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Questions		
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We will address the questions as appropriate and as time permits



Agenda

- Welcome
- APRA Connect and future data collections
- APRA Connect access at go-live
- Data preparation and submission
- Information and support



Our platform for future data collections

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An easy-to-use system to collect high-quality data that is adaptable to future business needs

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Easier to use

Modern, intuitive user interface with more options for data uploads.



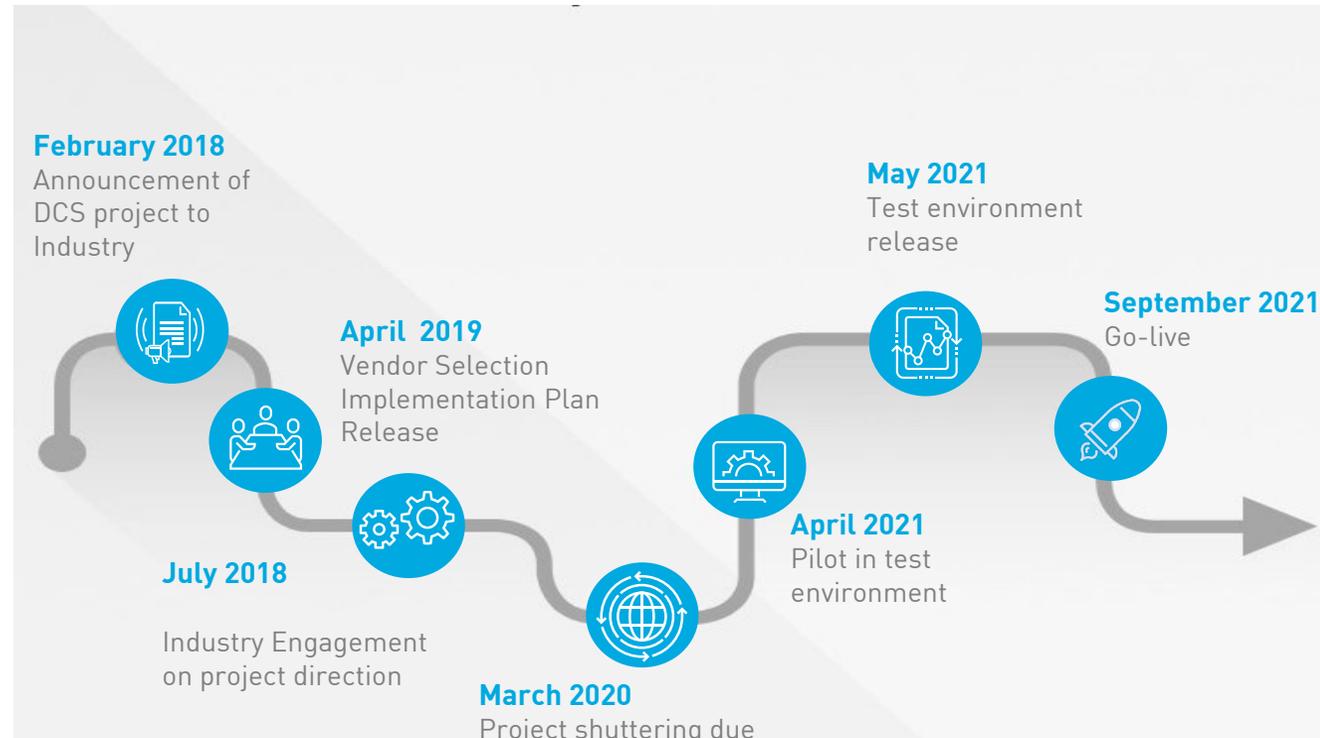
Less ongoing maintenance

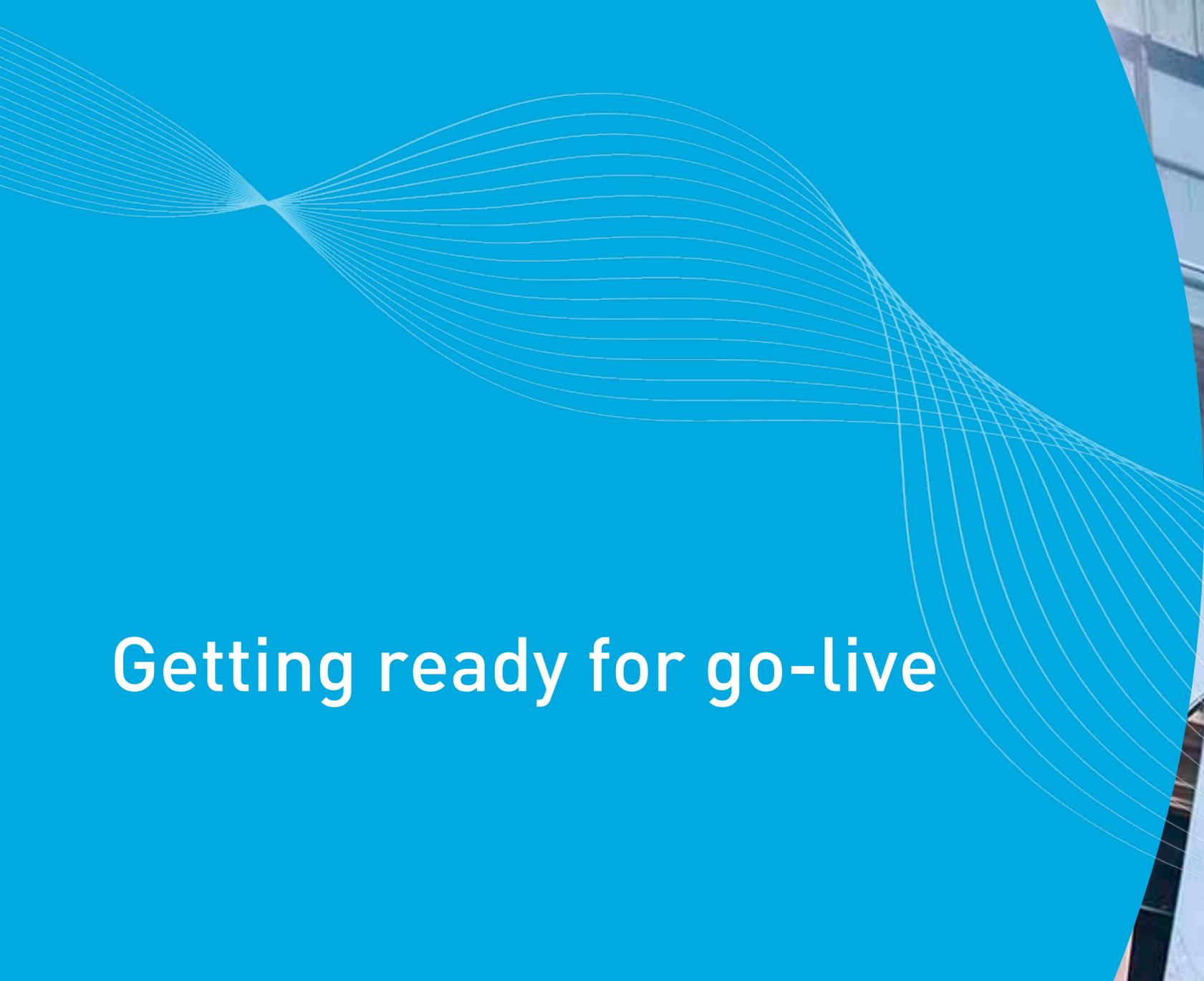
Web-based and will not require additional software to be installed on a user's machine, simplifying system maintenance.



Adaptable to future needs

Adapt as reporting requirements, data analytics and technology evolve and will provide greater flexibility for automation of data submission.





Getting ready for go-live



APRA Connect go-live 13 September



Practised in test environment
Confirmed user roles and permissions for your teams
Nominated first RRA through D2A form and advised additional roles
All industries
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corporate profile• Contact persons• Responsible Persons• Accountable Persons
Documents through ad hoc returns
Superannuation Data Transformation in September
PHI HRS 605.0 in October
Other collections as they come on line in 2022 +



What this means for each industry

	 Superannuation	 Insurance, inc GI Intermediaries	 ADIs, RFCs
APRA Connect Go-Live From 13 September 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entity information such as corporate profile, contact details, Responsible Persons Superannuation Data Transformation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entity information such as corporate profile, contact details, Responsible Persons PHI reform (HRS 605.0) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entity information such as corporate profile, contact details, Responsible Persons Banking Executive Accountability Regime information (including accountability statement and maps) (ADIs)
APRA Connect test environment From 17 June 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entity information such as corporate profile, contact details, Responsible Persons Superannuation Data Transformation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entity information such as corporate profile, contact details, Responsible Persons PHI reform (HRS 605.0) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entity information such as corporate profile, contact details, Responsible Persons Banking Executive Accountability Regime information (including accountability statement and maps)
Future collections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDT - Phase 2 and Phase 3 FAR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AASB -17 changes Form 701 FAR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational Risk Credit Quality Credit Risk Capital (Basel 3b) Remuneration IT Risk Interest Rate Risk in the Banking Book FAR
D2A use	Continued use until a data collection is updated or replaced and for re-submission of data. APRA Connect will only be used for new collections.		



Onboarding



Onboarding



Pre-requisites for onboarding

- myGovID and authorisation in Relationship Authorisation Manager (RAM)
- RAM email address can be different to myGovID email, recommend the use of a business email
- Must be authorised for each entity (ABN)
- Nominate initial Regulatory Reporting Administrator (RRA) via D2A

Log in to APRA Connect

- <http://connect.apra.gov.au>
- Authentication with myGovID
- Creation of a user account
- No roles assigned and home screen will have no menu items

APRA Administrator assigns initial RRA role

- APRA Administrator will check nominations and roles
- Time lag for manual process
- APRA will assign roles for only **one** nominated user

Must be completed for EACH ABN

- Nomination of the first user to access APRA Connect only advises APRA who to assign roles to – it does not mean an account is created
- An RRA cannot create a user account – only assign roles/permissions



Corporate Profile and Ad hoc returns



Corporate Profile returns



Corporate Profile Administrator can create returns relating to the entity profile and contact details.

- These returns should not be resubmitted, but new returns created to submit new information
- Only Corporate Profile Administrators will receive notifications for submissions
- These returns have no due dates but are expected to be submitted as an update occurs
- There may be returns present which are not applicable to your industry

Create Return

To submit a corporate return, input a return name in either language and copy the same into the other required name field. Select the return to be submitted from the list below. The Effective Date is the earliest effective date of change contained in the return.

Return name:

Select form set:

- Accountability Map
- Ad Hoc Request and File Upload
- Balance Date
- Contact Information
- Contact Persons/Related Parties
- Executive Accountability Regime - Registration
- Executive Accountability Regime - Update
- Fees and Costs
- Insurance Arrangements
- Name Details
- Responsible Persons
- RSE Structure

Effective Date:

Create

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Ad hoc returns

Ad hoc returns can be created at any time by those with the [Ad hoc return permissions](#) role. The Ad Hoc Request and File Upload return can be used by any entity to submit documents or request exemptions or extensions.

- Should not be resubmitted, but new returns created to submit new information
- No due dates but are expected to be submitted as an update occurs
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Effective Date:

Manage Returns

This page allows you to perform all activities related to managing returns.

 Create Return

 View Submissions

Types of documents for submission as file attachments

- Actuarial
- Aggregate Risk Exposures
- Audit
- Information Security
- Intra Group Transaction and Exposures
- Margining and Risk Mitigation for non-centrally cleared derivatives
- Outsourcing/Business Continuity Management
- Risk Management
- Risk Management & Business Plan

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Transition of Responsible Persons and BEAR updates to APRA Connect

All entities are responsible for maintaining entity information, such as contact details, Responsible Persons and related parties (including Banking Executive Accountability Regime (BEAR) reporting for Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs)) on APRA Connect.

- To enable a smooth transition to APRA Connect all Responsible Persons and BEAR data submitted in D2A prior to 11:59pm, 5 September will be migrated to APRA Connect
- Entities should submit any known updates to Responsible Persons and BEAR data prior to that date
- Entities are requested to pause any Responsible Persons and BEAR submissions in D2A from 6th September
- Any updates for the period 6-12 September should be submitted through APRA Connect after 13 September

Exception for BEAR reporting:

- Entities that need to submit BEAR information in the week of 6 September to meet required reporting timeframes should submit via D2A.
- APRA will transfer this data to APRA Connect, and the data will be available soon after APRA Connect goes live.

ACTION: Entities are required to review and update Responsible Person information migrated from D2A into APRA Connect from 13 September

Updating existing Responsible Persons or BEAR data



Step 1
Expand form set

BEAR August update Status: No Data

- Executive Accountability Regime - Update
- Update an Existing Accountable Person +
- Accountability Map
- Accountability Map Edit | View | [icon]

Step 2
Select existing record to update

Select Accountable Person to update

Accountable person to update *

- 352: Adam Smith
- 353: Cheryl Coles
- 354: Craig Johnstone

Validate & Save

Step 3
Edit existing data

BEAR August update Status: In Draft

- Executive Accountability Regime - Update Clear
- Update an Existing Accountable Person + | Delete All | Clear All
- 353: Cheryl Coles Clear | Delete
- Select Accountable Person Clear | Edit | View | [icon]
- Update Accountable Person Edit | View | [icon]



Data preparation and submission





Introducing an optional approval step for submission of validated data returns

When a data return that passes all validations is uploaded by any user, the return is automatically submitted.

- An approval step in the form of a validation rule (a warning) prior to submission of a completed return has been implemented
- Confirmation can be made by any user with submission permissions in line with your business processes
- Once activated for an entity, the validation rule will apply to all data returns submitted by any user
- Entities may elect to activate the approval step by notifying APRA.
- Note: for Superannuation, the ABN of the fund must be provided (not the ABN of the trustee)

Submission Validation Issues

Validation checks have identified data which needs explanation or confirmation prior to submission to APRA. Details of the validations triggered are below.

Rule name	Type	Problem	Additional information	Comments
SRF 332.0 No auto-submit	Warning	1. Please confirm you wish to proceed with submitting this return to APRA by providing a comment and clicking the Continue to submit button, or click Back if you don't wish to submit.	This warning has been introduced to avoid auto-submission of data to APRA; please contact APRA if you would prefer to auto-submit when all validation rules have passed or been addressed.	<input type="text"/>

Your return has warnings, but no errors. All warnings need to be addressed using the comments column before you can continue to submit.

Save Comments

Continue to submit

[Printer Friendly Format](#) | [Show errors in new window](#)

[Back](#)

ACTION: Notify APRA via email at dataanalytics@apra.gov.au to have the approval step applied to your entity(ies) Include all entities and ABNs that the rule should be applied to

How APRA Connect can support your internal processes



To view **data** that has been uploaded or submitted

- Use the Upload History to view data returns including:
 - to view submitted data, including when there are more than 200 rows of data
 - to retrieve the data in the format it was uploaded
 - to use the Hash for each uploaded file to verify that the data has maintained integrity; i.e. that the data has not been modified, tampered with, or corrupted

Webinar: APRA Connect Test Q&A: Superannuation and PHI Industries

Form View

Ad Hoc Request and File Upload Form

This return allows an Entity to submit any other unscheduled, unstructured returns, for example supplementary information such as Board Minutes or Organisation Charts. Additionally, it can be used to Request an Extension to a Return Due Date or Request an Exemption to a Business Rule.

Entity Name Local Authorities Superannuation Fund
ABN 24496637884

Please select Ad Hoc type **Submission**

Upload Document

[Entities - All 20210721 0.](#)

View Return

Return name: [redacted]
Return end date: 31/03/2021
Return status: Submitted
Return reference: [redacted]
Return due date: 30/06/2021
Categories: Quarterly

Actions



Please select a section to complete. You can partially complete sections in PDF format.

View Audit Log

Return name: Private Health Insurance Reform Data Collection
Reference: PHI_HRF00312
Creation date: 25/11/2020
Due date: 31/12/2020
Please select a version of this Return to view.

Revision	Status	Action	Actioned on	Actioned by	Submitted on	Submitted by
1.0	Submitted	Grant resubmission request	10/12/2020 17:08:23	System User	10/12/2020 17:05:22	Alex Principal
2.0	Submitted	Grant resubmission request	15/12/2020 11:22:32	System User	14/12/2020 16:58:32	Alex Principal
3.0	Submitted	Submit return	14/01/2021 11:55:26	Alex Principal	14/01/2021 11:55:26	Alex Principal

To retrieve **files** that have been uploaded or submitted

- Retrieve ad-hoc files from APRA Connect for review:
 - to view files that have been uploaded
 - to retrieve the data in the format it was uploaded

Webinar: APRA Connect Test Q&A: General overview for all industries presentation

Taxonomy artefacts

- You can download the taxonomy artefacts **zip files** from APRA's website – always check last published date for most recent version
- **Explanatory notes** are provided to assist entities in using the artefacts. They cover:
 - Data dictionary – applicable across all APRA Connect data collections
 - Validation file - applicable across all APRA Connect data collections
 - Reporting taxonomy – specific to each collection
 - XSD files – specific to each collection
- **Expression Functions Guide** - Additional information that describes the Expression function used in the validation of data submitted via APRA Connect is also available and should be used in conjunction with the taxonomy artefacts

Data dictionary for all industries



The Data Dictionary contains every element, data type and enumeration across all of APRA's collections (in APRA Connect).

Excel based

Elements	contains all the APRA Connect data elements and their properties
Data types	contains the available data types that may be used for each of the defined elements. Each data type is either based on a specific base data type or is an enumeration
Enumerations	contains the enumerations that may be used by an element. Typical enumerations would be "Geography", "Frequency", "ExpenseType", etc

Reporting Taxonomy – Excel based



Schema*

Contains the collection name, schema properties and the embedded 'hole constraint' file which displays each table and the allowed enumeration values that are relevant in the selected collection.

Elements*

Contains only the elements and their properties within the selected collection.

Data types*

Contains the data types that may be used for each of the defined elements within the selected collection. Each data type is either based on a specific base data type or is an enumeration.

Enumerations*

Contains the enumerations in the selected collection, along with all of the allowed values.

Rules*

Contains rules relating to the selected collection. A full list of rules – across all collections - is available in the Validations spreadsheet

Forms*

Describes the properties of each form within this collection.

***These worksheets are not required when uploading data via Excel into APRA Connect**



Reporting Taxonomy – Excel based

EntityDetails

- Displays the name of the entity, ABN and reporting period.
- Upload this worksheet when submitting data via Excel into APRA Connect
- Note: the Entity name is for display purposes only and is not validated or uploaded into APRA Connect.

HRF_# or SRF_#

- Displays the layout of the specific tables/forms in the selected collection. This worksheet should be used as a template for entities uploading data via Excel.
- APRA Connect will use the worksheet name and first row of data defined in this worksheet.
- Upload this worksheet(s) when submitting data via Excel into APRA Connect
- Note: do not use worked examples as a template for submitting; as the worked examples may not align with the current template contained in the reporting taxonomy



Excel Template – Excel based

- Contains a layout of the table(s) including Entity Details, note: the Entity Name is for display purposes only and isn't loaded into APRA Connect
- Can be used by entities as a template for their Excel upload files
- Worksheet names and first row of data as per Excel template

The screenshot displays an Excel spreadsheet with two worksheets. The 'EntityDetails' worksheet contains the following data:

	A	B
1	Entity Name	Your entity name
2	Australian Business Number	12345678910
3	Reporting End Date	30/09/2021

The 'SRF_705_0_Table_1' worksheet contains a table titled 'Table 1: Components of net return'. The table structure is as follows:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	Table 1: Components of net return											
2												
3	Fees And Costs Arrangement Identifier	Superannuation Product Identifier	Investment Menu Identifier	Investment Option Identifier	Performance Component Type	Performance Component Activity Type	Investment Manager Level Type	Investment Charge Type	Tier Type	Tier Arrangement Identifier	Tier Number Identifier	Flat De Amou
4	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)

A callout box points to row 5, indicating it is the 'Starting row'. A yellow callout box for the 'Performance Component Activity Type' column (6) specifies: 'Metric = PerformanceComponentActivityType', 'Data Type = ComponentActivity', and 'Allowed Values=Investment | Administration | Transaction | Advice'. A 'SAMPLE' watermark is visible across the table.



Questions?



APRA Connect go-live checklist

- ❑ Nominate initial RRA and roles to be applied via D2A form:
RRA_PROD: APRA Connect nomination for 13 September go live
- ❑ From 13 September - Nominated RRA will onboard by logging into APRA Connect and an APRA Administrator will assign roles
- ❑ Other users will log into APRA Connect for accounts to be created and RRA will assign roles/permissions
- ❑ Review and update migrated entity and responsible persons information
- ❑ Data returns will be available for Superannuation and PHI entities
- ❑ Advise APRA via email to dataanalytics@apra.gov.au if the optional approval step for submission of validated data returns should be applied to your entity

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ACTION: Nominate the initial Regulatory Reporting Administrator (RRA) for go-live AND advise which permissions the initial RRA should be assigned

Information and support



Support materials

Support Material

APRA Connect Guide -
functionality of APRA
Connect

Webinar recordings –
including system
demonstrations

Frequently Asked
Questions

Taxonomy artefacts

APRA Connect Taxonomy
Artefacts – download zip
files that include excel
templates, validation rules

Explanatory Notes
- Assistance in using the
artefacts

Expression Functions
Guide - describes the
expression functions used
in the validation of data

More information

Visit Getting ready for
APRA Connect

- Implementing APRA Connect
- How is it different to D2A
- Prepare for APRA Connect including what it means for industries
- Technical information
 - Authentication with myGovID
 - User roles
 - Information for RegTechs
 - Information security
 - Support material
 - Taxonomy artefacts
 - APRA Connect test environment

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