

Aviva billing platform User guide



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1. Getting started

1.1 Accessing the Aviva billing platform?

Go to https://www.mybusiness.aviva.co.uk/MyAccount/login

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	Manage your workplace pension scheme online					
	quick and easy. Simply log in to:					
Remember my username	Perform the day-to-day tasks involved in running your scheme					
	Add and remove scheme members					
assword	 Access help and support materials 					
	Plus – more coming soon					
By accessing Workplace Pension Portal you agree to our te	TIMS of We're continually making improvements and adding features to Workplace Pension Portal. So please watch this space for new additions.					
Login Having trouble log	aging in?					

Enter the username & *temporary password* that you have received by email – you will be prompted to change this to a password of your choice.

YOUR PASSWORD IS CONFIDENTIAL – PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THIS WITH ANYBODY





1.2 – Converting an Excel file into a valid CSV format for upload?

If you are uploading a file into the Aviva billing platform, it must be in csv. format







2. Adding employees to my pension scheme

2.1 – Options available to add employees to the scheme

You can add employees to your scheme at any time using the Aviva billing platform. There are 2 methods available:

- 1. Entering the details online this means you will key each employee's data directly into the Aviva billing platform
- 2. Uploading data into the billing platform using a CSV file . If you want to use an output file from your payroll system or auto-enrolment compliance tool, it must meet these conditions:
 - Your column headers in your file must exactly match the headers shown Aviva template below (words, upper/lower case etc).
 - These should be the only columns in your payment file (any additional columns would need to be deleted before uploading the file).

If your file doesn't have the right column headers you can simply copy & paste your data into the Aviva template provided by your Aviva installation consultant and upload that file.





2.2 Adding employees to the pension scheme – file upload or entering details online

Summary -	Burchell Reali (TK012345)	Add	Scheme Members	Make Payments	Messages & Notifications					
Related Actions	Scheme start date : 01/03/2015 Scheme retirement age : 65 Messages	01/03/2015 Scheme retirement age : 65 Messages Step 1 – select "Add scheme members" from the list of actions available								
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Add new members to your scheme







2.3 – Adding an employee to the scheme without a National Insurance number

If an employee has applied for an NI number but not yet received it, you can still add them to your scheme but you must provide an *Alternative Unique ID* – this will allow Aviva to identify the employee when you make a payment and will ensure that any payments are applied to the right employee's policy.

The Alternative Unique ID is often an employee's payroll reference or staff number, but can be anything of your choosing.

Please make sure that the Alternative Unique ID is:

- 1. Unique to that employee
- 2. Something that you will remember as it will be used to identify your employee when you make a payment into their policy

The Alternative Unique ID can either be entered in your csv file before uploading to the Aviva billing platform **OR** it can be entered directly online in the field highlighted below.

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2.4 – Amending/deleting new member data before submitting it to Aviva

When you are adding employees to your pension scheme, whether uploading a CSV file or completing it online, your data will be displayed back to you in a table and you can amend this data quickly and easily if you need to.







2.5 – Confirmation message & keeping a copy of your submission

Once you have submitted your new joiner information to Aviva, you will receive a confirmation message on screen. When you receive this message, it means that the policies have been set up for your employees and you can start making payments if any are due.

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Cummoni	Burchell Reality - TK012345	need this later on.							
News Related Actions	Thank you for submitting your new member details. Your submission reference is B0215.								
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	IMPORTANT: Click on "Export file" to save a copy of your final submission as an Excel document on your desktop.								





3. Making payments

Regardless of your payroll frequency (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly etc), Aviva can only accept one payment per employee for any calendar month.

If your payroll is more frequent than monthly, then you will have to add contributions together and pay them as one monthly payment for each employee.

It is your decision which month a payment should fall into. For example, if an employee is paid weekly and has a contribution of £25 per week, you will sometimes pay £100 to cover 4 weeks but other times pay £125 to cover 5 weeks – you will decide on which months have 4 weeks and which have 5 weeks and Aviva will accept your monthly payments accordingly.

You can send Aviva payments for 2 or more months for an employee (e.g. June & July) – these can be submitted at the same time or separately, but there can only ever be one payment per employee for June and one for July.

3.1 – Getting ready to make a payment

- 1. Before running your AE compliance checks or deducting money from payroll, you should check whether any of your employees that you've previously added to the scheme have opted out. Instructions on how to do this can be found <u>here</u>.
- 2. Complete your Auto-Enrolment compliance checks so you know whether you have to add anymore employees to your scheme and also know how much you need to pay for each employee.
- 3. Please make sure that any employees you need to join the scheme have been added before making a payment. Instructions on how to do this can be found <u>here</u>.
- When you've completed steps 1 3 above, please call our helpdesk on 0800 158
 2570 so we can prepare your scheme to accept your payment by displaying your up-to-date membership list.





3.2 – Checking if any employees have opted of out of the scheme?

If you have added an employee to your scheme and they have then chosen to opt out of the scheme within 30 days of being joined, their policy will no longer be in force and Aviva will not be able to accept payments for them.

It is important that you check for opt outs before making deductions from your employees' salaries and before making any payments to Aviva.

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3.3 – Completing your CSV payment file

When uploading your payment data using a CSV, your file must contain the column headings that Aviva is expecting or you won't be able to upload it.

There are 2 ways you can get your payment data into a CSV file ready to upload to the Aviva billing platform:

- 1. Key the data into the Aviva payment file template provided by your Aviva installation consultant or
- 2. Use an output from your payroll system or auto-enrolment compliance tool, if you have either of these things, subject to certain conditions:
 - Your column headers in your file must exactly match the headers shown in the Aviva template (words, upper/lower case etc).
 - These are the only columns in your payment file (any additional columns would need to be deleted before uploading the file).

If your file doesn't have the right column headers you can simply copy & paste your data into the Aviva template provided and upload that file.

If you try to upload a file with different headers or extra columns that aren't required, you will receive an error message (below)



Re-upload





3.4 – Uploading your CSV payment file

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A list of your existing scheme members will be displayed so you can check your payment file data against this

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3.5 – An employee who is in the pension scheme has left the company

If an employee who has joined the pension scheme leaves your employment, you need to let Aviva know so that we are not expecting any further payments and can update our policy records.

To do this, you enter a "1" in the "Reason for partial or non-payment" column on your CSV payment file.

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You can also add in a contribution at the same time as providing notice that the employee has left your company.

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5.2015	Jon Burley	AB111111A		25	25	1		
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Entering reason code 1 tells us that the employee has left the company **and** that there will be no further pension payments for this employee after the month in which the reason code has been entered. **If you think a payment may be due the following month, wait until then before entering reason code 1 on your payment file.**





3.6 – An employee is taking a contribution break

If an employee has not left your employment but there is a break in contributions for one or more months, you need to let Aviva know this when submitting your scheme payment data so that Aviva is not expecting payment and can update the employee's policy record accordingly.

To do this, enter "2" in the "Reason for partial or non-payment" column on your CSV payment file. (*Note – if your payroll output file prefills this column with reason code 2, 3, 4 or 5, any of these is acceptable and will perform the same function*).

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You can also add in a contribution at the same time as providing notice that the employee is taking a contribution break.

Payroll Month	Name	NI number	Alternative unique D	Employer regular contribution amount	Employee regular deduction	Reason for partial or non- payment	Employer one off contribution	Employee one off contribution
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Once you have provided reason code 2 - 5, your employee's policy will be placed on a "contribution break" and Aviva will not expect any further payments but you can restart payments for the employee at any time.





3.7 – Validation of payment data & making amendments

When you upload your CSV file, your data will be displayed back to you in the Aviva billing platform and it will tell you if there is any data to be corrected.

You can amend any data you've uploaded for any of the members listed, regardless of whether they have passed the data validation checks.







3.8 – Informing Aviva when an employee's National Insurance number has been received

You may have added some members to your pension scheme prior to them receiving their National Insurance (NI) number. If so, it's important that you let Aviva know the NI number as quickly as possible so we can update our records accordingly.

When you make your next payment for this employee after receiving the new NI number, please provide **both** the Alternative unique ID **and** the NI number on your CSV payment file.

Payroll Month	Name	NI number	Alternative unique ID	Er cor a	nployer egular tribution inount	Employee regular deduction	Reason for partial or non- payment	Employer one off contribution	Employee one off contribution
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You only need to provide both numbers once, the first time you make a payment after the NI number has been received. For subsequent payments, you only need to provide the NI number on your CSV payment file as Aviva's records will be updated and will now be using the NI number rather than the Alternative unique ID to match payments to this employee's policy.





3.9 – Confirmation message & keeping a copy of your submission

Once you have submitted your payment information to Aviva, you will receive a confirmation message (below) confirming that your payment data has been sent to Aviva.







4. Messages & Notifications

4.1 – Successful payment message

After you've received your initial confirmation message, your payment data is passed through to Aviva's administration systems where it will undergo further validation checks before your payment can be collected by direct debit.

If your data passes these further validation checks, then you will receive a message when you log into the Aviva billing platform.



These additional validation checks can take a few minutes or even over an hour during busy periods when high volumes of payments are being submitted by our pension customers, so don't be alarmed if you don't receive a message immediately.

Your direct debit payment will typically be collected within 3 working days of receiving your confirmation that the payment file has been successfully uploaded.





4.2 – Action & warning messages when making a payment

If you haven't received a message confirming that your payment file was successfully uploaded, it could mean that your data requires amendment before Aviva can collect your payment by direct debit.

If so, you will be notified of this when you log onto the Aviva billing platform.



After selecting "messages & notifications", a list of messages will be displayed.



Show More Messages options

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4.2 – Action & warning messages when making a payment (continued)

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5. Updating your scheme membership

5.1 – Adding additional employees to your scheme

If you have additional employees to add to your scheme, follow the instructions here

5.2 – An employee who is in the pension scheme has left the company

If an employee has stopped working for your company so is leaving the scheme completely, you can let Aviva know when you next submit a payment for your scheme – please follow the instructions <u>here</u>

5.3 – An employee is taking a contribution break for 1 or more months

If an employee remains employed by you but contributions are to cease (temporarily or permanently), , you can let Aviva know when you next submit a payment for your scheme – please follow the instructions <u>here</u>