

Access Accountants Evo combines next generation AI with proven compliance (Access Tax and Access Ledger) and practice management to solve challenges faced by accounting firms today.

Access Tax 2026.1 Release Update

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The latest enhancements to Access Tax deliver critical compliance capabilities and productivity improvements that directly address practitioner requirements for comprehensive tax preparation.

New Features

In-Product Feedback: We've introduced a new feature that lets you share feedback directly within the product, making it easier for you to tell us what matters most. Your input helps us continue improving the experience in ways that are most valuable to you.

Trust Tax Return Summary Report: Professional year-on-year comparison reporting for Trust Tax Returns enables practitioners to deliver sophisticated tax analysis with intelligent comparative display.

- **Enhanced Client Presentations:** Generate professional PDF summaries of Trust Tax Return data with automatic year-on-year comparisons when prior year returns exist, providing clients with clear visibility of their trust's tax position changes.
- **Intelligent Layout Management:** Reports automatically adapt between single-column (current year only) and multi-column (comparative) layouts based on data availability, ensuring clean professional output without empty columns.
- **Privacy Protection:** Blank Identifiers integration ensures trust-sensitive information (ABN, trust names, addresses, bank details, contact information) is appropriately handled according to practice preferences.

Automated Livestock Stock Calculation: Added automatic calculation of Closing Stock on Hand quantity field in livestock schedules based on beginning stock, purchases, natural increase and disposal transactions.

Issues Resolved

- Fixed issue where custom permission groups did not properly restrict 'Ready to Lodge' status access when changing from 'allow' to 'deny', allowing some users to change return statuses despite having restricted permissions.
- Improved Report Builder performance when exporting large reports to Excel format by optimising report generation caching and Excel conversion processes.
- Fixed SAPTO combined rebate income limit in tax estimate calculations to use correct 2025 threshold (\$87,620) instead of 2024 value (\$83,580).
- Fixed Foreign PAYG prefill indicator rollover issue where validation errors were incorrectly triggered when no dollar values were present for 2023, 2024 and 2025 tax years.
- Fixed HTML rendering of ATO response messages in lodgement summary reports to display formatted text instead of raw HTML markup.

- Fixed scrolling issue in 'Notes not to be lodged' field that prevented viewing full content after tax returns were lodged and locked.
- Fixed issue preventing removal of client bank details after initial entry - BSB validation now correctly allows blank values to be saved.

Security

- Enhanced the API reliability for external system connections for handling large data connections.
- Ongoing security and performance updates have been applied.