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Client-Agent Linking coming for Sole Traders



Before I launch into the details about client-agent linking, I just wanted to say, welcome to newsletter #200! If you've been here since newsletter #1, then you should know that I am very grateful for your support. Now onto the topic at hand....

If you're a sole trader, appointing a tax or BAS agent is set to become a little more secure, and it will involve one extra step from you. The ATO is introducing client-to-agent linking, a new authorisation process designed to make sure only the agent you've approved can access your tax records and act on your behalf.

Under the new process, your agent will start the linking request when you engage them or change what an existing agent is authorised to do. You'll then need to approve that request through ATO online services for individuals or the ATO app. Your

agent won't be able to access your tax record or act for you until you've authorised the link. It gives you a clearer view of who has access, while adding a practical check to help protect your information from identity fraud and unauthorised access.

The change isn't happening overnight. The ATO plans to begin a staged pilot from March 2027. If your agent is taking part, you may be asked to use the new process during the pilot. The ATO plans to refine the process before the broader rollout in November 2027. For now, your existing authorisations and access arrangements stay as they are. The ATO is also working on alternative ways to link clients who can't use digital services or need extra support.

So, there's no need to change anything today. If you're a sole trader, keep an eye out for information from the ATO and your agent as the pilot approaches. When you receive a request, check that you expected it, then follow the official ATO steps to approve it. If you can't use the ATO app or online services, look out for the ATO's guidance on alternative options.

The main takeaway is simple: this is a new authorisation step, not a change to your tax obligations or a requirement to reappoint your current agent. The existing process remains in place for now, so there's time to prepare. Read the ATO's update on client-to-agent linking for the latest information as the pilot approaches.

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. I**f lodging via online services or your tax agent, then the due date is **25th Nov 2026.**

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

$20K IAWO: The $20K instant asset write-off has been made permanent from 1 July 2026.

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

Card Surcharge Ban: From 1 October 2026, businesses will not be able to apply a surcharge when customers pay by eftpos, Mastercard, Visa or American Express.

Credit card payments for tax to end: From 1 Dec 2026, businesses will not be able to pay tax debts to the ATO by credit card.

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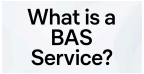
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Some businesses report GST (and other connected taxes) quarterly and some report monthly. In some circumstances, a business may only report annually. There are various reasons for the reporting cycle differences. In this blog, I will explain why a business may be directed to report monthly.



Payday Super Resources Dashboard

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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