PSDA Schema Workshop

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31st August 2017
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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 renamed. 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)
  • Mid September
• Webservice Integration guide (REST/JSON)
  • 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.