

PSDA Schema Workshop

Summary Findings

31st August 2017

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- Engagement Update
- Development Status
- Public Interface Testing
- Upcoming documentation
- Illness Benefit
- P2C
- Employee List
- AOB
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Engagement Update

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- An update on the stakeholder engagement since the last workshop was provided.
- Proposed meetings, workshops and webinars scheduled for the coming months were also discussed

Development Status

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- Since publication of Documentation/Schemas, a number of internal workshops have been held.
- A number of updates/corrections to the published material have been identified.
- Revenue have progressed the technical analysis required for REST/JSON versions of the webservice
- To align with legislative changes, the replacement for P2C will now be called the Revenue Payroll Notification (RPN)
- Clarification requested as to why RPI has been re-named. **It is considered that PAYE system is the instruction. The RPN is notification to the employer of the information to be used within the PAYE system**
- All updates/corrections will be published asap.

Public Interface Testing

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- Test environment will be available at the end of March 2018
- It was highlighted that the environment must support realistic sized files
- PSDA also requested that the file size limit is decided upon ASAP, preferably by mid September.
- Consideration must be given to possible data protection issues if using real data within test environment
- Testing environment must allow for testing data outbound and inbound

Public Interface Testing

- The proposed approach to testing will be on a phased basis
- Phased Approach –Connectivity, Life Cycle, Volume
- **Connectivity** phase will test that users can connect and receive responses
- New digi-cert will be required for PIT environment.
- **Life cycle** phase will allow for corrections testing.
- PSDA would like the ability to reset data to be built into the testing environment

Public Interface Testing

- **Volume** phase will test that the system can handle realistic sized files
- Any observations on the proposed testing environment are welcomed.
- The issue of manual upload was raised. Will there be screen based testing available? **This will be available but not by March '18. Revenue will provide the timeline for manual upload testing asap.**
- Web services testing is being prioritised as it is more complex but manual upload should not be forgotten.

Public Interface Testing

- Suggestion that users should not be allowed to submit data on live system until testing has been proved. **To be considered.**
- Revenue are open to issuing testing scripts and/or advice on the testing plan. Considering this currently and open to suggestions and feedback.

Document/schema Updates

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- Updates to documents and schema outlined.
- Suggested update to corrections. Add payslip line item to be created.
- This creates a link/relationship between a deleted payslip and a new payslip.
- An example was provided as part of the presentation.
- This will not be a mandatory field.
- Advantage from a customer service perspective.

Returns Reconciliation

- Potential solutions discussed.
- Suggestions and feedback welcomed.

Upcoming Documentation

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- REST/JSON schemas & examples
 - Mid September
- Webservice Integration guide (SOAP/XML)
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 - To be confirmed
- Sample client code for digital signing process
 - To be confirmed

Illness Benefit

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- DEASP to stop issuing letters to employers (through Revenue) entirely from early 2018
- Credits and/or rate bands for the employee will be reduced using DSP interface and a P2C displaying the changes will issue to the employer.
- The fields on P45 Part1 on-line and P35L on-line for 2018, and the paper versions of both P45 and P35L (2018), allowing the employer to input the amount of Illness benefit, will be removed.

Other

- The amount of Illness Benefit included in Pay, currently available for viewing in the inbox document, will be removed. Illness Benefit references will be removed from the schema & offline code for P45.
- Schema changes to be published in the coming weeks.
- It is agreed that employers will need to update in-house sick schemes to accommodate the change.
- PSDA to notify its clients of the change.

P2C Update

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- As part of the data alignment work Revenue's records will be updated to reflect changed W numbers.
- In order to ensure alignment with employers the P2C will be updated so as to be able to display the old and new numbers.
- Changes to the P2C schema to be published in the coming weeks.

Employee List

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- Revenue plan to conduct a data alignment exercise between June-October 2018 in order to align employer employee lists to our records.
- Employers will be asked to upload their employee lists to ROS as directed.
- Information required will be a subset of current P35L data with a small number of additions.
- Schema to be published in the coming weeks.

Next Steps

- Summary of discussions to be circulated
- Further feedback via payemodernisation@revenue.ie or PSDA Chairman
- Design workshops scheduled with other stakeholders including INTO
- Next workshop scheduled for September 2017. Date to be confirmed.