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**Received an ATO notice about
monthly GST reporting? Here's
what it means**



For businesses with GST turnover of \$20 million or more, monthly reporting is mandatory. For smaller businesses, it can be a choice — but the ATO can also direct a business onto monthly GST reporting if it has a poor compliance history, such as late lodgements, late payments or incorrect reporting.

The ATO's message is really about better compliance and better habits. If a business is moved from quarterly to monthly BAS reporting, it will generally need to stay there for at least 12 months. Monthly BAS is usually due on the 21st of the following month, and even a nil BAS still needs to be lodged. The important thing to remember is this: monthly reporting does not mean paying more GST. It means paying the same GST more often, usually in smaller and more manageable amounts.

If you receive an ATO notice directing you to move from quarterly to monthly GST reporting, don't ignore it. Check when the change starts, make sure your bookkeeping is ready for monthly lodgement, and speak to your BAS or tax agent quickly if cash flow is already tight or lodgements are behind. If you believe the decision is wrong, there is generally a 60-day objection period, so time matters. Read the full ATO article here: [Why we may change your GST reporting cycle](#) and for further guidance, this article: [Monthly GST reporting](#)

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In Other Bookkeeping_BAS News...

[Can I Claim the GST on That](#) page updated: Some new information has been updated in relation to burns products, sunscreen products and waterproof bedding.

Next BAS due date: The next quarterly BAS for **July to Sept 2026**, is due by **28th Oct 2026 if lodging by paper**. If lodging via online services or your tax agent, then the due date is **25th Nov 2026**.

Next IAS due date: The Aug 2026 Business Activity Statement is due by **21st Sept 2026**.

Fuel Tax Rates July 2026 to 30 June 2027: Check the fuel tax credit rates for business from 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 [here](#).

PayDay Super is now Law: [Payday Super will begin 1st July 2026](#).

PayDay Super Resources: Find some resources from the ATO to help you get ready for Payday Super [here](#).

FY27 Car Thresholds: Here are the [car thresholds for FY27](#).

Delivery workers catch a break: New minimum standards for on-demand delivery workers from 17 August 2026. See [Fair Work post here](#).

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Payday Super starts on 1 July 2026. If you're an employer, this blog will help you understand how Payday Super will affect your payroll processes and cash flow.

This dashboard has been created to provide employers with resources and insights to help them understand Payday Super and prepare for its impact. Use the dashboard to navigate Payday Super rules and prepare your business for the transition.

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