HandiTax SQL 2015

What changes are in this release?

HandiTax 2015 - Version changes

It is important that you are running the latest version of HandiTax, as we are constantly working on improvements and resolving any issues that are brought to our attention.

Version 2.02 released 17th February 2016

- 2016 FBT ELS return (Form EB) added (lodgable via ELS gateway from April 1st 2016).

Version 2.01 released 24th November 2015

- SMSF Form Updated. Error added where the Agents Trust Account is chosen at Item 7 Part A. Item 7A should only contain the SMSF's own unique financial institution account details.

- Calculation of the Foreign Income Tax Offset takes into consideration the Temporary Budget Repair Levy.

  NOTE: Please review any previous returns where income over $180,000 was entered into the worksheet calculation.

- PAYG Instalment amounts updated to apply 2% Medicare levy.

- Pre-fill updated at Item 10. Interest received and TFN amounts withheld now assigned to the correct bank account entry.

- Updated BAS form report to display on two pages.

- Capital Gains worksheet summary report updated removing the 'Small Business Concession' component from the "Summary Listing" section.

- Point And Claim Import Updated
  - Resolved "zero claimed, amount required" error message on importing to the WRE Schedule.
  - D1 imported entries display correctly for the WRE Schedule.
  - V172E resolved.

- Compatibility issues with Outlook 2016 have been resolved.

- The "Open As PDF" button in Report Preview now opens the PDF in the local Temp folder instead of the Hsoft\Doc folder. The file is removed when the HandiSoft program is closed.

Resolved issues with report title and folder options when saving or exporting reports.

Version 2.00 released October 2015

- Tax estimate updated whereby the Foreign Income Tax Offset will now offset the Temporary Budget Repair Levy.

- V2483 updated for the R & D Schedule.

- Individual Offset Worksheet updated for Item T6 Invalid and Invalid Carer whereby a negative amount will no longer appear.

- Point and Claim import updated to allow more characters for the vendor description.

Version 1.05 released 25th August 2015

Note: Handitax **version 1.04** was not released.

- 2015.7 ELS specification change (live on ELS production gateway 20/08/15) with updates to v1397B, v2497, v2811 and v2822.

- Updated Item T4 in the Individual Offset Worksheet calculation for sole parent base amount to factor in the base amount of the dependent students or children.

- Pre-fill 2015 updated
  - Resolved Government Allowances at Item 5 not importing multiple entries with the same description.
  - Create new client from prefill fixed where prior year files exists.
  - Create new client from prefill to generate a client reference based on the 'Family Name' from client prefill report in all instances.

- Resolved an instance when prompted that a "Client is selected by another user" when in fact the client is not selected.

- Enhanced program memory usage when selecting multiple individual tax forms.

- An 'Individual Tax Return Comparison' report has been added (via Reports/ Edit Reports) for Forms EI that allows the following:
  - Compare current year values with prior years for a single client.
  - Sectional comparisons based on Income, Average tax rate, Income breakdown, Rental income and Private Health Insurance Policy for the specified client.
  - Inclusion of new Z tags ZRL (Tax payable before credits) and ZMD (PAYG instalment income). For further information please refer here.

- HandiSoft Connect
  - Resolved errors that sometimes occurred when trying to view tax returns through HandiSoft Connect.

Version 1.03 released 21st July 2015

- Pre-fill 2015 enhancements

- Private health fund codes now import correctly.
- When deleting pre-filled items the visible prefill icon will now always clear.
- Create new client from prefill updated to ensure client reference is always uppercase.

- Tax Estimate updated
    - Fixed amounts incorrectly appearing in HELP repayment field (limited situations).
    - TSL repayments now correctly included in subtotal.

- Form I worksheet copy updated by removing the duplication of the heading relating to Item D15.

Version 1.02 released 15th July 2015

- Added Pre-fill Report 2015 functionality
    - XML files from the ATO portal can be imported into HandiTax.
    - File path is specified via Options / Tax Form Options / Prefill report path.
    - Content & layout changes per ATO Pre-filling Report 2015 specification.
    - Tax estimate includes outstanding TSL.
    - Distributions from partnerships now included.
    - Prefill rollover entries from 2014 are now matched with 2015 entries where possible.

    Important Note: Pre-fill data should not be relied upon exclusively and may be incomplete. Pre-filled data must be reviewed prior to lodgment.

- Estimate updated
    - Trade support loans (TSL) now separated from HELP debt in tax estimate.
    - Temporary Budget Repair Levy adjusted to include capital gains amounts.

- Resolved the issue of incorrectly prompting that the HandiTax license is expiring where in fact the licenses are valid (limited situations).

- Resolved the "Invalid child number…" error when importing into an SMSF form from the SuperFund program.

- F1 Help Updated.

Version 1.01 released 8th July 2015

- Estimate Updated
    - HECS/HELP thresholds.
    - ETP offset calculation for ETP Code D.
    - Medicare Levy Surcharge Tier 3 family threshold updated from $270,001 to $280,001.

- V35 error removed from tag ^CFC in the Work Related Expenses Schedule.

    NOTE: The ATO initially applied a V35 check against tag ^CFC however reverted this to having no V35 check applied to it from early July.

- V15 error updated for Dividend & Interest Schedule where an "&" (ampersand)

appears.

- Company Tax Return updated for transfer of values to Item 21 from R&D Schedule.

- Quantities Report updated (Report / Return / Quantities Report)
    - to allow filtering by Partner/Manager/Staff/Office.
    - with an option to 'Include non-current clients'.

- Blank identifiers updated
    - DOB fields categorised as "Other" type.
    - Form MS Item 3 ABN now blanks using "TFN".
    - Form T Item 11 Banks name, branch and account number now blanks using "Bank".

- Zone Offset warning removed for situations where ATI was over $150,000.

- F1 Help Updated.

Version 1.00 released June 2015

Important: On first login to HandiTax 2015 after installation some database tables may be updated. This could take some time. Please allow these processes to complete before a second user logs into the program.

- HandiTax 2015 is registered with the ATO for ELS lodgment of 2015 forms. All forms/schedules/declarations updated for 2015 modifications.

- HandiTax 2015 is registered with the ATO for paper lodgment of major forms.

- Year changes have been made to comply with the ELS specification 2015.6.

- Tax forms changes - full list available here : Form Changes 2015.
    - Legislative changes not yet law
        - Dependant spouse tax offset abolishment.
        - Small business accelerated depreciation.
    - SBR progress update.
    - Promotional image can be added to Estimate/Declaration.
    - Changes to Individual Offsets and Depreciation Worksheets.

- The F1 help and links to included ATO instructions have been updated.
  Note - Not all ATO instructions were available at the time of distribution. We have included those that were available, and left the existing links to earlier year documents where appropriate. Please check our website and ATO Assist for updates to these files.

- **Note** - we have provided the PDF file where possible together with links to www.ato.gov.au/instructions2015. We will be updating these as they become available during the year.

- HandiSoft Connect
    - Tax returns can be generated remotely from HandiTax and be viewed, emailed or sent directly to the Client Portal.

- Added ability to order by TFN when the client list is limited by **Client Type**, **ID**

Type and **ID Member.**

Special Installation Instructions

Before installing, it is recommended that a full backup be completed.
 If you are rolling data from HandiTax 2014, please follow the rollover instructions.

Web Update Procedures

Software updates are released periodically on the Internet, or you can purchase a
 subscription to receive updates each month on CD.

To subscribe to the monthly CD service, contact HandiSoft on (08) 9245 0600.

Web updates are available from www.sagehandisoft.com.au.

To install the update, download the new software. A prompt will appear asking to either
 OPEN or SAVE the download.
 Select OPEN to install the update immediately
 -or-
Select SAVE to save the download to the computer in order to install the update later.
 This is the preferred method.
 If you select OPEN, then you must ensure that no users are logged in to any HandiSoft
 programs. It is also recommended that you back up your data before performing any
 update.