

# Release Notes

## MicrOpay Evo Version 9.5

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### Introduction

The main focus of this release is New Zealand end of financial year changes and changes and fixes related to Beam Super Clearing.

The highlights include:

- *New Zealand End of Financial Year* (see page 3) changes:
  - *Updated ACC Earner's Levy*
  - *KiwiSaver Percentage Change* added to *Change Tax Year* window
- Changes and fixes related to:
  - *Beam Super Clearing and other super-related changes and fixes* (see page 4).
  - *STP Reporting* (see page 7).

For more information about these and other release items, refer to *What's in this MicrOpay Evo release?* (see page 3)



#### **Getting Ready for Payday Super**

We're making behind-the-scenes changes to get MicrOpay Evo ready for payday super reporting. This release includes a few related items, but most won't take effect until the tax year rolls over during Australian end of year processing. We'll share more details with our June release.

| Key   |   |
|---|---|
|  | The item applies to all country payroll databases.                                  |
|  | The item applies to Australian payroll databases.                                   |
|  | The item applies to New Zealand payroll databases.                                  |
|  | The item applies to Other country payroll databases.                                |
|  | The item applies to a change for STP2. STP2 changes affect Australian payroll only. |

### For our Payroll Online customers

Please note that installation and upgrade of MicrOpay Evo are managed as part of our service to you. You can disregard any comments or instructions that refer to downloading and installing software upgrades.



Before updating your MicrOpay Evo software, both the **Payroll** and the **Common** database **must** be backed up. More information about database backup is available in the Knowledge Base article [Backup and Restore](#).

# What's in the MicrOpay Evo 9.5 release?



## New Zealand EOFY Changes 2026/2027



Please note that the listed tax changes are installed on upgrade to MicrOpay Evo 9.5 but do not take effect until Change Tax Year is run to roll the payroll database over into the 2026/2027 tax year.

- **ACC Earner's Levy changes – effective 1 April 2026**

This release includes changes to the ACC Earnings Levy rates and thresholds for the 2026/2027 financial year. After the tax year is changed in a 9.5 database, updated ACC values can be viewed in *Payroll > Maintenance > Tax > Tax Parameters*.

From 1 April 2026:

### **ACC Earnings Levy**

- The **Annual Levy Threshold** increases from \$152 790 to **\$156 641**.
- The **Fixed Amount** increases from \$2551.59 to **\$2 741.22**.
- The **Levy Rate** (per \$100 of liable earnings up to \$156 641 annual income) increases from \$1.67 to **\$1.75**.

Please note that there are no changes to ESCT thresholds, however changes to the KiwiSaver default contribution rate could result in some employees falling into a higher ESCT bracket.

- **KiwiSaver Percentage Change added to Change Tax Year window**

From 1 April 2026, the default rate for KiwiSaver contributions is increasing from 3% to 3.5%. Before the first pay of the new financial you will need to:

- Create new 3.5% employer contributions and link them to the relevant funds
- Update each active employee with 3% employer contributions to add the new 3.5% contribution and remove the old one.

After upgrade, a new feature called **KiwiSaver Percentage Change** is added to the Change Tax Year window. This feature assists you with creating and attaching new 3.5% KiwiSaver employer contributions by automating much of the process.

The screenshot shows a 'Change Tax Year' dialog box. At the top, it displays 'Current Tax Year' with 'Start Date 01/04/2025' and 'End Date 31/03/2026'. Below this is a warning message: 'It is essential to make a backup of your data before continuing as this procedure cannot be reversed in the event of corruption or power failure.' followed by 'NETWORKS: All users must log out of this company.' The main section is titled 'KiwiSaver Percentage Change (3.00% to 3.50%)' and contains a table with the following data:

| Create                              | Current Code | Current Description      | New Code | New Description |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 01           | 3% Employer Contribution |          |                 |

Below the table, there is a text box for entering new codes and descriptions, and a note: 'Enter a New Code and New Description for each ticked contribution to create new 3.50% Employer Contribution. Untick Create to exclude any contributions that do not have to be copied.' At the bottom right, there are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

You can skip using **KiwiSaver Percentage Change** when running Change Tax Year, by unticking the **Create** checkbox for all listed contributions. However, if skipped you will not be able to use it after tax year is changed. Instead, new 3.5% employer contributions must be created and attached to active employees before the first pay run of the new financial year. Refer to our Help Centre article for more information on [Changing Tax Year in New Zealand](#) and using KiwiSaver Percentage Change.



Please note that **3% employee contributions** must also be **updated to 3.5%** but the process is a little different to updating employer contributions. **KiwiSaver Percentage Change cannot be used to update employee contributions.** More information about updating employee contributions is also available in our [Help Centre article](#).

- **SGL tab in General Parameters displays KiwiSaver default percentage**

The **Statutory Super Guarantee field** in the SGL tab is now populated with the current KiwiSaver default contribution rate, i.e. 3% for 2025/2026 financial year, 3.5% for 2026/2027.

The screenshot shows the 'General Parameters' dialog box with the 'SGL' tab selected. The 'SGL Parameters' section includes fields for 'Minimum Monthly Earnings' (set to \$0.00), 'Minimum Eligible Age', and 'Minimum Weekly Hours for Minimum Age'. The 'Statutory Super Guarantee (%)' field is highlighted and set to 3.50. Below this is the 'Superannuation Processing' section with a 'Remit Frequency' dropdown set to 'Monthly' and a list of quarters: Quarter 1: 1 July to 30 September, Quarter 2: 1 October to 31 December, Quarter 3: 1 January to 31 March, and Quarter 4: 1 April to 30 June. 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom right.

This is a read-only field that was previously used in Australian databases only, but is now used by KiwiSaver Percentage Change to create new KiwiSaver employer contributions when Change Tax Year is run. It is not used in the calculation of employer contributions. Refer also to the *General Parameters SGL* item under *Superannuation* for details of a related change.



## Beam Super Clearing

- **Date filters and Refresh option added to Super Clearing Batches grid**

The Super Clearing Batches grid is updated to include:

- **Date Created From** and **To** filters that enable the user to filter grid contents by date range. The default date range is the last six months.
- A **Refresh** button to update the grid contents when a new date range is selected.

| Select                   | Batch ID | Date Created             | Process To Date | Payroll Company        | Contributions | Employer Primary | Employer Additional | Employee Before Tax | Employee After Tax | Total Contribution | Messages | Notifications |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|
| Created                  |          |                          |                 |                        |               |                  |                     |                     |                    |                    |          |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 110      | 18/11/2025... 31/10/2... |                 | MPAY - MicrOpay        | 5             | 2,750.00         | 0.00                | 150.00              | 0.00               | 2,900.00           | 0        | 0             |
| Validated                |          |                          |                 |                        |               |                  |                     |                     |                    |                    |          |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 111      | 18/11/2025... 31/10/2... |                 | PC - MicrOpay Holdings | 2             | 2,350.00         | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00               | 2,350.00           | 2        | 0             |
| Has Errors               |          |                          |                 |                        |               |                  |                     |                     |                    |                    |          |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 109      | 6/11/2025... 30/09/2...  |                 | MPAY - MicrOpay        | 5             | 2,750.00         | 0.00                | 150.00              | 0.00               | 2,900.00           | 3        | 0             |
| Cancelled                |          |                          |                 |                        |               |                  |                     |                     |                    |                    |          |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 108      | 5/11/2025... 8/10/2025   |                 | MPAY - MicrOpay        | 7             | 2,651.02         | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00               | 2,651.02           | 4        | 3             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 107      | 5/11/2025... 1/10/2025   |                 | MPAY - MicrOpay        | 7             | 5,302.04         | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00               | 5,302.04           | 4        | 3             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 106      | 5/11/2025... 17/09/2...  |                 | MPAY - MicrOpay        | 7             | 7,953.06         | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00               | 7,953.06           | 4        | 3             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 105      | 31/10/202... 31/08/2...  |                 | MPAY - MicrOpay        | 1             | 0.00             | 0.00                | 300.00              | 0.00               | 300.00             | 0        | 3             |

- **TFN now sent with contribution information**

TFNs are now included in data sent to Beam, to assist with matching contributions to the correct fund member accounts.

- **Resolution of several issues related to batch creation, submission and notification handling:**

- **Improved handling of error and refund notifications sent by Beam**

We've resolved an issue where some error and refund notifications returned by Beam could not be matched to the relevant employees. This occurred when the primary field used by MicrOpay Evo to identify the relevant employee was not provided in the notification. MicrOpay Evo now also uses additional details that are always provided in Beam notifications and can be used to match the notification to a specific batch.

- **Correction of Access Violation error due to validation message length**

MicrOpay Evo now accepts validation messages that are returned from Beam and are longer than 200 characters. Previously, validation messages that exceeded this length caused batch submission to fail with an Access Violation error.

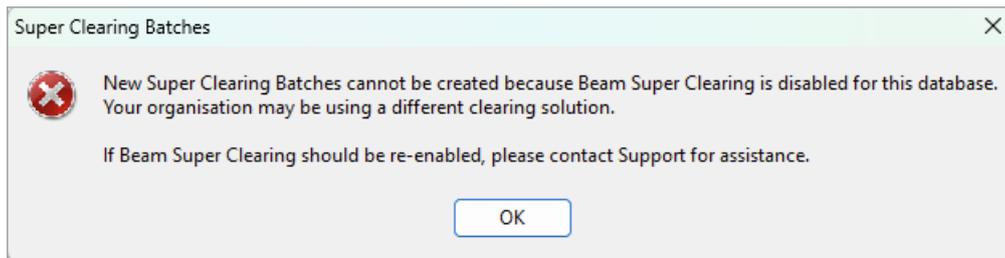
- **Validation issues due to special characters in batch data addressed**

When employee fields that are included in batch data, e.g. **Surname**, super fund **Membership No**, contain tabs, backslashes and/or double quotes, these special characters are now removed from member data when a Super Clearing batch is validated or submitted. This corrects an issue where batches could not be validated or the **Validate** button appeared to be unresponsive.

Please note that this change removes the special characters in the Super Clearing batch data only. It does not update the field contents in the employee record.

- **New message displayed when creating new batches but Beam is disabled**

The following message is now displayed when **Create New** is selected in Super Clearing Batches but Beam integration has been disabled:



## Other Superannuation Changes and Fixes

- **SG quarterly contribution cap no longer resets when fund changed**

The SG quarterly contribution cap is no longer reset to zero when an employee's superannuation fund is changed during a quarter. The cap now correctly accumulates across fund changes within the same quarter.

- **SGL Parameters locked for editing following Change of Tax Year**

After MicrOpay Evo is upgraded to 9.5, the fields in the **SGL Parameters** tab (*Payroll > Maintenance > General > General Parameters*) are disabled, so they can no longer be edited, when Change Tax Year is run to roll the financial year from 2025/2026 to 2026-2027. This change is part of our preparation for payday super but will affect New Zealand and Other country databases as well.

- **Super Employer Contribution Report issue causing doubled values resolved**

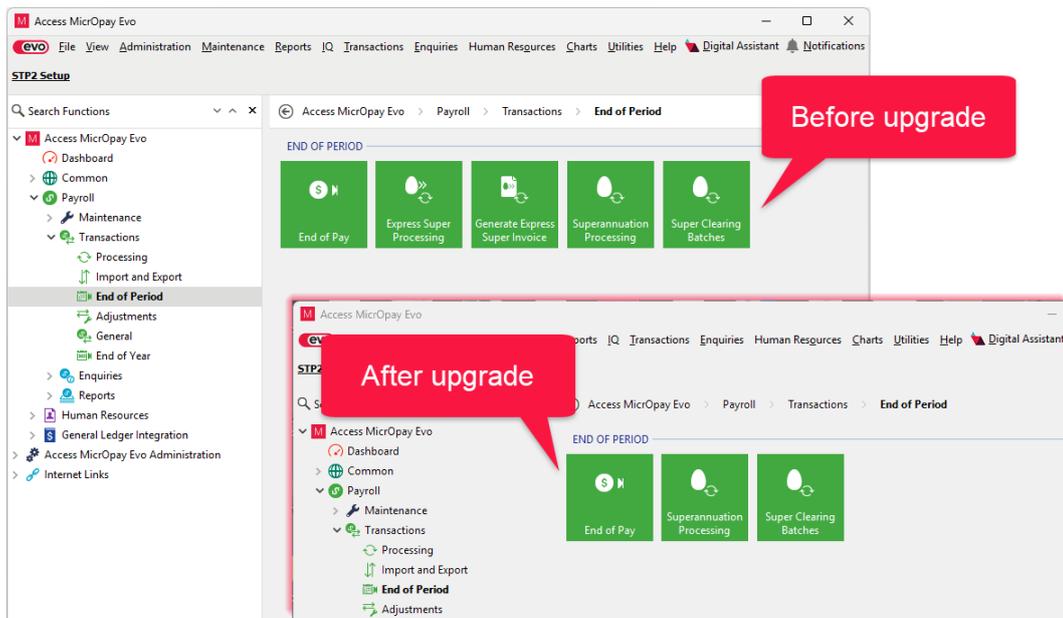
An issue that could, in some cases, cause *This Pay* contribution values to be doubled in the Superannuation Employer Contribution Report is corrected.

- **Copying Super Fund will not copy Employee Contributions or Payroll Companies**

Copying a super fund record to create a new fund record no longer copies the contents of the **Employee Contributions** and **Payroll Companies** tabs from the existing fund to the new one.

- **Express Super tiles removed**

The **Express Super** and **Generate Express Super Invoice** tiles have been removed from *Payroll > Transactions > End of Period*.



## STP 2 STP Reporting

- **Zero Lump Sum E values no longer reported**

When a reported Lump Sum E amount was reversed later, resulting in a zero YTD reportable Lump Sum E for the employee, a 0.00 value was included in the STP2 submission but returned an error from the ATO. Now, this 0.00 value is excluded from STP submissions and is removed in STP Update and Adjustment windows.

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| Lump Sum Payments |      |        |
|-------------------|------|--------|
| Lump Sum Type     | Year | Amount |
| E (Lump Sum E)    | 2026 | 0.00   |
| Count: 1          |      | 0.00   |

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| Lump Sum Payments                                     |      |        |
|---|------|--------|
| Lump Sum Type   | Year | Amount |
| <There are no Lump Sum Payments for this Income Type> |      |        |

- **When reporting Lump Sum E amounts, OTE only includes the value of superable components**

As part of our preparation for payday super, we've made a change to the way Lump Sum E components that are superable are reported. Previously, the whole Lump Sum E amount was subtracted from OTE. Now the whole amount is reported as a Lump Sum E payment but the OTE value only includes the parts of the lump sum that are flagged as OTE components.

This change is also reflected in OTE values in the **STP Year To Date Report**. Please note this change may cause a **Difference** value to be shown for Ordinary Time Earnings, when the report is run for a previous year before Lump Sum E payments were identified as OTE and non-OTE.

- **OTE now reported as zero for Employees under 18, working less than 30 hours per week**

MicrOpay Evo now reports an OTE amount of *0.00* for employees who are not entitled to superannuation because they are under 18 years old and working less than 30 hours per week. Previously, a non-zero amount, e.g. the employee's gross earnings for the period, was reported as OTE. This change has been made as part of our preparation for payday super.

- **STP YTD report now shows Lump Sum E for Working Holiday Makers and Inbound Assignees**

Back pay Lump Sum E amounts for employees with either *WHM* or *IAA* income types are now displayed in the *STP Year to Date Report*.

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## Transactions and Processing

- **Termination tax now calculates on total of unused Annual Leave and Long Service Leave**

When a termination transaction includes amounts for both unused Annual Leave (termination component *Term AL Gross*) and unused Long Service Leave (termination component *Term LSL Gross*), tax is now calculated on the combined total of both components, to ensure that employees are not undertaxed.

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## Employee Maintenance

- **Employee contributions linked to terminated funds no longer copied to duplicated employee record**

When an employee record is duplicated, employee contributions that are linked to terminated super funds are no longer copied over to the new record. This addresses an issue where these 'orphan' employee contributions could not be deleted from the new record.

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## System, Database and Setup

- **Security Protocol for STP Reporting upgraded to TLS 1.3**

The security protocol used to submit STP reporting events from MicrOpay Evo to the STP Reporting Gateway is upgraded to TLS 1.3. This change takes effect from upgrade to version 9.5, no user action is required.

- **Message Log Viewer now logs Leave setup changes**

The Message Log Viewer now logs changes made to the following maintenance records:

- Annual Leave.
- Long Service Leave.
- Sick Leave.
- User Defined Leave.
- RDO.
- Leave Reasons.
- Leave Loading.

The log captures the:

- Type of change, i.e. when a record is Deleted, Changed or Added. When a leave type is changed, the log includes the affected fields and their values before and after the change. When a leave type is added, the log includes all fields entered for the leave type.
- Date and time of the change.
- Agent details, i.e. the Agent who made the change, their User Name and the Work Station the change was made from.

- **Error connecting to Sage 300 rectified**

An issue that caused the following error when signing into Sage 300 from General Ledger Integration is rectified:

*Invalid Signon Information. Make sure that you supply the correct User ID and password.*

This error occurred when users attempted to sign into Sage 300 following the upgrade to Sage 300 2025.

- **Leave records imported from Sage People now load for Monthly Pay Frequencies**

We've corrected an issue that prevented approved leave imported from Sage People for monthly-paid employees from being loaded into the Leave Processing window.

- **Digital Assistant Link updated**

From version 9.5, Internet Links to the Digital Assistant are updated to use <https://help-micropay.theaccessgroup.com/en>. This change applies when the Digital Assistant is accessed by:

- Clicking **Help** in the Menu bar then selecting *Internet Links > Digital Assistant*.
- Choosing *Internet Links > Digital Assistant* from the System Tree.

## After you upgrade

### For our Payroll Online customers

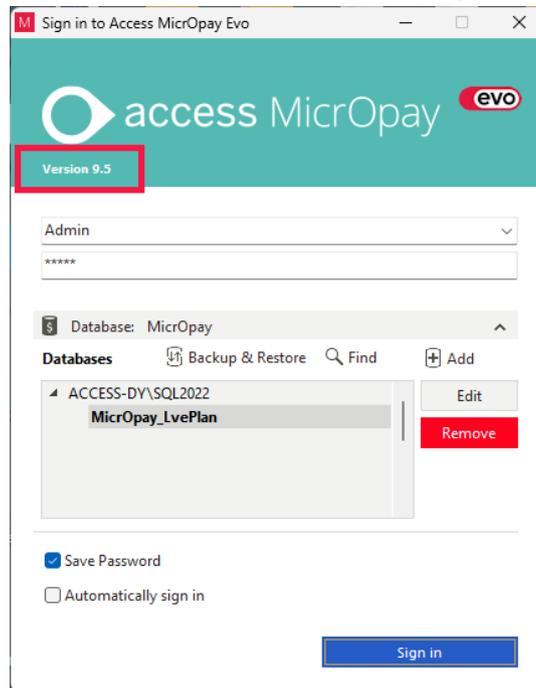
Please note that upgrade of MicrOpay Evo is managed as part of our service to you. You can disregard any comments or instructions that refer to downloading and installing software upgrades.

After the upgrade is installed, you should check that the correct software and database versions are displayed. If the latest version numbers are not displayed, MicrOpay Evo may not have been successfully upgraded.

### To check the MicrOpay Evo software version

In the sign in window:

- After the upgrade is installed the version number displayed should be **9.5**.

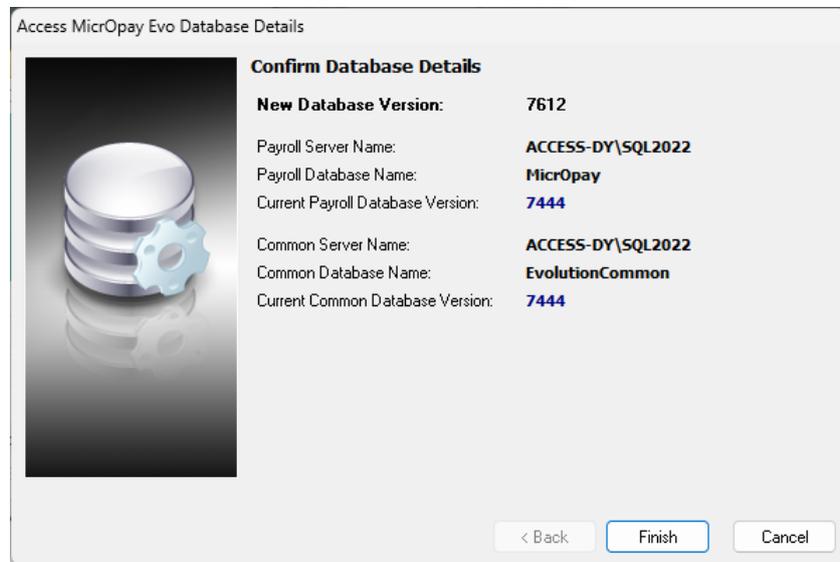


After you have signed in, you can check the version number by going to **Help > About**.

### **To check the MicrOpay Evo database version**

Your new database version number after the upgrade should be **7612**.

The first time you log in to MicrOpay Evo after installing the upgrade, the payroll and common databases will be updated. You can check the new database version from the Confirm Database Details window.



Ensure you click **Finish** to proceed with the database update.