE BENEFIT REPORTING type.

New options are available on the Additional Info tab for pay items with the new type:



Apply grossed-up multiplier

Reportable fringe benefit amounts can be entered into the system already grossed-up or at their face value, in which case they will need to be grossed up by MYOB Advanced. Tick or clear this option to indicate whether the values for the pay item will need to be grossed-up by the system or not.

Fringe Benefits are exempt from Fringe Benefits Tax

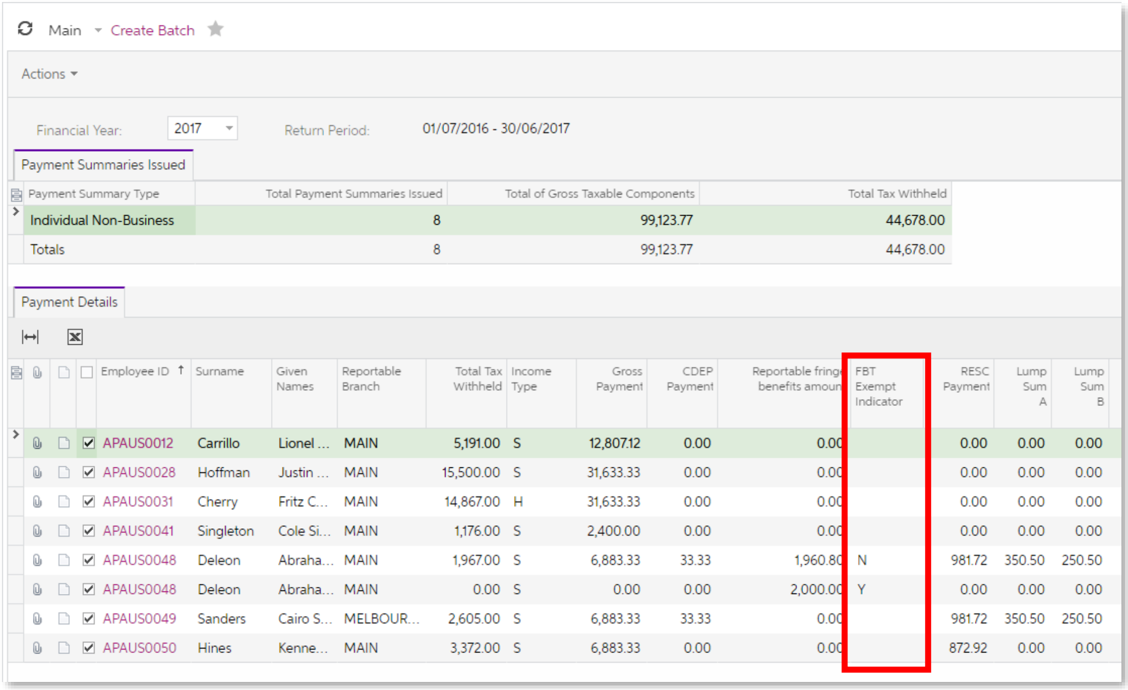
Certain types of organisation are exempt from Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) under section 57A of the FBTAA 1986; however, because it is possible for employees of such an organisation to perform some duties that are exempt from FBT, and some duties that are not, exempt/non-exempt status is set for individual pay items. Tick this option if the pay item applies to work that is exempt from FBT.

> **Note:** You may need to set up multiple pay items for each fringe benefit to cater for the different combinations of these two options, e.g. you may need to set up exempt and non-exempt items for one fringe benefit, or grossed-up vs not grossed-up items for another.

Reporting on Fringe Benefits

You can use the new reportable fringe benefit pay items in an annual pay run for employees who have received fringe benefits over the year, so that reportable fringe benefit amounts can be captured and included in payment summaries.

A new **FBT Exempt Indicator** column appears on the Payment Summary Create Batch (MP.PP.50.03) and Manage Batch (MP.PP.50.04) forms. This column displays "Y" or "N" to indicate whether each line is exempt or non-exempt from FBT.



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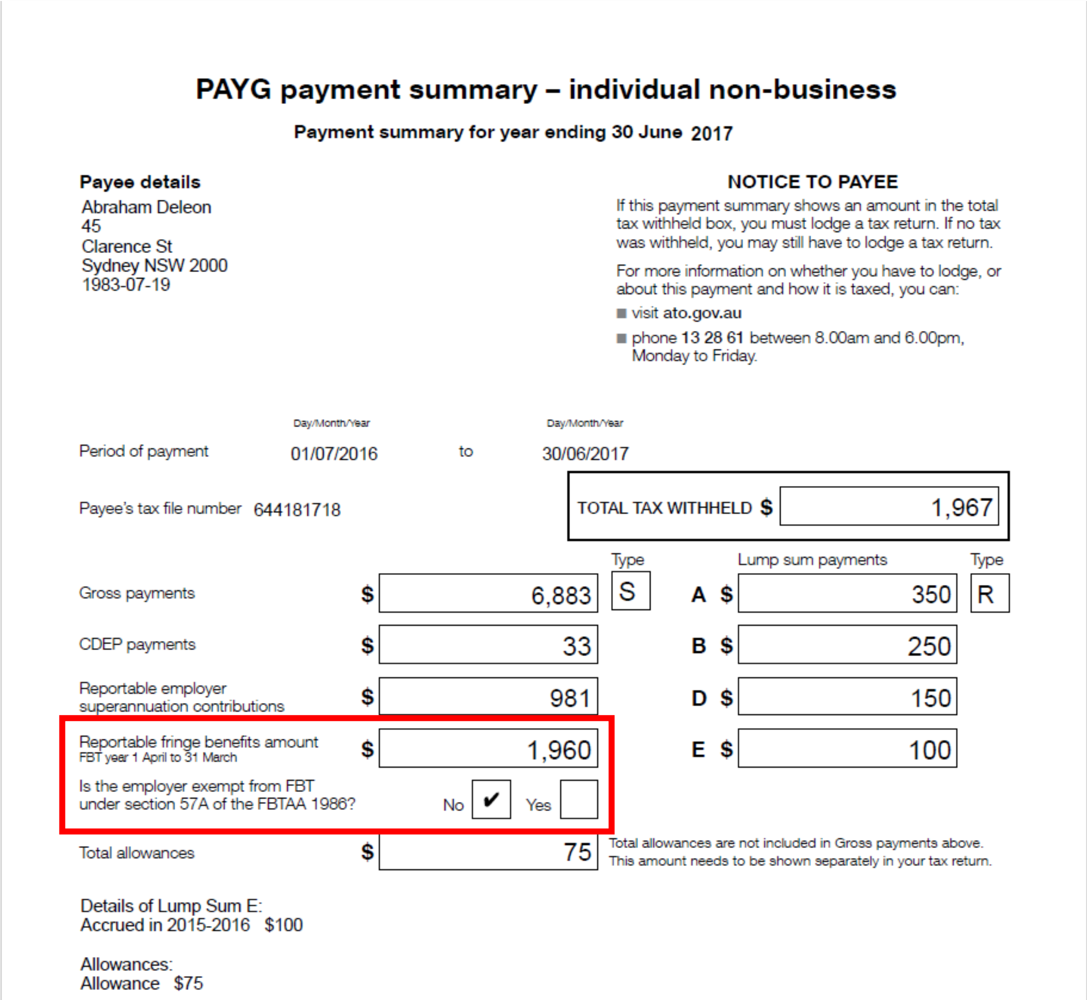
Individual Non-Business	8	99,123.77	44,678.00
Totals	8	99,123.77	44,678.00

Employee ID	Surname	Given Names	Reportable Branch	Total Tax Withheld	Income Type	Gross Payment	CDEP Payment	Reportable fringe benefits amoun	FBT Exempt Indicator	RESC Payment	Lump Sum A	Lump Sum B
APAUS0012	Carrillo	Lionel ...	MAIN	5,191.00	S	12,807.12	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
APAUS0028	Hoffman	Justin ...	MAIN	15,500.00	S	31,633.33	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
APAUS0031	Cherry	Fritz C...	MAIN	14,867.00	H	31,633.33	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
APAUS0041	Singleton	Cole Si...	MAIN	1,176.00	S	2,400.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
APAUS0048	Deleon	Abraha...	MAIN	1,967.00	S	6,883.33	33.33	1,960.80	N	981.72	350.50	250.50
APAUS0048	Deleon	Abraha...	MAIN	0.00	S	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	Y	0.00	0.00	0.00
APAUS0049	Sanders	Cairo S...	MELBOUR...	2,605.00	S	6,883.33	33.33	0.00		981.72	350.50	250.50
APAUS0050	Hines	Kenne...	MAIN	3,372.00	S	6,883.33	0.00	0.00		872.92	0.00	0.00

Employees who have both exempt and non-exempt fringe benefits will have two lines in the payment summary and two PDFs printed for them.

The self-print payment summary template has been updated to include options relating to FBT:



PAYG payment summary – individual non-business

Payment summary for year ending 30 June 2017

Payee details
Abraham Deleon
45
Clarence St
Sydney NSW 2000
1983-07-19

NOTICE TO PAYEE

If this payment summary shows an amount in the total tax withheld box, you must lodge a tax return. If no tax was withheld, you may still have to lodge a tax return.

For more information on whether you have to lodge, or about this payment and how it is taxed, you can:

- visit **ato.gov.au**
- phone **13 28 61** between 8.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Period of payment — Day/Month/Year 01/07/2016 to Day/Month/Year 30/06/2017

Payee's tax file number 644181718

TOTAL TAX WITHHELD $ 1,967

		Type		Lump sum payments	Type
Gross payments	$ 6,883	S	A	$ 350	R
CDEP payments	$ 33		B	$ 250	
Reportable employer superannuation contributions	$ 981		D	$ 150	
Reportable fringe benefits amount FBT year 1 April to 31 March	$ 1,960		E	$ 100	

Is the employer exempt from FBT under section 57A of the FBTAA 1986? No ✔ Yes ☐

Total allowances $ 75

Total allowances are not included in Gross payments above. This amount needs to be shown separately in your tax return.

Details of Lump Sum E:
Accrued in 2015-2016 $100

Allowances:
Allowance $75

Payment Summary Submission via SBR

Payment summaries are now submitted to the ATO using Standard Business Reporting (SBR).

> **Note:** SBR is the only option for submitting payment summaries electronically.
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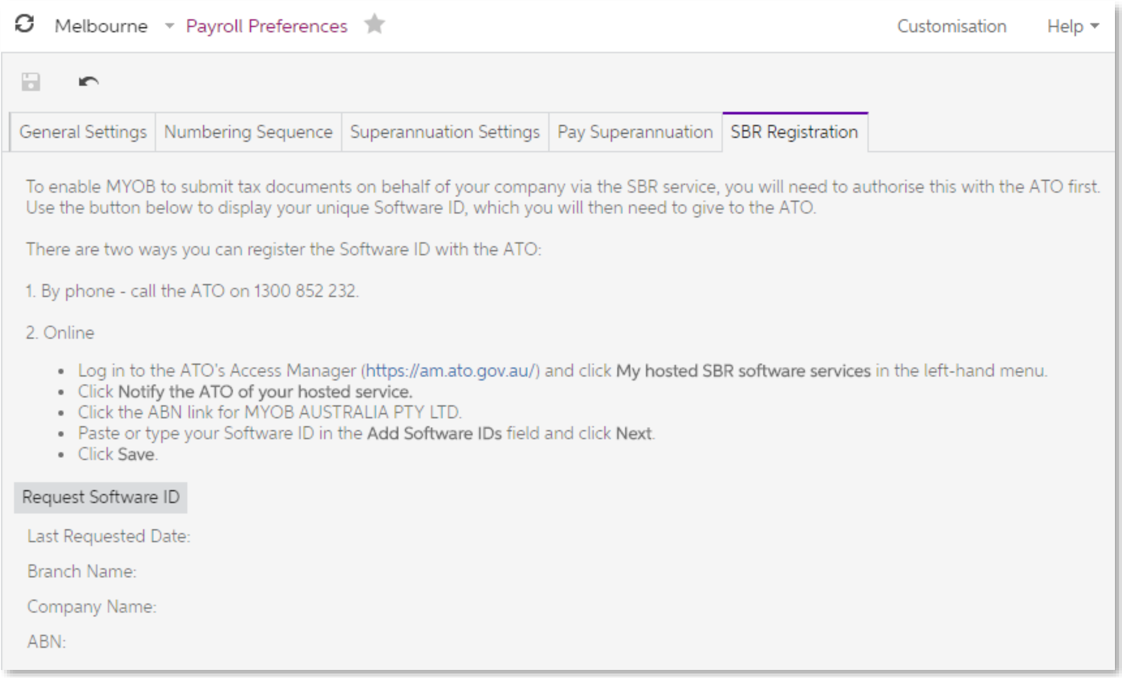
> **Note:** Amendments are not supported by the system—they would need to be submitted manually. It is important to review all information before submitting a batch. Remember that you can reset a batch to pick up any corrections you need to make before it is submitted.

Setting up SBR

Before you can submit payment summaries via SBR, you must authorise MYOB to submit data on your behalf. This can be done from the SBR Registration tab of the Payroll Preferences form (MP.PP.11.00), which gives instructions for the authorisation process:



As part of the process, you must generate a Software ID and submit it to the ATO—the **Request Software ID** button on this tab contacts MYOB and returns your Software ID.

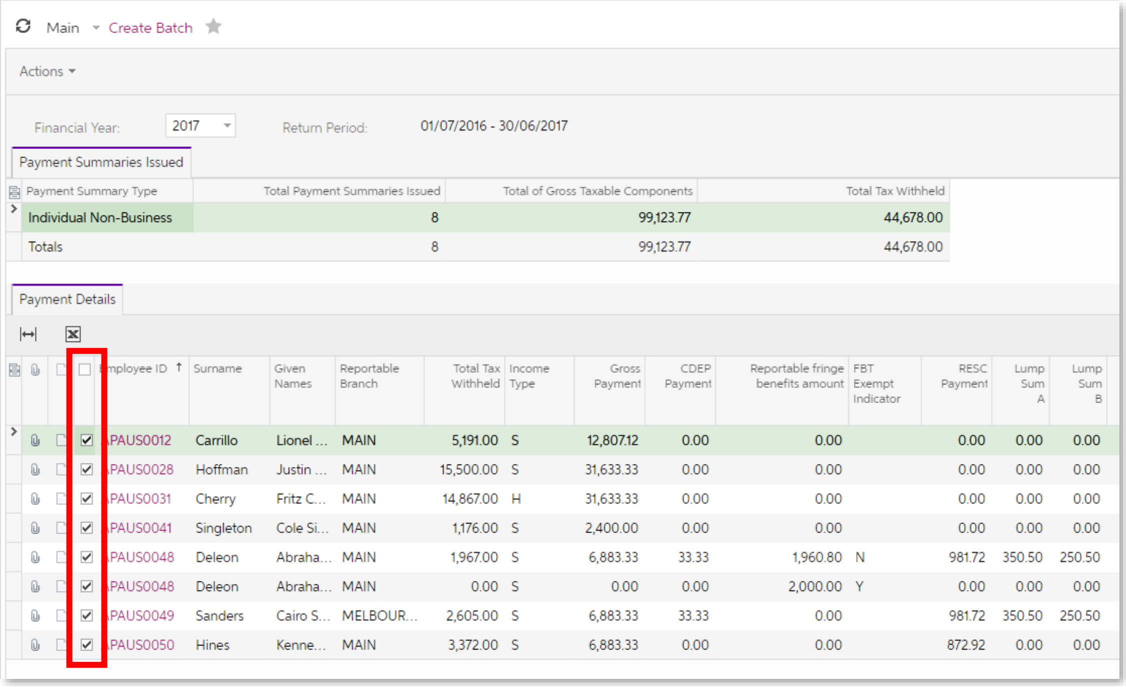
> **Note:** A my.MYOB account is required to request your Software ID—this must be the account of the person who will do the submitting. You may already have an account if you have set up the system to use the Pay Super service; if not, contact the MYOB Enterprise Client Services team to set up an account.

Once the system is set up, selecting the **Send to ATO** action on the Manage Batch form (MP.PP.50.04) submits the payment summary to the ATO using SBR.

> **Note:** The SBR Payment Summary version is not being made available by the ATO until the start of the 2017–2018 financial year. The **Send to ATO** action will be disabled until 1 July 2017.

Selecting Employees for Payment Summary Batches

A selection column is now available on the Payment Summary Create Batch form (MP.PP.50.03), which allows you to produce payment summaries for one employee, or a subset of employees in the batch.


Main
Create Batch
Actions
Financial Year: 2017
Return Period: 01/07/2016 - 30/06/2017
Payment Summaries Issued

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Selecting the **Save Batch** action generates payment summaries for the selected employees only. (If no employees are selected, payment summaries will be generated for all employees.)

> **Note:** Once an employee's payment(s) have been included in one payment summary batch, those payments will be automatically excluded from any subsequent batches.

TFN Support for Multi-Branch

Australia only

This release includes improvements to the Payroll module's support for systems that are set up with multiple branches. TFN declarations now use the reporting branch's ABN instead of the ABN of the employee's branch, i.e. if the employee's branch is a child branch, the system will look up the parent branch and use its ABN.

Resolved Issues

The following table details the issues that are addressed by this release.

Problem ID	Description
Finance	
140533424705 143261336651 141596410511 140489818941	The error message "'AR Sub.' may not be empty" could appear when editing a customer's location(s) on the Customers form (AR.30.30.00), even if the **AR Sub** field was enabled and filled in. This has been resolved.
Distribution	
142515676756 142378447361	After assigning a Batch Number to a Sales Order on the Sales Orders form (SO.30.10.00), the Qty. On Hand in the Allocations dialog would sometimes be overwritten with the open quantity from the Sales Order. This has been resolved.
System and Platform	
142734022789 142671031781	When generating Export Scenarios for batches with voided payments, the transaction count and sum of the generated export files did not exclude voided payments. This has been resolved; the following Export Scenarios have been updated: • Export AU ANZ Bank File • Export NZ ANZ Bank File • Export NZ ASB Bank File • Export NZ BNZ Bank File • Export AU CBA Bank File • Export AU HBA Bank File • Export NZ HSBC Bank File • Export NZ KWI Bank File • Export AU NAB Bank File • Export AU STG Bank File • Export NZ TSB Bank File • Export NZ Westpac Bank File • Export AU WBC Bank File **Note:** If a customer has a customised version of any of these Export Scenarios they will need to examine the updated scenario(s) and reapply their changes.
144789126409 143791397681	The Payroll system was not correctly calculating whether the maximum super contributions threshold has been reached; it was incorrectly checking only pay items that were in the Current Pay, not all pay items that had been used in the relevant date range. This has been resolved.
-	Pre-tax deductions were excluded from Payment Summary gross income if they did not have a Payment Summary Category set. This has been resolved.

Problem ID	Description
-	Employee's names were displayed incorrectly on Payment Summary forms and exported incorrectly to Excel; the **Given Names** column included the first and last name instead of first and middle names. This has been resolved. **Note:** Names were always formatted correctly when payment summaries were submitted to the ATO or exported to PDF.
-	The notification emails sent by system to alert users when their Cash Account was changed did not display the name of the user who made the change or the date and time when the change was made. This has been resolved; the base template for the CashAccountRemittanceSettings notification has been updated. **Note:** If you have customised the CashAccountRemittanceSettings notification template, you will need to update it manually—see the Known Issues section on page 11 for details.
-	This release updates NZ payslips to display an IR number. (This will be the IR number of the employee's branch.)

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)

Pro rata Lump Sum entitlements on upgrade

The following points must be taken into consideration when upgrading sites to MYOB Advanced 2017.1.2 or later, if your site uses lump sum entitlements that accrue on a pro rata basis:

- The upgrade will not split units worked inside a rollover pay run, i.e. units for period end and units worked for new entitlement period. This is a limited risk, as entitlements are likely to have only the first rule only as a lump sum; however, if the next rule is also a lump sum, units for that period will be inflated.
- The upgrade affects completed and processed pays only. If on upgrade a client has an open pay run with Lump Sum employees, they would need to reset or refresh that pay run so that the DCE will calculate units worked for that pay run.
- If you have already (before the upgrade) rolled over a lump sum entitlement, the upgrade will not correct the missing accrual value. You will need to make entitlement adjustments.
- The upgrade inserts “units worked” rows into the movements table. These values will not be editable or removable and are not visible in the UI.

“Give us Feedback” link not working

The **Give us Feedback…** link in the Help menu is not currently working; however, the Feedback button on the main toolbar can still be used to send feedback to MYOB.

Updating the CashAccountRemittanceSettings notification

This release includes a fix to the CashAccountRemittanceSettings notification template; however, if you have customised this template, you will need to update it manually.

In the Subject field:

- Update the CashAccount.CashLastModifiedByID.DisplayName field to CashAccount.**LastModifiedByID**.DisplayName
- Update the CashAccount.CashLastModifiedDateTime field to CashAccount.**LastModifiedDateTime**

On the Message tab:

- Update the CashAccount.CashLastModifiedByID.DisplayName field to CashAccount.**LastModifiedByID**.DisplayName
- Update the CashAccount.CashLastModifiedDateTime to CashAccount.**LastModifiedDateTime**