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# Alphatax Ireland Release Notes

Version 21.0



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# 1. Introduction

## About this release

Welcome to the version 21.0 edition of Alphatax Ireland. This release includes the following features and enhancements:

- The Form CT1 2021.
- Minor changes to resolve customer issues.
- An option to temporarily suspend intensive CCM activities such as the recalculation of computations to ensure standard CCM activities remain performant.

## Technical support

We provide a technical support help desk for users requiring assistance. The help desk can be contacted by telephone between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays.

If you require help or further information, please contact the support team on:		
Ireland:	Tel: +353 (0) 1 661 9976	Email: <a href="mailto:support@taxsystems.ie">support@taxsystems.ie</a>
UK:	Tel: +44(0) 1784 777 666	Email: <a href="mailto:support@taxsystems.com">support@taxsystems.com</a>

**Please note:** We recommend that you use the **E-mail Support** option from the **Help** menu in Alphatax to send copies of the computation directly to Support.

## 2. Installation

### Installation key

Your 16-digit Alphatax installation key is provided in the email that you received announcing the release. The Alphatax installation key is required to both download and install Alphatax.

Should you have any queries, please contact the support team on 01661 9976 or at [support@taxsystems.ie](mailto:support@taxsystems.ie)

### Downloading and installing Alphatax

Please download the copy of Alphatax from the releases download site:

<https://releases.taxsystems.com>

This will require you to enter your **email address** and your **16-digit Alphatax installation key**. This process will generate an automated email with a unique URL which will be sent to your email address.

The URL will allow you to download the Alphatax installer along with other applications which you are registered to use. Installation guides and release notes will also be available at this URL.

Click on '**Alphatax v21.0.exe**' to initiate the installation process for which the Alphatax installation key will again be required. Press the **Enter key** at the prompts.

The installation process will override the old version of Alphatax. For detailed information on the installation process refer to the *Alphatax Ireland Installation Guide*. This can be retrieved from the user documentation section of the download screen.

Enterprise users, using the Oracle or MSSQL databases, should also run the database update script from within the Enterprise Manager utility. **The database version is now 43**. The Enterprise Manager is automatically extracted from within the Alphatax Installer package.

### Templates

The installation will reinstall the standard Alphatax templates to ensure that you have the latest version.

To allow you to retrieve your own versions of these templates, if applicable, the old templates are stored in a new folder called BACKUPXn (where n is a number incremented for each new installation).

**Please note:** *This part of the process may take some time. A progress bar displays the names of templates as they are being copied.*

*Folders called BACKUPXn created in the **version 20.1** release are removed with this release.*

# Alphatax platform support

## Operating Systems

Alphatax is supported on Windows 7 and later operating systems for the desktop. Alphatax is also supported on Windows Server 2012 and later servers.

## Oracle

Oracle Database versions from 19c onward are supported by Alphatax.

## End of Life

To view our **End-of-Life policy**, please go to this link:

<https://www.taxsystems.com/sites/default/files/2020-11/End-of-Life-Policyv2.pdf>

### 3. Form CT1 2021

Alphatax has been updated with the Form CT1 2021 and the xml schema 2021 which enables e-filing for companies with a period end in 2021.

### 4. Statement changes due to CT1 2021

#### New Dividend Withholding Tax -CT1 details statement

The CT1 2021 has additional cells in relation to Dividend Withholding Tax. As a result of these changes there is a new Dividend Withholding Tax statement. Information entered here will not affect the tax computation and is required to complete the CT1.

- Administration
- Compliance process
- Return information
- Corporation tax computation
  - Corporation tax payments
  - Preliminary tax small company test
  - Preliminary tax due
  - Income tax withheld
  - Dividend withholding tax - CT1 details**
  - Petroleum production tax
- Trading sources list

Users need to insert a separate statement for each distribution made. Then, within each statement they need to complete further details as per the screenshot below

Date	Amount	DWT
01/01/2021	10,000	2,000
Details of Distribution to each connected company		
	Tax reference	Amount
John Doe	1111111A	7,000
Jane Doe	2222222A	3,000

## Previous Dividend Withholding Tax statement renamed as Distributions for Close companies

The "Dividend Withholding Tax" statement in prior versions of Alphatax has been renamed as "Distributions for close companies" statement for periods ending in 2021 onwards.

This is to clarify that it is now only required for close companies. If the company is not a close company, then this statement will not display and any distributions are entered in the "Dividend Withholding Tax – CT1 details" statement.

The "Distributions for close companies" statement now allows users to make a s434(3A) election specific to a particular distribution. Users making this election are required to enter the tax reference number of the other entity.

Complete Dividend withholding tax - CT1 details statement with further details required on the CT1 regarding distributions made this period							
Display column "period out of which distribution relates to" in report mode?							
	Date of distribution	Election under s434(3A)	Tax ref Other co	Close company distribution this AP?	Period out of which distribution relates to	Gross value	DWT deducted
						€	€
<i>Enter distributions made in the accounting period</i>							
	Distribution 1	01/01/2021	Yes 1111111A	No		20,000	4,000
	Distribution 2	02/01/2021	No	Yes		60,000	12,000
			No	No			

Users who have completed the statement which was called "Dividend Withholding Tax" in the prior version of Alphatax will receive a diagnostic if the period ends in 2021. That statement is renamed "Distributions for close companies" in this release.

The diagnostic will explain that the statement is only to be completed for close companies and that they need to create and complete at least one "Dividend Withholding Tax" statement. The information entered in the prior release should be removed if the company is not a close company.

The statement will display if values were entered in the prior version so removing the values will not be problematic. No changes are required for 2020 period ends or earlier.

For close companies, details will need to be included in both the renamed "Distributions for close companies" and the new "Dividend Withholding Tax" statement.

## 5. Miscellaneous changes

### Intangible allowances – CT1 tick box

Due to changes made in ROS, Alphatax now ticks the box that a company is making a s291A election in circumstances where no s291A capital allowances are being utilised in the period and the company is carrying forward such allowances from prior periods. This change has been made to 2020 tax returns onwards.

### Other information statement carried forward

The “other information” statement within Alphatax allows users to enter customisable information. This information carries forward. Previously, each period carried forward the information entered in the prior period each time the prior year file was updated and rolled forward.

This resulted in problems when the values were different from one period to the next. This information now only rolls forward the first time a period is rolled forward. This will be of particular use to users of our Bulk Accounts Integration tool.

### PDF creation of Form CT1 in long periods

Alphatax can be configured to automatically create a PDF of the CT1 on submission and to save the PDF into a subfolder of the company. In long periods there are two subfolders, one for each period. A PDF of the CT1 for each period should be created and saved to the subfolder for that period. Previously Alphatax copied the PDF of the first period into the subfolder for both periods but this has now been remedied so the correct PDF is automatically saved into the subfolder for each period.

## 6. Optional modules

### Report designer

The hard coded “Tax liability” value within report designer had been selecting a value which did not return the tax liability in the report. Previously users manually selected the required data dictionary name. The hard coded value now calculates correctly.

### Group module

Whether a company is a small company or not for Preliminary Tax purposes can now be viewed in the group file. This can help clients use the Group letter writer functionality to tailor their letters or for general review purposes.



## 7. Platform enhancement

We have enhanced security for user identification by introducing a new default setting that can be selected. This new setting allows you to create a unique security identifier (SID) for your users, to facilitate SID authentication. Your default setting will continue to be **Identify by Login**, but you will now have the option to switch to the new *Identify by Security Identifier* setting. If you wish to switch over to SID authentication, please contact our customer service team, who can guide you through the process.

## 8. Enterprise Only: Temporarily Suspend Services in CCM

We have created a new option to temporarily suspend intensive CCM activities, to ensure standard CCM activities remain performant. This can be applied to the following activities:

- Recalculate Computations
- Import
- Copy

During the run-time of the CCM operation, the selected activities will be temporarily suspended. After the operation is complete, they can then be restarted and synchronised.

The use of this service will either be driven by a manual request, or can be configured on or off. Please see the [Temporarily Suspend Services in CCM Guide](#) for more information.



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