

# ATTACHÉ ACCOUNTS

## ACCOUNTS YEAR END PROCEDURES

### FOR 2020

These procedures have been compiled using **Attaché Accounts version 19.1**, while you can still use previous versions of Attaché Accounts we strongly recommend that you upgrade to the current version of Attaché.

For those many people who have not migrated to the Attaché BI series, or are on different versions (updates) – please note that the processes are exactly the same. There may be minor differences in individual screens.

These procedures are meant as a guide to assist in the year end process. If you are unsure about any steps within this procedure please contact CA Management Services as it is better to be safe than sorry.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

**For your convenience there is an Accounts End of Year checklist at the end of this document.**

#### **Processing Date**

Ensure the following procedures are done on an Attaché System date of **30 June 2020**.

If you need to change the date, refer to the tab in the lower right hand section of your screen displaying the date. Click on this tab and you will be able to overwrite the date. Once completed the system can be returned to the correct date for processing.

#### **Date Based Accounting**

Attache is a date based system, which means you can process and update your General Ledger by a date range. This allows you to continue processing transactions in Customers and Suppliers after their End of Year for those modules prior to your General Ledger End of Year.

Refer to Appendix A for further information on Date Based Accounting in Attache

#### **Company Names & Data Paths**

As each year goes by we set up more and more companies in Attaché so that we can access information from previous years. It is more convenient and efficient to maintain consistency in how the companies are named. Similarly for the folders the data is stored in. Before adding more companies this year, decide how they are to be named and stored. To check what has been done so far print the Company details report.

Go to **Reports | Company | Details | Company Details**.

#### **Backups**

**ARE VITAL!** *If you have not done a restore to prove it will work then you have not got a backup.*

*As the information in your data files is critical to you, the computer provides a process for taking an exact copy of those files. This process is called ARCHIVE or BACKUP. A backup copy is needed if the normal data is damaged or destroyed by incorrect care or machine failure. If the normal data files are lost, damaged or destroyed, you will be able to RESTORE the data from the Archive copy.*

#### **Attaché Archive**

If you are using Attaché Archive, please be aware that this writes to local disc and copy of the backup should be made on an alternate drive or removable media.

### Points to check before processing for the following year end procedures:

- Check that the Attaché system date is set to the last day of the financial year.
- Make sure all operators have exited Attaché and no other Attaché tasks are open on your server before completing end of year procedures. Failure to do this may corrupt your data. Go to **Tools | Company | System | System Status**. No of current logins to Attaché is viewed on the first box. It should only be one (you). If it shows more than one user logged in please check with other users.
- Lock other users out of company while processing End of Year

### File | Set up and Delete Companies

Select company - tick Block user access and Disable edit functions boxes

Company  
[SAMPLE DATA]  
Database Name  
SAMPLE\_DATA  
Resource Folder  
SAMPLE\ACCOUNTS

Access Options  
Restricted  
☐ No  
☒ Yes  
Block user access  
☒ Yes  
Disable edit functions  
☒ Yes  
Password Level  
1  
Blocked By  
SUPERVISOR  
Disabled By  
SUPERVISOR  
Company Logo

Buttons: Delete, User Access, Cancel, Notes, Accept

### Add a Blocked Access Message (Notes / F4)

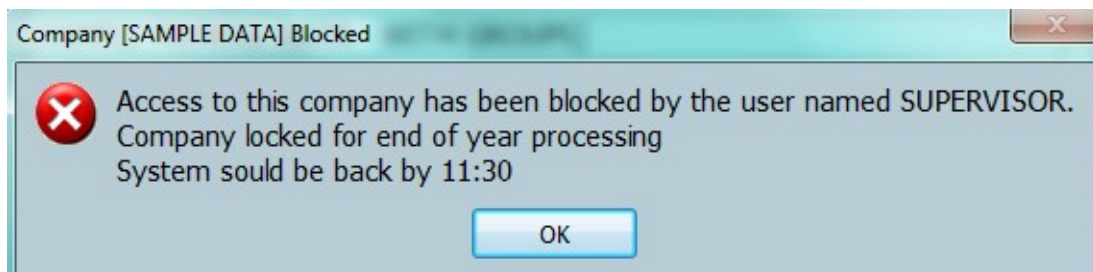
Company Notes  
☐ Company note  
☒ Blocked access message  
☐ Disabled edit functions message

Type the message you want to display when users login

Notes		
Blocked access message	Entered	Author
Company locked for end of year processing	05/05/2015	SUPERVISOR
System could be back by 11:30	05/05/2015	SUPERVISOR
.....		

**F9 Save**

### What other users will see if they try to login



## Worried about a secure End of Year backup?

### Not sure your backup is working?

CA Management Services offer a service whereby we can test and report on the effectiveness of your backup.

***Remember, if you have never done a successful restore, then you do NOT have a proven backup.***

No-one thinks they will really need a backup until the unthinkable happens and the business is put at risk through an unforeseen event. However, that is the whole point of a backup, to protect against the unthinkable and unforeseen. In essence, a backup is a critical component of an adequate risk management plan.

Let us assist in putting your mind at rest by having us fully test your backup. Either at your premises or in our office, we will restore your data and confirm in a written report that the data you believe is being backed up actually is. Should we find any problems with your backup we will recommend a course of action and assist you in implementing proper backup procedures with suitable hardware and software. Be totally confident that you have taken a positive step towards full risk management.

## Do I need to keep all my old companies?

You must keep copies of your financial information long enough to comply with the Australian Taxation Office's requirements.

If you would like further information or to take advantage of any of the above services please call our office on (08) 9470 9922 to book an appointment for a consultant to visit your office.

## End of Year Process – Overview

### What Happens In Each Module

#### *Copying your Data*

- **Current Attaché data is copied to a specified directory, e.g. C:\ATTACHÉ\DATA1920**

#### *Customers*

- All PTD and YTD sales and cost figures will clear.
- The amount for each period will move to the next ageing category. Eg from 30 to 60 days.
- Any post dated transactions for the next period will be moved to the current period.
- The opening balance for each customer will be made to equal their outstanding balance.
- If you selected to delete transactions:
  - Brought Forward: all transactions dated between the specified dates will be deleted.
  - Open Item: fully paid or finalised invoices and all corresponding transactions that have dates on or between the dates entered will be deleted.

#### *Sales Analysis*

- All PTD and YTD quantity, sales and cost figures for each report selected will clear.

#### *Products*

- All PTD and YTD quantity, sales and cost figures will clear.
- All product movement details will clear.
- The opening stock for each product will be made to equal the quantity in stock.
- If you selected to delete transactions and entered a date range, only transactions with a date on or between the dates entered will be deleted. If you selected to delete all transactions, all transactions will be deleted regardless of the date.

#### *Suppliers*

- All PTD and YTD purchases and payment figures will clear.
- The amount for each period will move to the next ageing category.
- The opening balance for each supplier will be made to equal their outstanding balance.
- If you select to delete transactions, fully paid or finalised invoices and all corresponding transactions that have dates on or between the dates entered will be deleted.

#### *General Ledger*

- If the year end rollover for General Ledger is being run at a later stage than the other modules then we will be creating a second copy of your current Attaché data to a specified directory, e.g. C:\ATTACHE\GL1920
- End of year period balances are posted to last year's periods.
- All reset (P&L) accounts zeroed. The closing balance in all retain accounts is brought forward to opening balance.
- All transaction detail will be cleared and the 'batch number' will be reset to 1.
- All unreconciled general ledger bank transactions can be carried over to the New Year and allocated to Batch 0 Period 0.

## START OF END OF YEAR PROCEDURES

**ENSURE ALL OTHER USERS REMAIN LOGGED OUT OF ATTACHÉ –  
USE BLOCK USER ACCESS OPTION**

### Customers, Products, Suppliers and Sales Analysis

#### ***Finalise Transactions***

- Process all transactions for the last period in the usual manner.
- For Customers and Suppliers, allocate as many unallocated transactions (payments and credit notes) as possible.
- Write off any bad debts, small debit/credit balances (odd cents/rounding etc.)
- For Products, it is suggested that a stocktake is run. ***See stocktake procedures at the end of this document.***
- Review outstanding Customers Orders and clean up any not being delivered.
- Review outstanding Purchase Orders and clean up any not to be delivered.

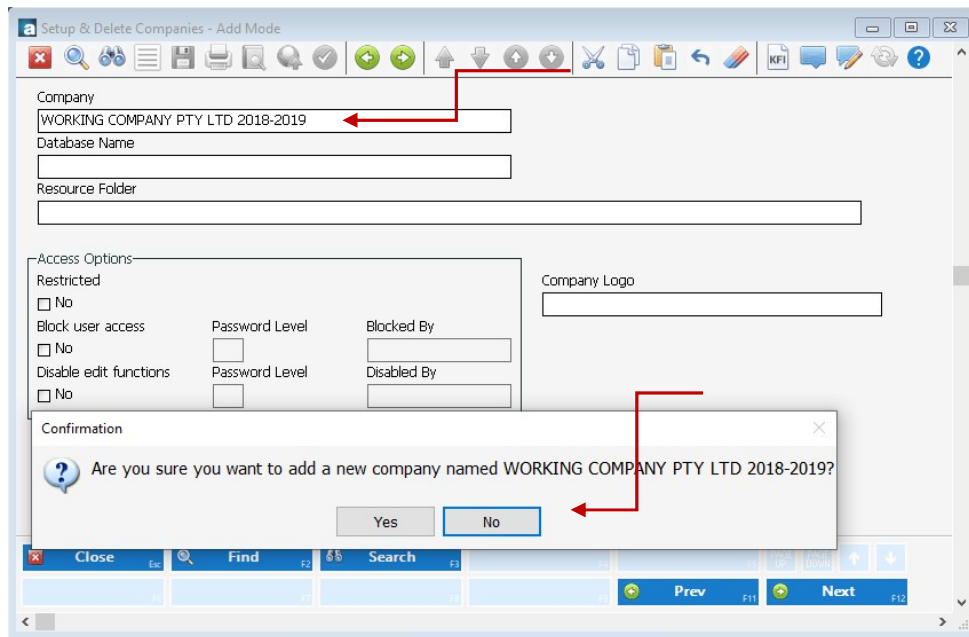
#### **1. Backup**

Label the backup **END OF YEAR**; store it in a safe place and do not re-use. Copy your data folder as per our instructions below. This will ensure that you can log in to last year's company for enquiry purposes or to print additional information for your accountant etc.

## 2. Create a new company as an archive of 2018/2019 figures:

### Menu selection File | Set Up & Delete Companies

Type in the name of your new archive company you wish to copy the current data into **e.g. Working Company Pty Ltd 2019-2020** then hit the TAB key on your keyboard. You will get the following message



Select **Yes**

### In the next screen

Leave the "Database Name" created by the software, but change the "Resource Folder" field to reflect your usual Resource Location.

i.e. C:\attacheBI\ (followed by the new folder name) i.e. Working Company Pty Ltd 2019/2020

Thus in our example, the full Resource Folder details would be

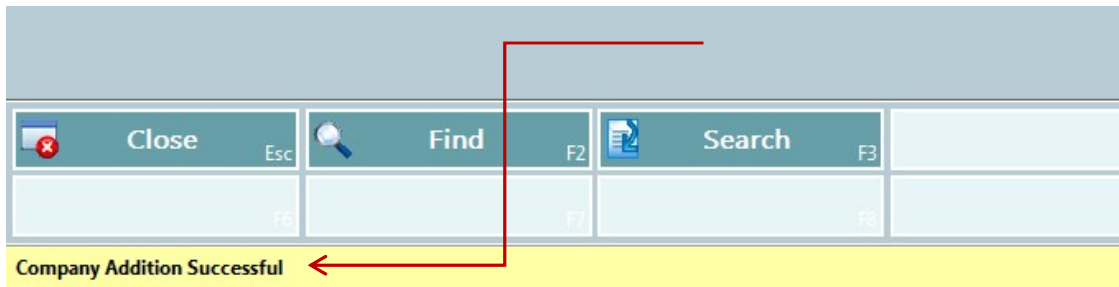
**C:\attacheBI\ Working\_Company\_Pty\_Ltd\_2019\_20**

Select **ACCEPT**.

The next screen you see will be the "Creating New Database". This will then move to Creating SQL functions.

The yellow message strip will show you the progress and notify you when completed





### ***Copy the data from you current database/company to the new archive company***

Sign on to the **new** archive company (Menu Selection **File – Open Company**)

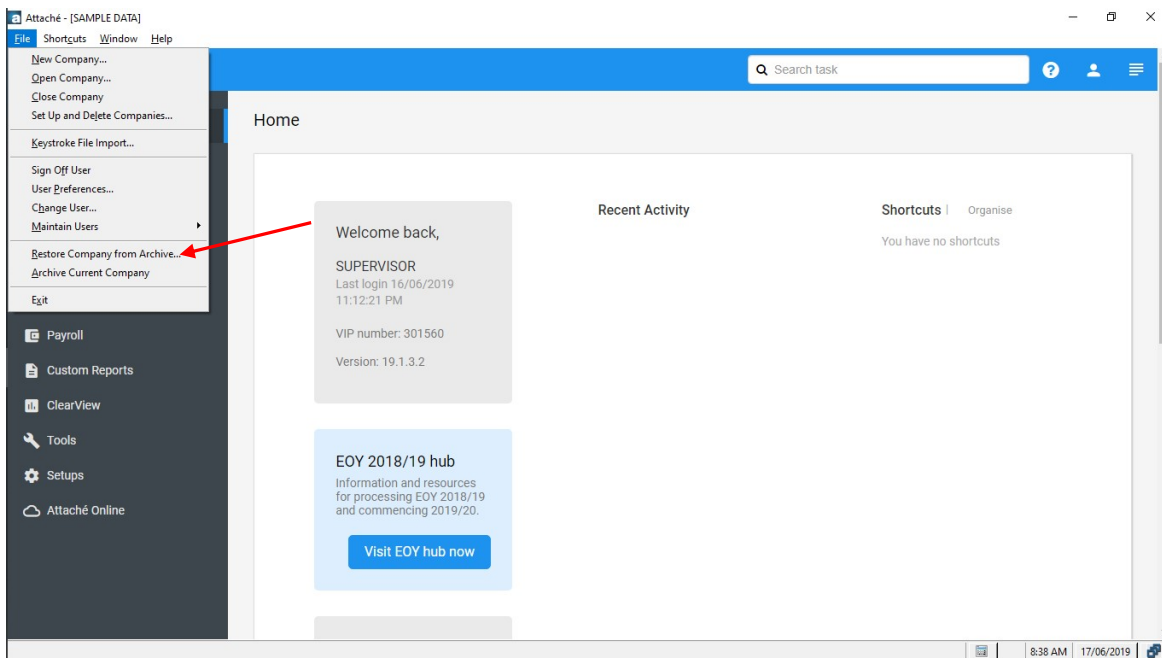
Choose the new company you have just created from the selection list  
i.e. Working Company Pty Ltd **2019/20**

Ensure you are in the correct company by selecting  
**Tools | Company | System | System Status.**

This will show your *Current Data Path* field e.g. C:\attacheBI\ Working Company Pty Ltd 2019-2020  
***If it doesn't, you will need to quit and select the correct company.***

### ***Copying the data from your current Company to the new archive company***

The simplest method to restore a company database is to use the “restore from Archive” option – Go to File and choose Restore Company From Archive.



A list of Archive files will be displayed and you will need to select the correct archive file to restore.



**The second option for creating an Archive database is to copy the data files from the current database.**

- **Select Menu Options** Tools | Company | System | Copy Data Files

**Select the company you wish to copy data using the dropdown list  
I.e. Working Company Pty Ltd**

**Select OK**

**Copy selections on the first screen**

**Files to Copy**

**Do not select Customer Screens or Print Layouts**

*System Files*

*Data Files*

*Masterfile Images Files*

*Menu Access File*

*User Option Files*

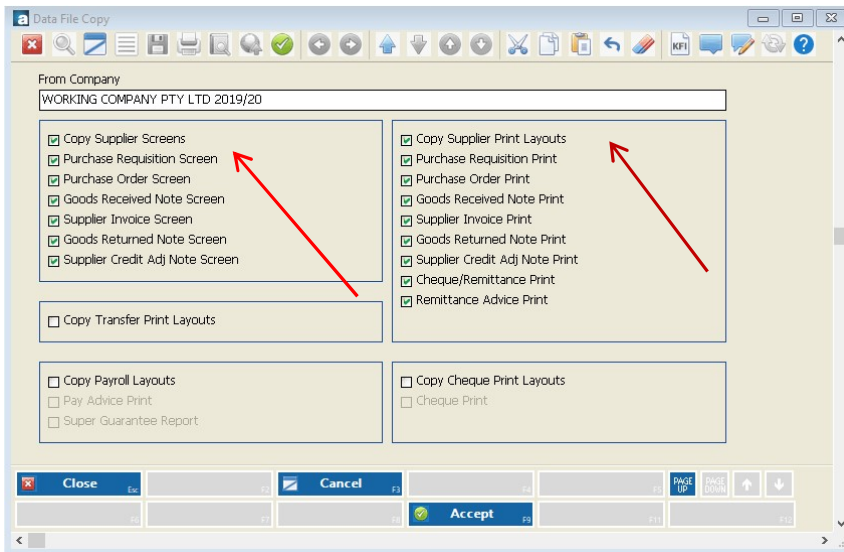
*Report Writer Library*

*Clear View Data Files*

***Do not copy Fixed Assets Data Files***

## Page-Down - Second Screen

### Copy selections on the second screen

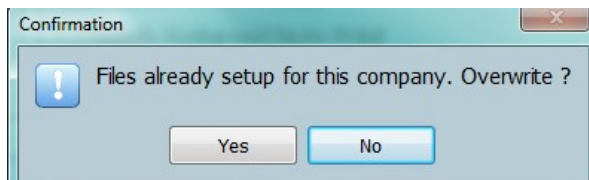


**Files to Copy** as per screen shown above.

### ACCEPT/F9

**The system will copy all your current module files, options and company details into this new company.**

The system will give you the following message

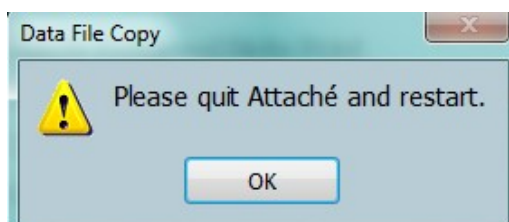


Select **Yes** – the “new” database (the archive ready for the copy currently has all the files but they contain no data).

The system will copy all your current accounts files, options and company details into this new company.

You will see the process on the yellow information bar at the bottom of the screen.

When completed you will receive the following message



Exit Attaché

3. Check your archive company by logging in and running any report which will confirm you are using the correct data for 2019/2020.

***Return to Your Current Year Company***

Check you are in the right company by going to Tools | Company | System (or System Information) | System Status. This should be the company you wrote down.

**ENSURE ALL OTHER USERS REMAIN LOGGED OUT OF ATTACHÉ –  
USE BLOCK USER ACCESS OPTION**

As a general rule this order should be followed for end of period processing.

1. Customers
2. Sales Analysis
3. Products
4. Purchase Orders
5. Suppliers
6. General Ledger

The following reports are the minimum recommended to be printed at end of period. Some of these steps will differ slightly if you do not have all of the above modules installed or your organisation may have additional reporting requirements. To clarify this we suggest that you go through these steps with your Attaché consultant and customise them for your own company.

## End of Year Procedures – Customers

***When all invoices and receipts for the month have been entered, end of year processing can commence.***

1. **BACKUP** - Label backup "End of Year 2019/20".

2. **PRINT REPORTS**

**Period End | Customers | Transaction Reports | Sales Register**

**This must be printed as a GST audit report**

*Document sequence*

*Current Period Only = "Y"*

*No Ranges*

**Period End | Customers | Transactions Reports | Payments List**

*Document sequence*

*Current Period = "Y"*

*No Ranges*

**Period End | Customers | Transactions | Adjustment List**

*Document sequence*

*Current Period = "Y"*

*No Ranges*

**Period End | Customers | Transaction Reports | Aged Trial Balance**

*Customer Code sequence*

*No Ranges*

**Print Transactions....."Y" and / or "N"**

**Or,**

***\*\*If using a Dated Based system – Customer Ageing report***

**Period End | Customers | Trans. Reports | Statements A4 or Continuous**

*Customer Code sequence*

***No Ranges***

*Statement Date*

***\*\*Period Based or Date Based as per usual month end***

**Period End | Customers | Transaction Reports | Tax Report**

**This is an optional GST Audit report**

*Customer Code Sequence*

*Current Period Only = "Y"*

*No Ranges*

**Period End | Customers | Transaction Reports | General Ledger Postings**

*Account Range = "N"*

*Report Type = "Unconsolidated"*

*Modules = "Customers"*

*Date Range = "N"*

***\*\*\*running this report is very important\*\*\****

**Period End | Customers | Sales Reports | Sales Values**

*Customer Code sequence*

*No Ranges*

**\*\*Period Based or Date Based as per usual month end**

### 3. INTERFACE CUSTOMER MODULE TO GENERAL LEDGER

**Transactions | General Ledger | Other Modules | Post from Other Modules**

*Period = Month number eg June would be 12*

*From Other Company = "N"*

*Modules to Post = "Y" to Customers only*

*Adjust Customers Selections = "Y"*

*Batch Descriptions = "Debtors for the Month mm, yyyy"*

*Delete Posted Transactions = "Y"*

*Post Zero Value Transactions = "N"*

*Consolidate*

*Control Account = "N"*

*Bank Accounts = "N"*

*All Other Accounts = "N"*

*Consolidate by Day = "N"*

**DATE RANGE = "N" (to capture all outstanding transactions) Unless using the Date Based system**

### 4. CHECK CUSTOMER CONTROL ACCOUNT

After completing your interface to the General Ledger you should now check that the total of your Customers Control Account (Trade Debtors) in the Balance Sheet agrees to the total on your Aged Trial Balance.

### 5. CHECK GST COLLECTED ACCOUNT

After completing your interface to the General Ledger you should now check that the total of your GST Collected Account in the Balance Sheet agrees to the total on your Tax Report.

### 6. BAS ALLOCATIONS REPORT

**Period End | Customers | Customer BAS | BAS Allocations Report**

**This must be printed as a GST audit report**

*Customer Code Sequence*

*Current Period Only = "Y"*

### 7. UPDATE CUSTOMER BAS REPORT

**Period End | Customers | Customer BAS | Customer BAS Update**

**\*\* This must be done prior to year end rollover \*\***

*BAS Period = select current BAS period*

### 8. PRINT BUSINESS ACTIVITY STATEMENT

**Period End | Customers | Customer BAS | Business Activity Statement**

*BAS Period = select current BAS period*

### 9. ROLL OVER CUSTOMERS MODULE

**Period End | Customers | End of Period | Customers**

*End of Period = "Y"*

*End of Year = "Y"*

*Delete Cash Register Temporary Accounts = "Y"*

THE CUSTOMERS MODULE IS NOW READY FOR NEXT YEAR'S TRANSACTIONS

## **END OF YEAR PROCEDURES SALES ANALYSIS**

**Once all invoices for the month have been entered, end of year processing for Sales Analysis can commence.**

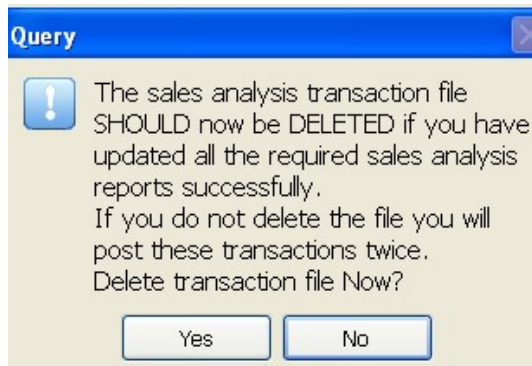
**1. BACKUP**

If not already done at beginning of End of Year Procedures

**2. UPDATE SALES ANALYSIS**

**Transactions | Customers | Sales Analysis | Update Reports**

*Answer "Y" to all reports*



*Answer "Y" to Delete Transaction File when the reports have printed.*

*IMPORTANT NOTE: During this update the system requires a printer.*

**3. PRINT REPORTS**

**Period End | Customers | Sales Reports | Sales Analysis Reports**

*Select the reports required*

*Accept or alter report headings*

*Select requirements for new pages*

*Print Year to Date Values if required*

*Select requirements for Sub-Totalling*

**4. ROLLOVER SALES ANALYSIS MODULE**

**Period End | Customers | End of Period | Sales Analysis**

*Select all reports for end of period*

*End of Year Update = "Y"*

THE SALES ANALYSIS MODULE IS NOW READY FOR NEXT YEAR'S TRANSACTIONS

## End of Year Procedures

### Products

**When all processing in products for the month has been completed, end of year procedures can commence.**

**1. BACKUP**

If not already done at beginning of End of Year Procedures

**2. PRINT REPORTS**

**Period End | Products | Transaction Reports | Product Receipts**

*No Ranges*

*Current Period = "Y"*

**Period End | Products | Transaction Reports | Sales Register**

*No Ranges*

*Current Period = "Y"*

**Period End | Products | Transaction Reports | Customer Returns**

*No Ranges*

*Current Period = "Y"*

**Period End | Products | Transaction Reports | Adjustments**

*No Ranges*

*Current Period = "Y"*

**Period End | Products | Transaction Reports | Transfers**

*No Ranges*

*Current Period = "Y"*

**Period End | Products | Transaction Reports | Consignments**

*No Ranges*

*Current Period = "Y"*

**Period End | Products | Transaction Reports | Status**

***\*\*This report must be printed\*\**** – it cannot be re-run after rollover

Select Sequence as Group/Product with No Ranges selected

Page down twice (or select the Options tab) and check against GL



Sequence	Selections	Options	Output
Report Options			
Print Product Code	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Include Active Products	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Include Products with available stock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Include Inactive Products	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Include Products with zero available stock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Include Superseded Products	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Include Products with negative available stock	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Include Service Items	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Quantity code for Column 1	In Stock		
Quantity code for Column 2	Cust. Order		
Quantity code for Column 3	B/Ordered		
Quantity code for Column 4	Reserved		
Quantity code for Column 5	Consigned		
Quantity code for Column 6	Available		
Add Qty on Requisition to Qty Available	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
Add Qty on P/Order to Qty Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		
Add Qty On Production Batch to Qty Available	<input type="checkbox"/> No		

### Period End | Products | Transaction Reports | Movements

Group/Product sequence

No Ranges

**\*\*Must be printed and saved as not available after rollover – Not required unless for specific purposes**

### Period End | Products | Sales Reports | Sales

Group Product sequence

No Ranges

OR

Reports | Products | Periodical | Product Status | or, by date

### Period End | Products | General Ledger Posting | General ledger Posting

Account Range = "N"

Report Type = "Consolidated"

Modules = "Products"

Date Range = "N"

### 3. INTERFACE PRODUCTS MODULE TO GENERAL LEDGER

Transactions | General Ledger | Other Modules | Post from Other Modules

Period = Month number eg June would be 13

From Other Company = "N"

Modules to Post = "Y" to Products only

Adjust Products Selections = "Y"

Batch Descriptions = "Products for the Month mm, yyyy"

Delete Posted transaction = "Y"

Post Zero Value Transactions = "N"

Consolidate

Control Account = "N"

Bank Accounts = "N"

All Other Accounts = "N"

Consolidate by Day = "N"

**DATE RANGE = "N" (to capture all outstanding transactions)**

**4. CHECK INVENTORY CONTROL ACCOUNT**

After completing your interface to the General Ledger you should now check that the total of your Inventory Control Account (Stock on Hand) in the Balance Sheet agrees to the total on your Products Status Report.

**5. ROLLOVER PRODUCTS MODULE**

**Period End | Products | End of Period | Products**

*End of Period = "Y"*

*End of Year = "Y"*

THE PRODUCTS MODULE IS NOW READY FOR NEXT YEAR'S TRANSACTIONS

## End of Year Procedures

### Purchase Orders

**When all processing in purchase orders for the month has been completed, EOY procedures can commence.**

**1. BACKUP**

If not already done at beginning of End of Year Procedure

**2. PRINT REPORTS**

**Period End | Suppliers | Purchasing Reports | Items Due**

(Highlights when goods on purchase order are due into stock)

*No Ranges*

*Enter report date - (Usually today's date)*

**Period End | Suppliers | Purchasing Reports | Estimated Liability**

*No Ranges*

*Purchase Orders = "Y"*

*Goods Received Notes = "N"*

*Goods Returned Notes "N"*

*Enter Report Date - (Usually today's date)*

**Period End | Suppliers | Purchasing Reports | Estimated Liability -**

*No Ranges*

*Purchase Orders = "N"*

*Goods Received Notes = "Y"*

*Goods Returned Notes = "Y"*

*Enter Report Date - (Usually today's date)*

**\*\*Must be printed and saved as not available after rollover**

**Period End | Suppliers | Transaction Reports | General Ledger Postings**

*Account Range = "N"*

*Report Type = ""Consolidated Transactions"*

*Modules = "Purchasing"*

*Date Range = "N"*

**3. INTERFACE PURCHASE ORDER MODULE TO GENERAL LEDGER**

**Transactions | General Ledger | Other Modules | Post from Other Modules**

*Period = Month number eg June would be 13*

*From Other Company = "N"*

*Modules to Post = "Y" to Purchasing only*

*Adjust Purchasing Selections = "Y"*

*Batch Descriptions = "Purchasing for the Month mm, yyyy"*

*Delete Posted Transactions = "Y"*

*Post Zero Value Transactions = "N"*

*Consolidate*

*Control Account = "N"*

*Bank Accounts = "N"*

*All Other Accounts = "N"*

*Consolidate by Day = "N"*

***DATE RANGE = "N" (to capture all outstanding transactions)***

**4. CHECK PURCHASE ORDER LIABILITY TOTAL**

After completing your interface to the General Ledger you should now check that the total of your Purchase Order Liability Account in the Balance Sheet agrees to the total on your Estimated Liability Report (Purchase Orders Only).

**5. CHECK GOODS RECEIVED LIABILITY TOTAL**

After completing your interface to the General Ledger you should now check that the total of your Goods Received Liability Account in the Balance Sheet agrees to the total on your Estimated Liability Report (Goods Received & Returned Notes Only).

**Where you wish to hold open the Suppliers end of period for a few days into the next period but continue receipting goods for the next period, follow these steps.**

## **Separate End of Period for Suppliers and Products**

### ***End of Period***

1. Update the general ledger with the purchasing
2. Process an end of year for Products using **Period End | Products | End of Period | Products**.

### ***New Period - First Few Days***

1. Continue entering Supplier invoices for the PREVIOUS period.
2. Enter any goods received notes for the new period. DO NOT enter any Supplier invoices for the NEW period at this stage.

### **End of Period for Suppliers**

1. Update General Ledger with the Supplier's file, making sure you enter the period number for the LAST period.
2. Process an end of year for Suppliers in the usual manner using **Suppliers | End of Period | Suppliers**.
3. Continue processing for the New Year.

## End of Year Procedures Suppliers

**When all invoices and payments for the month have been entered, end of year processing can commence**

If you hold open the suppliers for a few days into the next period, do a backup before you begin the End of Year procedure for Suppliers.

1. **BACKUP** - Label backup "End of Year Suppliers mm, yyyy"

2. **PRINT REPORTS**

**Period End | Suppliers | Transaction Reports | Purchases**

*Supplier Code sequence*

*Current Period Only = "Y"*

*Totals Only = "N"*

*No Ranges*

**Period End | Suppliers | Transaction Reports | Payments Report**

*Supplier Code sequence*

*Current Period Only = "Y"*

*Totals Only = "N"*

*No Ranges*

**Period End | Suppliers | Transaction Reports | Adjustments**

*Supplier Code sequence*

*GL Dissections Required = "Y"*

*Print Payables Control A/c = "Y"*

*Current Period Only = "Y"*

*Totals Only = "N"*

*No Ranges*

**Period End | Suppliers | Transaction Reports | Aged Trial Balance**

*Supplier Code sequence*

*Select include Inactive Suppliers*

*Print Zero Balance Suppliers = "N"*

*No Ranges*

*Run report for **Unpaid Invoices***

*And then run again for **No Transactions***

**Period End | Suppliers | Transaction Reports | Tax Report**

***This must be printed as a GST audit report***

*Supplier Code sequence*

*Current Period Only = "Y"*

*Totals Only = "N"*

*No Ranges*

**Period End | Suppliers | Transaction Reports | General Ledger Posting**

*Account Range = "N"*

*Report Type = ""Consolidate Transactions"*

*Modules = "Suppliers"*

*Date Range = "N"*

**3. INTERFACE SUPPLIER MODULE TO GENERAL LEDGER**

**Transactions | General Ledger | Other Modules | Post from Other Modules**

*Period = Month number eg June would be 13*

*From Other Company = "N"*

*Modules to Post = "Y" to Suppliers only*

*Adjust Suppliers Selections = "Y"*

*Batch Descriptions = "Creditors for the Month mm, yyyy"*

*Delete Posted Transactions = "Y"*

*Post Zero Value Transactions = "N"*

*Consolidate*

*Control Account = "N"*

*Bank Accounts = "N"*

*All Other Accounts = "N"*

*Consolidate by Day = "N"*

***DATE RANGE = "N" (to capture all outstanding transactions)-***

***\*\*Use Date Range if the next month's invoices have been entered***

**4. CHECK SUPPLIER CONTROL ACCOUNT**

After completing your interface to the General Ledger you should now check that the total of your Suppliers Control Account (Trade Creditors) in the Balance Sheet agrees to the total on your Aged Trial Balance.

**5. CHECK GST PAID ACCOUNT**

After completing your interface to the General Ledger you should now check that the total of your GST Claimed/ Paid Account in the Balance Sheet agrees to the total on your Tax Report.

**6. BAS ALLOCATIONS REPORT**

**Period End | Suppliers | Suppliers BAS | BAS Allocations Report**

***This must be printed as a GST audit report***

*Supplier Code sequence*

*Current Period Only = "Y"*

*Totals Only = "N"*

*No Ranges*

**7. UPDATE SUPPLIER BAS REPORT**

**Period End | Suppliers | Suppliers BAS | BAS Update**

***\*\* This must be done prior to year end rollover \*\****

*BAS Period = select current BAS period*



8. **PRINT BUSINESS ACTIVITY STATEMENT**

**Period End | Suppliers | Supplier BAS | Business Activity Statement**

*BAS Period = select current BAS period*

9. **ROLL OVER SUPPLIERS MODULE**

**Period End | Suppliers | End of Period | Suppliers**

*End of Period = "Y"*

*End of Year = "Y"*

THE SUPPLIERS MODULE IS NOW READY FOR NEXT YEAR'S TRANSACTIONS

**At this point you can do the payments selections for the next month's cheque run.**

## End of Year Procedures

### General Ledger

At the end of each year when the Customers, Products and Suppliers interfaces have been done, you should

#### **1. Reconcile the Bank Account & print reconciliation report Transactions |General Ledger |Bank Reconciliation | Reconcile**

**Reports | General Ledger | Bank Reconciliation | Reconciliation Report**

*Bank Account Code = "enter bank a/c number"*

*Last Page Number = "enter last page reconciled"*

*Unreconciled Amounts to Period = "enter current period number"*

*Print Details = "Y"*

*Check that this report balances to your General Ledger Bank Account*

#### **2. Print a General Ledger Trial Balance for YTD.**

**Reports | General Ledger | Financial | Trial Balance**

*Account Range = "N"*

*Selection Mask = "?????????"*

*Zero Balance Accounts = "N"*

*Period = "YTD"*

*Check that the Debits and Credits on your Trial Balance agree.*

#### **3. PRINT A PROFIT & LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE MONTH/YTD**

**Reports | General Ledger | Financial | Standard Financial Reports**

*Report Layout Name = "P&L Balance Sheet"*

*Account Range = "N"*

*Include Optional Print Accounts? = "Y"*

*Selection Mask = "?????????"*

*Zero Balance Accounts to Print = "None"*

*Report Period = "Current Period"*

*Check that Net Assets equal Total Equity*

#### 4. GST JOURNALS

Before completing the end of year rollover for the General Ledger it is ESSENTIAL to clear GST Paid to the Australian Taxation Office against GST Claimed and Collected. The effect of this is that GST Claimed and Collected should reflect the outstanding amount for GST for 30 June.

The journal entry would be as follows:

DR	GST Collected	For total of cheques for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarters (or total for July to May for monthly remitters)
DR	GST Claimed from ATO	For 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarters
CR	GST Paid to ATO	For 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarters

**An example of this would be:**

##### Quarter 1

Tax Collected	Tax Claimed	Tax Paid
\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$200.00

##### Quarter 2

Tax Collected	Tax Claimed	Tax Paid
\$1,500.00	\$700.00	\$800.00

##### Quarter 3

Tax Collected	Tax Claimed	Tax Paid
\$1,200.00	\$300.00	\$900.00

##### Quarter 4

Tax Collected	Tax Claimed	Tax Paid
\$1,300.00	\$900.00	\$0.00 (so far - will be paid in July)

##### Journal (to balance off first three quarters)

<b>DR</b>	Tax Collected	\$3,700.00	(\$1,000.00 + \$1,500.00 + \$1,200.00)
<b>CR</b>	Tax Claimed	\$1,800.00	(\$ 800.00 + \$ 700.00 + \$ 300.00)
<b>CR</b>	Tax Paid	\$1,900.00	(\$ 200.00 + \$ 800.00 + \$ 900.00)

This will leave the Tax Collected and Claimed in the accounts being the balance for quarter 4 only.

Please give consideration to any BAS payments made in July 2019, which relate to the 2018/19 financial year, and may require reversing journals posted, if not already done.

## GENERAL LEDGER END OF YEAR

The following procedures will enable you to:

- Check that your General Ledger chart of accounts is in balance before processing year end.
- Copy the ending year's information to another directory on your computer. This will allow you to keep on processing, enquiring and reporting on last year's figures while continuing with the new years' entries. Any adjustments made to last year's figures can then be made to the opening balances of the new year. Please ring a consultant if you need assistance with this.
- Run an end of year process on the current General Ledger, enabling you to start processing for the new year.

### Is your Chart of Accounts in Balance?

- Update all available postings, including any other module postings, for the current year.
- Set up **Current Period** field (in **General Ledger Options**) to the last period of the year.
- Print a Year to Date Trial Balance for all accounts and ensure it balances, i.e. the total of the last year column is 0.00 and the credit and debit columns are equal.
- Print a Profit and Loss Balance Sheet report and ensure the Balance Sheet balances, i.e. Total Equity equals Net Assets.
- If either of the above reports are out of balance, they **must** be fixed prior to running the end of year.

***Double check the following:***

- In the Trial Balance, if the last year balance does not equal 0.00 then the last year's opening balances for some accounts may be incorrect. Compare these figures with last year's accounts and figures. If there are any errors, correct them using **Setups | General Ledger | Opening Balances**.
- In the Trial Balance, if the credit and debit columns are not equal, check the following:
  - If you use opening and closing stock, check that all opening and closing stock journals have been entered and are correct. Remember, journals must be entered for every period. For further information refer to the Designing Your Chart - Calculating Cost of Inventory Sales section in the General Ledger User's Guide.
  - Print a summarised list of all batches and ensure that all the debit and credit columns are equal. If not, find the batches and correct them.
  - Ensure the opening balance for all Balance Sheet accounts are identical to the last year's figure.
- In the Balance Sheet, if Net Assets do not equal Total Equity:
  - Print a Chart List and check that all accounts are adding to the correct total accounts.
  - Check that Retained Earnings B/Fwd and C/Fwd accounts are set up correctly and have the correct balances.

If your General Ledger is still not in balance, please contact CA Management Services on (08) 9470-9922 before proceeding.

**4. Take a backup of your company data at this point.**

## 5. Process an end of year

Select **Period End | General Ledger | End of Period | End of Year**

Select **No** to **Copy this Year to Last Year**  
(as a backup was taken in Step 5 iii to 5 v above)

Enter your choice for the **Reset Budget Values** (F1 Help for more detail)

Yes for “Retain Unreconciled Transactions”

**NOTE:** If you are using **Bank Reconciliation**, make sure **Retain Unreconciled Transaction** is set to **Yes**, similarly if you are not using **Bank Reconciliation**, Select **No**.

### Was your end of year successful?

Print a Trial Balance and a Profit and Loss Balance Sheet. Both these should be in balance. If not, it may be necessary to:

- a) Restore the backup taken prior to running the end of year.
- b) Re-check the figures on these two reports.
- c) Check that accounts have the correct End of Year Indicator (EOYI). You can do this quickly by printing a Chart List.
  - i) If a Profit & Loss account has a **Retain** indicator, change the opening balance to zero in **Opening Balances**.  
Then change the **EOYI** to **Reset** in **General Ledger | Maintain**.
  - ii) If a Balance Sheet account has a **Reset** indicator, change the **EOYI** to **Retain** in **General Ledger | Maintain**. Then change the opening balance to the correct values in **Opening Balances**.
  - iii) Check that your **Retained earnings B/Fwd** account has an **EOYI** of **3 (Opening Balance)** and your **Retained Earnings C/Fwd** of **2 (Closing Balance)**. If not, change the **EOYI** in **General Ledger | Maintain**.
- d) Once you have rectified all problems repeat from step 7.

## Backup

This backup is so you can then start the New Financial Year.

Before proceeding with a restore at any time, we strongly recommend you telephone the CA Management Services' Help Desk for advice as a restore may be able to be avoided.

## OPTIONAL HOUSEKEEPING

### CUSTOMERS, PRODUCTS, SUPPLIERS AND SALES ANALYSIS

Attaché allows history to be kept for enquiry and reporting until you choose to delete it. We advise that you consolidate and compress your files on a regular basis, selecting to delete all history and any other details you no longer require. Your files will be more manageable once unwanted items have been deleted and files have been compressed. This will improve accessing, processing and reporting on your data. (**Note:** *The following processes could take a long time depending upon the size of your files.*)

#### 1. Backup

It is important you take a backup before running any of the following steps. Keep this backup in a safe place; you may need to restore and view the history at a later date.

#### 2. Items which can be deleted:

You will probably find that only some items on the following list apply to your business. Choose only those that are relevant to you and only delete those items you no longer require.

- |                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| • Customers                | Inactive Customers, Standard Charges   |
| • Customer Special Pricing | Special Prices   |
| • Order Entry/Invoicing    | Completed orders, Invoice print details, Cr Notes print details                              |
| • Sales Analysis           | Sales reports  |
| • Products                 | Inactive products  |
| • Suppliers                | Inactive Suppliers, Standard charges   |
| • Supplier Pricing         | Special prices   |
| • Purchasing               | Completed requestions, purchase orders, goods received notes, goods returned notes, Cr Notes |
| • Tax Register             |  |

#### 3. Check and Compress Files

After deleting unwanted items it is advisable to do a File Integrity Check, Compress Database and Index File Optimizer on all files. This will make processing and reporting for the New Year considerably faster.

**Tools | Company | Data Checks | File Integrity Check - F5 All - F9**  
**Tools | Company | Data Checks | Compress Database - F5 All - F9**  
**Tools | Company | Data Checks | Index File Optimizer - F5 All - F9**

#### 4. Backup

Label this as **Beginning of Year 2020/2021**, keep in a safe place and **do not** re-use.

**\*\*\*\*\* Remember \*\*\*\*\***

- **Ensure that you are in the current company before processing General Ledger transactions for the 2019/2020 financial year.**



- If you wish last year's General Ledger to be backed up as well as your current company, your Archive or backup routine will need to be amended.

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### Attaché Accounts Check List

Do you have a backup?		<input type="checkbox"/>
All Transactions Finalised		<input type="checkbox"/>
Make a copy of this year's company and name	xxxx1617	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure the Attaché System date of 30 June 2017		<input type="checkbox"/>

### CUSTOMERS

<b>RUN ALL REPORTS</b> Period End   Customers   Transaction Reports	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>POST CUSTOMERS LEDGER TO GENERAL LEDGER</b> Transactions   General Ledger   Other Modules   Post from Other Modules <i>Customers only</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CHECK CUSTOMER CONTROL ACCOUNT</b> That the total of your <i>Customers Control Account (Trade Debtors)</i> in the Balance Sheet agrees to the total on your <i>Aged Trial Balance</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CHECK GST COLLECTED ACCOUNT</b> That the total of your <i>GST Collected Account in the Balance Sheet</i> agrees to the total on your Tax Report.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PRINT BAS ALLOCATIONS REPORT</b> Period End   Customers   Customer BAS   BAS Allocations Report This must be printed as a GST audit report <i>Customer Code Sequence</i> <i>Current Period Only = "Y"</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>UPDATE CUSTOMER BAS REPORT</b> Period End   Customers   Customer BAS   Customer BAS Update ** This must be done prior to year end rollover ** <i>BAS Period = select current BAS period</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PRINT BUSINESS ACTIVITY STATEMENT</b> Period End   Customers   Customer BAS   Business Activity Statement <i>BAS Period = select current BAS period</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>ROLL OVER CUSTOMERS MODULE</b> Period End   Customers   End of Period   Customers <i>End of Period = "Y"</i> <i>End of Year = "Y"</i> <i>Delete Transactions = "N"</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## SALES ANALYSIS

### UPDATE SALES ANALYSIS

Transactions | Customers | Sales Analysis | Update Reports

*IMPORTANT NOTE: During this update the system requires a printer.*

*Answer "Y" to all reports*

*Answer "Y" to Delete Transaction File when the reports have printed.*

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### PRINT REPORTS

Period End | Customers | Sales Reports | Sales Analysis Reports

Select the reports required

**Accept or alter report headings**

*Select requirements for new pages*

*Print Year to Date Values if required*

*Select requirements for Sub-Totalling*

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### ROLLOVER SALES ANALYSIS MODULE

Period End | Customers | End of Period | Sales Analysis

**Select all reports for end of period**

*End of Year Update = "Y"*

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## PRODUCTS

### MAKE A BACKUP COPY OF THE COMPANY

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### RUN ALL REPORTS

Period End | Products | Transaction Reports

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### POST PRODUCTS LEDGER TO GENERAL LEDGER

Transactions | General Ledger | Other Modules | Post from Other Modules

**Products only**

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### CHECK INVENTORY CONTROL ACCOUNT

Check that the total of your **Inventory Control Account (Stock on Hand)**  
in the Balance Sheet agrees to the total on your **Products Status Report**.

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### ROLLOVER PRODUCTS MODULE

Period End | Products | End of Period | Products

*End of Period = "Y"*

*End of Year = "Y"*

*Delete Transactions = "N"*

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## PURCHASE ORDERS

### **RUN ALL REPORTS**

Period End | Suppliers | Purchasing Reports

Period End | Suppliers | Transaction Reports | G/L Postings

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### **POST PURCHASE ORDERS TO GENERAL LEDGER**

Transactions | General Ledger | Other Modules | Post from Other Modules

*Purchasing only*

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### **CHECK PURCHASE ORDER LIABILITY TOTAL**

Check that the total of your *Purchase Order Liability Account* in the Balance Sheet agrees to the total on your *Estimated Liability Report (Purchase Orders Only)*.

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### **CHECK GOODS RECEIVED LIABILITY TOTAL**

Check that the total of your *Goods Received Liability Account* in the Balance Sheet agrees to the total on your *Estimated Liability Report (Goods Received & Returned Notes Only)*.

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## SUPPLIERS

### **MAKE A BACKUP COPY OF THE COMPANY**

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### **RUN ALL REPORTS**

Period End | Suppliers | Transaction Reports

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### **POST SUPPLIERS LEDGER TO GENERAL LEDGER**

Transactions | General Ledger | Other Modules | Post from Other Modules

*Suppliers only*

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### **CHECK SUPPLIER CONTROL ACCOUNT**

Check that the total of your *Suppliers Control Account (Trade Creditors)* in the Balance Sheet agrees to the total on your *Aged Trial Balance*.

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### **CHECK GST PAID ACCOUNT**

Check that the total of your *GST Claimed/ Paid Account* in the Balance Sheet agrees to the total on your *Tax Report*.

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### **BAS ALLOCATIONS REPORT**

Period End | Suppliers | Suppliers BAS | BAS Allocations Report

This must be printed as a GST audit report

*Supplier Code sequence*

*Current Period Only = "Y"*

*Totals Only = "N"*

*No Ranges*

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### **UPDATE SUPPLIER BAS REPORT**

Period End | Suppliers | Suppliers BAS | BAS Update

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**\*\* This must be done prior to year end rollover \*\***

*BAS Period = select current BAS period*

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**PRINT BUSINESS ACTIVITY STATEMENT**

Period End | Suppliers | Supplier BAS | Business Activity Statement

***BAS Period = select current BAS period***

**ROLL OVER SUPPLIERS MODULE**

Period End | Suppliers | End of Period | Suppliers

*End of Period = "Y"*

*End of Year = "Y"*

*Delete Transactions = "N"*

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**GENERAL LEDGER**

**RECONCILE THE BANK ACCOUNT  
& PRINT RECONCILIATION REPORT**

Transactions | General Ledger | Bank Reconciliation | Reconcile  
Reports | General Ledger | Bank Reconciliation | Reconciliation Report

*Bank Account Code = "enter bank a/c number"*

*Last Page Number = "enter last page reconciled"*

*Unreconciled Amounts to Period = "enter current period number"*

*Print Details = "Y"*

***Check that this report balances to your General Ledger Bank Account***

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**PRINT A GENERAL LEDGER TRIAL BALANCE FOR THE MONTH.**

Reports | General Ledger | Financial | Trial Balance

*Account Range = "N"*

*Selection Mask = "????????"*

*Zero Balance Accounts = "N"*

*Period = "This Year"*

***Check that the Debits and Credits on your Trial Balance agree.***

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**PRINT A PROFIT & LOSS AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE MONTH**

Reports | General Ledger | Financial | Standard Financial Reports

*Report Layout Name = "P&L Balance Sheet"*

*Account Range = "N"*

*Include Optional Print Accounts? = "Y"*

*Selection Mask = "????????"*

*Zero Balance Accounts to Print = "None"*

*Report Period = "Current Period"*

***Check that Net Assets equal Total Equity***

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**GST JOURNALS**

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For total of cheques for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters or total for July to May  
for monthly remitters

**Journal**

CR	GST Paid to ATO
CR	GST Claimed
DR	GST Collected



This will leave the Tax Collected and Claimed in the accounts being the balance for quarter 4 only.

Give consideration to any BAS payments made in *July 2014*, which relate to the 2013/14 financial year, and may require reversing journals posted, if not already done.

**Is your Chart of Accounts in Balance?**

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Set up **Current Period** field (in **General Ledger Options**) to the last period of the year.

#### **CHECK THE FOLLOWING**

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Print a Year to Date Trial Balance for all accounts and ensure it balances

***The total of the last year column is 0.00 and the credit and debit columns are equal.***

Print a Profit and Loss Balance Sheet report and ensure the Balance Sheet balances, ***Total Equity equals Net Assets.***

If either of the above reports are out of balance, they ***must*** be fixed prior to running the end of year.

**Make a complete copy of your Attaché company before proceeding further.**

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**Copy Current Data to Previous Year's Data Path**  
**Copy current folder and rename xxxxxxxxxx1516**

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**Set up Company Options**

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**Setups | Company | Options | Company Options**

Check that data copied correctly by comparing reports in original company and new GL-copy-company.

#### **Backup**

Label this backup as **General Ledger** prior to ***End of Year 2015/16***  
 keep it in a safe place and do not re-use.

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#### **Return to Your Current Year Company**

##### **Process General Ledger End of Year**

Period End | General Ledger | End of Period | End of Year

**Select No to Copy this Year to Last Year**

**Enter your choice for the Reset Budget Values (F1 Help for more detail)**

**Enter your choice for Retain Unreconciled Transactions**

**NOTE:** *If you are using Bank Reconciliation, make sure Retain Unreconciled Transaction is set to Yes, similarly if you are not using Bank Reconciliation, Select No.*

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**Was your end of year successful?**

☐

Print a Trial Balance and a Profit and Loss Balance Sheet.  
 Both these should be in balance.

#### **Backup**

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This backup is so you can then start the New Financial Year.

**Label this as Beginning of Year 2015/2017,**



**Keep in a safe place and do not re-use.**

## **Appendix A**

### **Date-based Processing in Attaché**

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#### **What does it mean?**

It would probably be better to refer to it as “date-driven reporting”. It is the ability to “prepare reports as at any prior date”. A useful feature is that it is possible to dispense with month (period) end processing and the delays that are associated with this. Even if a Month (period) end is not run, we would still recommend running a year end process in all modules.

#### **Customers**

In the past, have you needed to run a period end in the customers module? This was so that statements and an aged trial balance could be printed with correct aging. Also, some sales reports only showed “Period to date” and “Year to date” figures. In addition, when enquiring on a customer and pressing <F2> to view the balances, the aging of the balances was driven by period end processing.

A number of reports have been introduced that calculate balances from the transaction date and do not require any period end processing. These include:

- Customer Statements (this will require a different form to period-based statements)
- Customer Aging Report (replacing the Aged Trial Balance)
- Sales by Customer – Date Based
- Sales by Sales Representative
- Sales by Cash Register Operator

There is also the option to display customer balances calculated by date (when pressing <F2> during a customer enquiry).

Another advantage of date-driven reporting that may be important for some users is the ability to age statements for some customers differently to others. For instance, you may have some customers whose terms require weekly payment and others monthly payment. By categorising the customers suitably, statements can be run for each customer grouping with different aging. (You should be aware that only one aging can be displayed when pressing <F2>.)

Are there any particular pitfalls to consider? The main one is that, in the past, dates may have accidentally been entered with dates well into the future. For instance when entering a payment for 16/10/2011, an inexperienced user may have tried to enter the date using all four digits of the century (i.e. “2011”) and actually recorded the date as 16/10/2020. If this payment had been allocated against an invoice date 30/09/2011, a Customer Aging Report produced today would show the invoice as still outstanding.

You can easily check for future-dated transactions using the customer transaction reports (Sales Register, Payments and Adjustments) with a suitable date range (e.g. 01/11/2012 to 31/12/2099). Attaché have produced a utility that can be used to change the date of customer payments to match the date of the

invoice against which the payment has been allocated. You should take care with this utility and, if at all unsure, speak to your Attaché consultant before using it.

## Suppliers

Many of the comments made about customers and date-driven reporting apply equally to suppliers. The most notable differences are:

- Some reports do not apply to suppliers (i.e. statements and sales reports).
- There is no utility for realigning supplier payments according to date.

An additional advantage of date-driven reporting for suppliers is the ability to enter transactions from more than one month and still be able to produce a trial balance (Supplier Aging Report) for the end of the previous month (when that month's transactions are complete). A number of Attaché users currently delay entering transactions for the new month in order to achieve this.

## Products

The major feature of date-driven processing as far as the products module is concerned is the ability to produce the "Products Status By Date" report. This allows the product status to be reported for an earlier date.

When printing this report, you need to be aware that Attaché records two dates for each product transaction. One is the date entered on the document and the other is the system date at the time the transaction was entered. Note that this is the actual system date and not necessarily the "Attaché date" shown in the lower right hand corner of the screen which can be changed to be different to the system date. When printing the report you can select to base the calculations on either the "Date entered" (i.e. the system date) or the "Transaction date" (i.e. the date on the document).

**Report Options**

Print Product Code	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Include Active Products	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Include Products with available stock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Include Inactive Products	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Include Products with zero available stock	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Include Superseded Products	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Include Products with negative available stock	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Include Service Items	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Quantity code for Column 1	In Stock	Status As At	30/09/2012
Quantity code for Column 2	Cust. Order	Base calculations on	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Date entered
Quantity code for Column 3	B/Ordered		<input type="radio"/> Transaction date
Quantity code for Column 4	Reserved		
Quantity code for Column 5	Consigned		
Quantity code for Column 6	Available		
Add Qty on Requisition to Qty Available	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
Add Qty on P/Order to Qty Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		

The fact that Attaché records two dates for each product transaction can also be used to resolve product queries related to product cost. If a new item is received on a supplier invoice but sold before the invoice is entered, the cost of the product could be recorded as \$0.00 and the customer sales shows 100% G.P. The supplier invoice is entered after the sale but dated prior to the sale.

When enquiring on the product and pressing <F5> to view the transactions, it is hard to explain the 100% G.P. This becomes easier if you “drill-down” on the “Qty In Stock” field which displays the transaction showing the date and time that each was entered.

Press <F5> to view the product transactions showing the transaction date.

NEW, New Product					
Date	Type	Reference	Customer	Supplier	Quantity
17/10/2012	Sale	5049	ABEL		1
15/10/2012	Supp. Inv	1		ADAM	10

Press <F2> and “drill-down” on the “Qty In Stock” to view the product transactions showing the system date and time when the transaction was entered.

Quantity in Stock for product: NEW - New Product										
Date	Type	Code	Reference	Quantity	RunningTotal	Average Cost	Operator	SequenceNo	Time	
17/10/12	Supp.Inv	ADAM	1	10	9	80.00	RICHARD	1244	14:22:19	
17/10/12	Cust.Inv	ABEL	5049	-1	-1	0.00	RICHARD	1242	14:21:40	
			Opening Balance		0	0.00				

## Business Activity Statement

Many users already post to the Business Activity Statement by date and this is the Attaché default with the date range defaulting to the beginning and end of the period selected.

**BAS Period**

49 01/07/2012 - 30/09/2012 [Unlocked]

**Date Range**

☒ Yes

First Date  
01/07/2012

Last Date  
30/09/2012

This allows late transactions (usually supplier invoices) to be posted to an earlier period prior to completing the BAS. However, since you would not want to post to a BAS period after the Business Activity Statement has been submitted to the ATO, it is possible that very late transactions would need to be posted to the next BAS period even though they do not fit into the date range.

For this reason, whenever you post to the BAS, you should always print the BAS Allocations Report and make a decision as to what you want to do with transactions dated out of the period to which you are posting. Useful selections to make when printing the BAS Allocations Report are:

- Transaction Date Sequence
- Current Period Only – No
- Transactions to be updated

**Sequence**

☐ Supplier Code Sequence    ☐ Document Number Sequence    ☒ Transaction Date Sequence

☐ Sort Code Sequence    ☐ Entry Sequence

**Options**

Current Period Only    ☐ No

Totals Only    ☐ No

**Inclusions**

☐ All Transactions

☐ Updated Transactions only

☒ Transactions to be updated

## General Ledger

Even though you might be using date-driven reporting for customers, suppliers and products and posting to the BAS by date, this does not mean that you need to use dates when posting to the general ledger. It is still possible to ignore transaction dates and post all unposted transactions to the current month. However, many businesses would prefer that “late” supplier invoices are posted to the month in which they are dated. This can be achieved in Attaché by using date ranges when posting to the GL.

New general ledger options can help automate this by having the GL period selected automatically according to the Attaché date (in the lower right hand corner of the Attaché screen). In addition, it is possible to have the date ranges automatically match the GL period when posting transactions by saving a date range on the GL posting screen.

**However, you must take care with this feature.**

The date range will automatically match the GL period **only if** you select the module to be posted **before** you change the period. **For this reason it is safer to post a single module at a time if you are selecting dates automatically.**

Businesses will often have a “cut-off date” for general ledger reporting – that is, a date (e.g. the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month) after the period is considered complete and no further transactions should be posted. You need to be aware of such a restriction and ensure that “late” transactions entered after this date are posted correctly and not simply left unposted.

## General Ledger reconciliation

The biggest issue when posting by date to the GL is the reconciliation of control accounts such as debtors, creditors, GST collected, PAYG and superannuation.

Control Account	Comments
Debtors, Creditors and Stock	<p>If transactions are <b>always</b> posted to the GL by date then the appropriate “Ageing” report printed using the correct period end date should balance to the control account. (You will need to be careful when printing the Product Status By Date report to select to “Base calculations on Transaction date”.)</p> <p>If you have a “cut-off date” for GL reporting, you must print the “Ageing” reports on the cut-off date immediately following the final GL update for the period.</p>
GST Collected and Paid.	<p>These accounts can be reconciled to the Business Activity Statement(s) at any time providing that all transactions have been posted to the BAS. The reconciliation may be easier if a creditor invoice for the BAS payment is dated at the end of the BAS period and posted to the corresponding GL period.</p> <p>If you have a “cut-off date” for GL reporting, it is useful to also use this date as a “cut-off” for posting to the BAS.</p> <p>Conversely, even if you don’t have a “cut-off date” for GL reporting, you might consider using the BAS reporting date as a cut-off for GL reporting.</p>
PAYG and Superannuation Liability	<p>These are easily reconciled when the final pay for each month has been posted to the GL.</p> <p>You will need to take care, when reconciling, that the payroll option setting for “Use Date Paid for GL” matches the date setting when printing the payroll history reports (i.e. “Pay Period Ending Date” or “Date Paid”).</p>

## Payroll

Going back as far as Attaché5, most payroll reports have been date driven and very few users run a period end process in payroll since this only affects a small number of reports and screen enquiries that show “Current Period” figures.

Many payroll reports have the option of using one of two dates when selecting a date range – the Pay Period Ending Date or the Date Paid