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Why are we changing? We're making tax and payments simpler and more certain for individuals	 Image: Fair Image: Fair Image: Fair Image: Fair Quick to self-manage Image: Provide confidence Image: Less cost 	So, let's start off by doing a recap of our transformation and why we are making these changes. Our transformation aims to simplify the way we work with customers and deliver services. It includes improvements to policy and legislation, as well as upgrading an ageing computer system. We know that for some of you, this hasn't been your experience and there has been some issues, which we'll touch on shortly. By modernising and simplifying tax administration for individuals we aim to build a revenue system that

	is fair and supports high levels of compliance; ensures payment requirements are easy to get right and hard to get wrong; Ensures compliance obligations are quick and low effort for individuals; ensures processes are more certain and provides confidence that the right thing has been done. And finally, we want to reduce tax administration costs and lower overall compliance costs.
<section-header><section-header><section-header> Number Barbar Barbar Market</section-header></section-header></section-header>	For those who haven't seen this slide before, which probably isn't many of you: our transformation planning started at the end of 2015 and after three releases we're starting to see some of the benefits. We're taking a phased approach with major releases occurring every year from 2017 to 2021, each one aligning with the beginning of the tax year in April. This is now well underway, with the first three releases having been implemented and we're now approaching our 4 th release.
<section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header>	 The changes implemented as part of Release 3 were the biggest changes introduced yet and had a large impact on tax agents and bookkeepers due to the introduction of new legislation, new systems and a new website. It involved a steep learning curve for everyone concerned and we acknowledge that this has had a heavy impact on some of you. Some of the larger changes were: Income tax and Working for Families was migrated to new systems and processes. We introduced a new, automatic year-end process, Payday filing became mandatory and the PAYE electronic filing threshold was reduced. We introduced new reporting requirements for employment and investment income information We also introduced a new Inland Revenue website and

	revamped digital channels
	and services.
	And; we now have a single view of a
	customer in our new system
	As I touched on before, we've
It wasn't all plain sailing	experienced some issues which
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Progress updates	disruptions that these issues have
Issues as th	caused.
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fixes	internally, to identify and manage
Tel et aler et sakas to conse lance you ary essentie et la or et velation et any M	intermediary issues. A lot of fixes
All Solutions	have been put in place and we
Solutions brancementers	continue to fix issues and make
https://www.classic.ird.govt.nz/campaigns/2019/top-solutions/	improvements.
	At the beginning of June, we also
	created a page called "Top solutions
	for tax intermediaries" (the link is
	showing on screen now). We did
	this to keep you informed and
	updated on the status of key issues. As you may know, some issues do
	take more time to fix, so as we
	work towards resolving these, we
	work towards resolving these, we want to keep you updated –
	The progress updates and quick
	fixes sections of this page are really
	good places to find updates for
	issues that are being worked on as
	well as work arounds. As an issue
	moves through the process and
	through to resolution, we update
	these sections then move the
	information to our archived answers
	page.
	To help you search through any
	issues that may already have been
	resolved, we've listed them in the
	"all solutions" section.
	If you aren't already doing so, we
	would recommend having a look at
	this page to keep up to date and
	find help with issues you may be
	having.

New year-end process ran for the first time More people received refunds or a bill for tax to pay compared to last year 2018 2019 773,000 people received refunds 1.3 million people received automatically issued refunds \$383.9 million paid in refunds \$72.2 million paid in refunds	As most of you know, our new year- end process ran for the first time this year. For the year ending 31 March 2019, more people received a refund or a bill for tax to pay than for the year ending 31 March 2018. This is unsurprising as previously customers had to take action themselves.
Employers (98%) filing digitally	The numbers on screen show a comparison of people who received a refund or bill for tax to pay in 2018 vs 2019, and how much those refunds, or bills were. As everyone was issued with an assessment, the number and value of refunds and bills to pay issued, was significantly higher in 2019 compared to 2018, where only some customers received an assessment. Nearly 580,000 more customers received a refund in 2019, an increase of around 70%, and an additional \$190 was paid out compared to 2018. Previously, these customers would have missed out. The average refund was \$430. Just under 210,000 more people received a bill for tax to pay in 2019, requiring \$74 million more in tax to be paid compared to 2018. The average bill was \$353. Approximately 1 million people didn't have to take any action: • 354,000 had refunds under \$1 which are held until the amount reaches \$1 • 529,000 had bills for tax to pay of less than \$50 written off, and • 95,000 customers had zero balances.
The next phase of our procession The next phase of our procession Making it easier to manage: Making it easier to manage: KiwiSaver Student loans Mandatory electronic investment income information reporting New R&D incentive Write-off rules Short process rulings Further changes for employers: Single employer account	 Now we'll look ahead to our next set of changes, most of which are effective April 2020. We will make KiwiSaver, PAYE and student loans easier to manage KiwiSaver, Student Loans and PAYE financial information will be moving into our new system, you'll have a more integrated, real-

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	 time view of what's been paid when. PAYE processing will be held in a single employer account; We are moving the backend processing into our new system, meaning transactions and payments will show up a lot sooner in a single account. We're making a few improvements to Working for Families, Student loans and KiwiSaver, mainly to help reduce large over and underpayments. Electronic investment income information reporting which is currently voluntary, becomes mandatory, and we'll look at this more closely in a moment. There is a new R&D Tax Incentive. And a new short process rulings, binding rulings process.
 Research & Barton State Sta	 One of the changes that comes in before April 2020 is the Research & Development Tax Incentive which is available from the current (2020) tax year. The Government has set a target to increase New Zealand's R&D expenditure to 2% of GDP by 2027. Reaching this target requires significant growth in businesses' expenditure on R&D. This is supported by the R&D Tax Incentive which is being delivered in conjunction with Callaghan Innovation and MBIE. The R&D Tax Incentive is a 15% tax credit on up to \$120 million of eligible expenditure. Eligible businesses must spend a minimum of \$50,000 on eligible R&D to claim, unless money is spent with an Approved Research Provider. To check eligibility, customers can read our guidance material or use the eligibility tool both of these are available on our website. If a business is performing R&D activities and plans to claim the tax incentive, they need to enrol before

	they can submit a supplementary return at the end of the tax year. Customers (or you as their agent) enrol with Inland Revenue through the customers myIR account which takes about 10-20 minutes. Once enrolled, they'll have access to the R&D tax incentive workspace where they'll be able to upload supporting documentation in myIR by preparing the R&D supplementary return. This will be available in mid-November for businesses that have an early balance date so they can file their end-of-year returns. Those with standard balance dates will need to apply for general approval by 7 May after the end of the tax year if they want their R&D activity to be considered eligible for the credit. In the first year of the scheme (the 2019/20 income year) customers will need to complete an R&D supplementary return and include the tax credit amount in their income tax return. In the 2020/21 income year customers will need to seek in-year approval for R&D activities or, if they expect to have more than \$2million of eligible R&D expenditure, they can seek to be recognised as a significant performer. Our guidance material contains more information on these processes.
 Short process support of legislation. New process - interpretation of legislation. From 1 October 2019 eligible customers can apply. Eligibility Annual income of less than \$20 million Tax at stake - less than \$1 million Apply, pay and track status through myIR. Cost: \$2000 (inclusive of GST). Turnaround time: 6 weeks. 	Recently we introduced short process rulings which are a new option to seek clarification on interpretation of legislation, instead of having to use the full binding rulings process. Short Process Rulings came into effect on 1 October 2019; eligible customers are able to apply for faster and more cost-effective rulings. Any individual or business with an annual gross income below \$20 million and a question involving tax below \$1 million dollars are eligible to request a short process ruling. But do note there may be some

	questions or tax laws which are not suitable for the shortened process. There is information on short process rulings on our website, including help for customers to determine whether or not they qualify. If they qualify, customers are able to apply online and include attachments with their application. As tax agents you can apply on behalf of your clients in the tax preparer tab. They'll also be able to pay the \$2000 fee online. We will confirm we've received their application and payment and you can track the status of the application in myIR, generally the turnaround time is 6 weeks. Short process rulings, provides certainty for your customers, is easy to use and more cost effective than the full binding rulings process.
<text><list-item><list-item><list-item></list-item></list-item></list-item></text>	 Now let's look at another legislative changes related to ring-fencing rental losses. Hopefully you're aware of this already as the rule applies from the start of this tax year. But as a reminder, The new Ring-Fencing Rental Losses policy means that customers are no longer able to reduce their tax liability by offsetting residential rental property losses against their other income, such as salary or wages, or business income. Any ring-fenced deductions will be carried forward and may only be used against residential rental or sale of property income in future years. Rental property owners who run their rental properties at a loss will be particularly affected by this policy. It's important to note your customers who use a tailored tax code to offset their rental losses against their rental losses against their salary and wages, may need to change their tailored tax code or they may end up with a tax bill at the end of

Helping customers get it right The information provided by third parties is right Output Image: Second Secon	the year. We've been encouraging tax agents and customers without agents to review this over the last couple of weeks.The quality and frequency of information we receive is one of the key enablers for helping to ensure customers pay and receive the right amounts during the year. Changes to the reporting requirements for employment and investment income information, like reporting to us more frequently, needed to be in place before we could simplify requirements for individuals. They were included in the Taxation Bill - which was enacted on 29 March 2018.
	Mandatory payday filing started on 1 April 2019 for all employers. Employees' PAYE information is now filed on a payday basis and employers will no longer need to file employer deductions. We now calculate this automatically using the employment information schedules that have been filed. There are some additional changes for employers and investment payers coming as part of release 4 in April.
 Employer changes File and pay with employment information submitted. Improved automatic return validations. Consolidated approach to employer notifications. Improvements to employee on-boarding process. Collecting additional data from employers - Hours paid (via digital channels only) Notices when an employee's student loan is close to being paid off. Transactions visible sooner. 	Currently you file PAYE returns in the new system, but all the back- end processes are managed in the old system. With us moving the backend processing into our new system, transactions and payments will show up a lot sooner in a single account. And from April we'll be able to improve the user experience and some processes. Some of the key changes you'll notice are: Customers will be able to pay when they file in myIR. (if they want to), The due date for payment isn't changing, but customers can choose to file and pay if that works better for them. We'll provide employers with more up to date information about their employees when submitting employment information. We are improving the new employee on-

boonding process. New everlances
boarding process. Now employers will only need to provide information
for new employees once - currently
they need to provide the same
information twice for new
employees, once for KiwiSaver and
the other for general PAYE details.
When an employer is onboarding,
they will get near real time feedback
regarding their employees'
information e.g. a new employees
tax code. This will reduce the
likelihood of an employee using the
wrong tax code and helping them to
get it right from the start.
We'll reduce the number of
notifications we issue to employers
but consolidating notices. Currently
we issue correspondence to
employers based on individual
accounts or tax types. This means
we send multiple letters to
employers for each employee and
each tax type when an update is
required. From April we'll group our
communications by 'topic'.
The 3 main groupings of letters will
be:
Updates to an
employer's
employment
information to
start or stop
deductions for
employees
Updates to deductions
deductions employers are
currently
making for
employees (for
example
notification of
a tailored tax
code)
And a report
that advises
employers or
any return
errors they
need to fix
from any
recently
submitted
employment
information.

	We'll also help customer better understand what they need to do by being able to pull a report from myIR. Employers now get a notice when an employee's student loan is close to being repaid advising of the final deduction amount, and what tax code the employee will need to change to once this deduction has been made. And employers will be asked to provide the hours paid for employees, if they collect that information.
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 transition measure as mandatory monthly reporting of this income begins from 1 April 2020. While payers will need to report more often, they will only need to report information to Inland Revenue for months in which a payment is made. Nil returns will not be required. A few administration changes have also been introduced including: Payers will no longer be required to provide withholding tax certificates for RWT, as long as the recipient has provided them a valid IRD number. The non-declaration rate will increase to 45% for RWT on interest that will apply from 1 April. We're implementing improved error correction processes, and The end of year reconciliation statements IR15S and IR67S and the monthly payment forms like the IR15P will no longer need to be completed, and There are additional record keeping requirements for payment of non-resident withholding tax.
withholding tax. Investment income payers can choose to transition to the new reporting regime any time prior to April but must do so at the beginning of a month.
The deadline for the payment of tax to Inland Revenue doesn't change and still due the 20th of the month following payment to the investor. And barring the change to the non- declaration rate for interest income, tax rates aren't changing either.

	From April 2020, we will no longer
RWT exemption	be issuing RWT certificates of
register	exemption and instead we are
	introducing the electronic RWT-
Certificates no longer issued from 1 April 2020.	exempt status register.
	The register will provide an accurate
 RWT exempt status will show on electronic RWT exempt register. 	list of customers who have RWT-
 If you already have a valid RWT exemption certificate – your IRD 	exempt status, based on the
number will be automatically added to the register.	information we hold. The
If seeking RWT-exempt status you will still need to apply to IR	
you win still need to apply to the	information will be updated every
	business day.
	This means recipients of investment
	income:
	Will no longer receive or
	need to show their payer an
	exemption certificate. The
	payer will check the register
	to confirm a payee's RWT-
	exempt status.
	 Those who currently have a
	valid RWT certificate of
	exemption, won't need to do
	anything, as they will
	automatically be placed on
	the register. They will not
	have to reapply unless their
	exemption expires or is
	revoked.
	 People with RWT-exempt
	status need to be aware
	there is no change to their
	obligations - they are still
	responsible for actively
	notifying Inland Revenue if
	they no longer meet the
	criteria for an exemption.
	We'll then update their
	status and the register. You
	can notify us by sending a
	message in myIR or calling
	us.
	There is a change for customers
	who are exempt from RWT under
	another Act (other than the Income
	Tax Act). Currently they are not
	required to advise IR of their
	exemption. They just need to
	contact their payer to let them know
	what Act they are exempt under.
	Due to a change in legislation, from
	April 2020 they will now be
	required to register with IR in
	order to show on the register and
	for their exemption to be valid.

Student loans

- Administered in new system
- Interest no longer charged and written off. Statements will be easier to read. * Employer notified where possible, when
- loan is close to being paid off. *
- Repayment holiday renamed "temporary repayment suspension". *
- Unable to pay medically unable to work/care for yourself, apply to be treated as overseas – interest free. *

*Subject to passage of legislation



From April 2020, we'll move student loans in our new system. This means we will process repayments faster and customers will be able to keep better track of student loans in myIR.

There are also some other changes subject to the passage of legislation, so we are still finalising the details while they are being considered by parliament so may change:

- We will no longer charge and write off interest for New Zealand based customers. Which should help make statements easier to read.
- When a customer's student loan balance has almost been fully repaid, we will advise them. We will also notify their employer the final amount to deduct from their employee's salary or wages. We'll also let them know what tax code they should be change to after the final amount has been deducted.
- We are proposing to rename the repayment holiday to "temporary repayment suspension". This is to help make it clearer that repayment obligations they have as an overseas based borrower are only stopped temporarily, note interest will continue to be charged during this time. And,

2. If you are overseas and medically unable to work/care for yourself, you may now be eligible to apply to be treated as overseas – interest free. This means you will not be charged interest and won't have a yearly repayment obligation. However, you will need to supply any worldwide income you may have.

A new look for student loans in myIR

Improved look including:

- Simplified view of total balance and upcoming/overdue obligations
- Interest free or not.
 Travel movements.
- Customers can do more things online
 - Tell us where you want any overpaid student loan payments to go.
 - Easy access to multiple payment options, including direct debits from Australia, UK, Europe (SEPA), USA and Canada
 - Improved repayment and day count calculatorsApplication for hardship and reduced deduction rates
 - Application for hardship and reduced deduction
 Provide world-wide income

Moving student loans into the new system means we can provide more information in myIR, including:

- A simplified view of the total student loan balance and any upcoming and/or overdue assessments.
- Customers will be able to see if they are being treated as interest free or not.
- They will be able to see their travel movements including the dates of their arrival and departures which determine whether their loan has interest applied or not.

And customers will be able to do more things online.

- Including an ability to set a preference for the treatment of any excess student loan credits. This will determine what will automatically happen to these credits.
- They will have easy access to multiple payment options, including being able to make a payment through myIR as well as setting up direct debits from Australia, UK, Europe, USA and Canada
- The current student loan repayment calculator will be more user-friendly, and we will have a new calculator so customers can easily work out when travel will impact whether interest is charged on the loan
 Customers can apply
- for hardship and reduced deduction rates - It will be easier to work out

	and apply for a reduced or nil repayment rate, or exemption from interest if overseas. • They can also provide world-wide income through myIR. We are still developing the new look myIR and will be able to show you what this looks like in early 2020.
<text><list-item><list-item><list-item></list-item></list-item></list-item></text>	 Moving on to the changes related to Working for Families tax credits: If a customer has a Working for Families overpayment or debt to pay, they will be able to set up a Working for Families entitlement arrangement and use their current weekly or fortnightly entitlement to repay this. At the end of the year, if a current, full year Working for Families partner has an income tax credit, it will also be automatically offset against the principal caregiver's overpayment for that same year. If the principal caregiver has an income tax refund, this will continue to be automatically offset. When a customer's WFFTC assessment has been held up due to the principal care giver or partner's income details not being available, the customer will be given 30 days to pay, if the amount assessed to pay goes past the due date When a customer applies for Working for Families, they will be able to request to have a lump sum payment of any backdated entitlement when they register, instead of waiting until the end of the tax year in which they have applied.

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KiwiSaver: Member changes

- KiwiSaver administered in new system.
- Enhanced visibility of funds in myIR.
- Employer contributions sent to Scheme Providers faster
- Faster voluntary transfers between Scheme Providers
- Reduction of holding period from 3 to 2 months
- Funds to Scheme Provider faster retirement savings grow faster.



Let's have a look at what's changing for KiwiSaver members... KiwiSaver will move into our new system meaning members will have greater visibility of deductions and contributions. Members will also be able to view their KiwiSaver account in myIR, instead of being redirected to the KiwiSaver website. As employer contributions will be passed straight through to Scheme Providers, it will mean funds will be transferred to providers quicker. Transfers between Scheme Providers will now only take up to 10 working days, instead of 35 days. The holding period for new members who have been

members who have been automatically enrolled will reduce from three months to two months. Interest on KiwiSaver contributions will begin from the pay date a member's contribution was reported by their employer to IR.

As you'll know, we are becoming increasingly digital in the way we work, and many of our customers are already paying their taxes digitally. We've seen a steady decline in the usage of cheques, more so every year. Continuing this shift, you may have already heard that from 1 March 2020, we will no longer be accepting cheques. This includes post-dated cheques (dated after 1 March 2020). We are encouraging chequepaying customers to get a head start on finding other convenient and secure payment options that work for them.

We recommend customers contact their bank about online banking options such as:

direct credit payments and;automatic payments.

Many banks offer a dedicated tax payment option.

Customers can pay online through Inland Revenue:

 They can use credit or debit cards to make online payments through our website – to read more

Changes to payment methods



- Cheques no longer accepted from 1 March 2020.
 Alternative ways to pay, including:
 - Iternative ways to pay, incl Direct credit payments
 - Direct credit payment
 Automatic payments
 - Dedicated tax payment option (via the bank)
 - Pay online o through myIR
 - o through myIK
 o direct debit or debit card on ird.govt.nz
 - Overseas payments
 - Pay in person at Westpac bank.

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<text><list-item><list-item><list-item><list-item></list-item></list-item></list-item></list-item></text>	 We are making some changes to improve the effectiveness of our digital services by introducing new and expanded services for software providers and intermediaries. The improved data quality and validations through Gateway Services will help ensure customers are paying the correct tax and receiving the correct entitlements. New Gateway Services for intermediaries are being introduced for filing tax on income, investment income and associated data exchange. This represents a change for Tax Agents and offers new channel options for other intermediaries to submit income tax information.

	 Part of their software development includes collecting new information about employees, KiwiSaver members and Student loans customers, for example hours paid. Inland Revenue will work closely with software developers and partners to ensure they understand what is changing, so they are able to successfully onboard their customers when the new Gateway Services go live. We'll provide greater support to our business partners to self-serve by extending our development portal with online support and developer resources for new and enhanced product driven services. We'll share more information as this becomes available as well as when changes will be implemented.
<section-header><text><text><text></text></text></text></section-header>	 We're nearing the end of the presentation now so I'll just do a quick recap to confirm when these changes will come into effect: In July 2019 we opened KiwiSaver to all ages. In July the Research & Development Tax Incentives (or RDTI) eligibility tool went live and enrolments also opened earlier this month, approvals commenced, and our portal became available. Short process rulings went live on the 1st of October. From 1 March 2020 we will no longer except cheques from customers who are able to pay by alternate methods. And; lastly, the changes related to the RWT exemption register will take effect in April 2020 alongside others including investment income, student loans and KiwiSaver changes.

Time for Q & A Enter your questions on your screen in the "Enter your question" section	So now it's time to get to the questions that you've sent through It looks like we've received quite a few questions, so we'll do our best to get through as many as possible. And just to reiterate - we will follow the standard practice of sharing all the questions and answers with all participants as we have done in the past. Ok, so let's have a look at the first question
<image/> <image/> <text><text></text></text>	That's all we have time for – Thank you for coming along and participating today. We'd like to encourage you to complete the feedback survey that will pop <u>up on your screen</u> when the webinar ends. This feedback will help us improve future sessions and get an understanding of the type of information you want to know more about. If you missed some of this session or would like to watch it again, it's available on demand on the Transformation section of our website which we'll show the link to in our next slide. So that brings us to the end of today's high-level overview. It's a fair amount to digest which is why we have broken down the changes per topic and we'll provide more detail in future sessions. That's all from us for today. Take a look at future webinars coming up on the transformation section of our website (link in slide). Thank you and bye for now.