



# Single Touch Payroll update

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A limited release of Single Touch Payroll began for a small number of digital service providers and their clients on 1 July.

The following timeline sets out what is happening and when you can expect to see more.

- July 2017 – Single Touch Payroll will be operating with limited functionality for a select number of employers.
  - You may be aware that we added a menu option **Manage employees** to the portals in June 2017. This is in readiness for the broader release of Single Touch Payroll later in the year. This is where you will be able to see your client's Single Touch Payroll reported data.
- September 2017 – we will write to all employers with 20 or more employees to inform them of their reporting obligations under Single Touch Payroll.
- October 2017 – you will start to see an increase in the release of Single Touch Payroll solutions by digital service providers to employers.
- 1 April 2018 – employers will need to do a headcount of the number of employees they have, to determine if they need to report through Single Touch Payroll.
- From 1 July 2018 – Single Touch Payroll reporting will be mandatory for employers with 20 or more employees.

We will keep you up to date with what Single Touch Payroll means for you and your practice in the [Tax professionals newsroom \(/Tax-professionals/Newsroom/\)](#) and *Tax professionals newsletter*.

## See also:

- [Streamlined reporting with Single Touch Payroll \(/about-ato/about-us/in-detail/strategic-direction/streamlined-reporting-with-single-touch-payroll/\)](#)

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