

Single Touch Payroll is COMPULSORY for any Wage Paying Employer – If you pay wages please read the below carefully

Single Touch Payroll (STP) is a new way for employers to report their wages obligations to the ATO in real time each payday. This includes reporting of wages, PAYG Withholding and Superannuation Guarantee obligations.

Parliament has recently passed legislation making STP reporting **compulsory** for employers with 19 or less employees from 1 July 2019. Businesses with 20 or more employees began reporting on 1 July 2018.

In other words, if you pay wages (including to yourself) you must comply with Single Touch Payroll requirements from 1 July 2019.

STP information can be lodged through existing payroll software so long as it is updated to offer STP reporting.

The ATO says businesses won't be forced to purchase payroll software and different STP reporting options will be available by 1 July 2019 including:

- Exemptions for businesses with unreliable or no internet connection.
- Micro employers can report quarterly, rather than every time they run their payroll.
- Low-cost STP reporting options will include simple payroll software and mobile phone apps at or below \$10 a month for micro employers.

The ATO will adopt a flexible and reasonable approach in dealing with the transition to STP. There will also be no penalties for mistakes, missed or late reports in the first year