PSDA Summary Findings

28th March 2018

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PIT Live Demo

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- PSDA Certificate to issue by email 29th March
- A password will issue with the certificate
- To create unemployed customer – for now, a note must be taken of the customer's details i.e. PPSN etc
- Connectivity testing is available on receipt of certificate
- Volume test – must be requested
- The payroll submission acknowledgement is unique to each submission

PIT Live Demo

- Can the validation error be provided in a more readable form?
- The submission operation response will provide schema and authentication error reasons. Invalid line item reasons are provided in the check payroll submission response. PMod team agreed to review the technical error messages but it is unlikely that there will be any change to the response message format.

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- Initially it is advised to limit payroll submissions to fewer than 100 payslips due to potential performance issues with larger submissions.

- Date Format and Digital Signing – The time used when signing messages must be UTC. There is some small scope for drift, up to 60 seconds.

- REST – As the HTTP Signature requires an accurate time to be used REST requests will fail if the date is wrong.

- Look-up RPN – Due to limitations with our mock data service we cannot currently return Employment IDs in RPNs. This will be addressed in a future release.

Known Issues continued.

- To consider – The PMOD team are reviewing the idea of polling/request frequency limitations
- Can date be left out of the HTTP Signature? No, leaving out the date would potentially leave the service open to request replay attacks. Additionally removing the date would reduce the security of the request.

OPA Message

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- The OPA Message Envelope is for use with JSON only. It is used to provide information that would normally be provided in the URL. It is not necessary for SOAP/XML and therefore the format of XML messages will not change.

- The JSON Guide will provide samples of envelope usage for the user

Support for Technical Issues

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- PIT support will be available
- A Service Desk will be in operation from 12/04/2018
- The email address for queries Payemodschemas@revenue.ie will be no longer available from 19/04/2018 and all queries should be directed to the PIT Service Desk. Any open issues previously submitted will be answered.

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- The PRSI Exemption reasons show different values between XML and JSON.
- This will be discussed at the Change Advisory Board

Next PIT Releases

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- Mid May, end June.

- These are dependant on any issues arising. Dates will be provided when available.

- It is hoped to have batch functionality by mid May and agent access by end of June.

- Returns reconciliation facility should be available in June.

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- JSON spec to be reviewed at by PMod team.
- There has been a good response on the registration for PIT. Email confirmation should issue immediately.
- Letter/Mailshot will issue to employers and agents in April.
- Customer service friendly visits will follow in May which will be centred on PMod. These will be carried out by Regional Teams and will mainly focus on smaller employers.

AOB

- Further letters will issue in June requesting list of employees and will also provide information on Employer Regional Seminars which are due to take place in September/October.

- Further letters will issue in September.

- Media and advertising campaign is planned from June onwards

- The Revenue Website will provide guidance for employers on how to request RPNs and submit payroll.

- Employees will not have the payroll data available until at least April 2019.

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Issues:

- If directors need to be paid in a separate payroll, this should be done using a separate PAYE Registered Number. Employers may need to look at this now to be ready for 2019.

- Some emails didn't issue immediately on registration for PIT. PMod team will look into this.

- Broadcast facility is needed.

- Technical issues with Webex facility noted and will be reviewed by PMod team.

- Revenue has contacted BCS (UK equivalent of PSDA) but are yet to get a response. Revenue are open to doing a PMod update day in UK.

Next Meeting – 18th April at 11am