

# 12Pay Reporting for Social Care arrears payments

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# **Social Care Employers' Arrears Payments**

#### **Overview**

It has been identified that some Social Care Sector employers may not have been paying the National Minimum Wage (NMW) for hours worked during overnight shifts, where employees can sleep on the premises (sleep-in shifts).

Here are some links to useful information regarding possible arrears:

Get help to work out if you've underpaid your workers for sleep-in shifts and tell HMRC using the social care compliance scheme: http://bit.ly/underpaid-social

Sleep-in shifts: www.gov.uk/government/news/new-sleep-in-shift-pay-compliance-scheme-launched-to-support-social-care-sector-and-identify-back-pay-for-workers

National Minimum Wage: www.gov.uk/government/publications/enforcing-national-minimum-wage-law

Information on automatic enrolment duties and deducting pension contributions from NMW arrears can be found at <a href="https://www.tpr.gov.uk/nmw">www.tpr.gov.uk/nmw</a>. We cannot advise on this, if you have any queries in this regard please contact The Pensions Regulator (TPR) directly.

HMRC and TPR have provided guidance to help employers report the arrears amount, the deductions made and how to make payment of the tax/national insurance contributions due.

To reduce the administrative burden on HMRC, they are allowing all Social Care Sector employers to deal with the tax implications of these arrears using an Alternative PAYE Arrangement, also known as an APA. This arrangement means you will not be required to submit Earlier Year Updates (EYU) for each individual payment made. HMRC are strongly recommending that you use the APA if you are making payments for pre-RTI years, or for years where you no longer hold the payroll records.

You can use an APA to send an APA return to report the tax deducted. This only relates to arrears to pay for previous tax years. Arrears in the current tax year should be included in normal pay and tax and NI contributions deducted accordingly.

If you are using the APA, you should not include the tax deducted on an Full Payment Submission (FPS), you should only report the NI contributions and any other deductions, such as pension or student loans, on the FPS.



#### Tax

You have two options for reporting payments to HMRC for National Minimum Wage for Social Care Arrears, via the **Alternative PAYE Arrangement (APA)** or via an **Earlier Year Update (EYU)**.

# **Alternative PAYE Arrangement**

The most straight forward way to report arrears payments in this instance is to use the APA. You deduct 20% tax from the taxable income for each employee. If you are calculating this manually, remember to round all deductions down to the nearest penny.

The total arrears of pay and tax deducted must be reported for each relevant tax year on the HMRC Return of Income tax due on National Minimum Wage Arrears for Social Care employers spreadsheet. This spreadsheet should be completed in full and sent to HMRC.

Example on APA below: £5000 arrears = £1000 tax due @ 20%

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HMRC will use the figure you've declared as the amount of tax due and will write to you to let you know how, and by when, to pay. They will issue you with a reference number to quote when making payment.

As this payment will have a different charge reference to your normal payments, you should not make the payment without the reference number HMRC send you.

HMRC does not require EYUs to be submitted if you are using the APA.



#### **EYU**

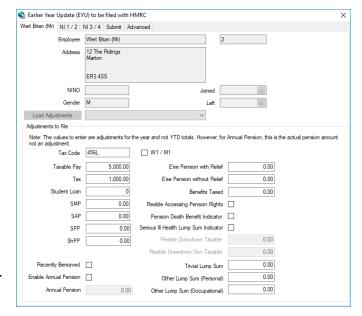
The EYU can be used to report the arrears payment and tax due to HMRC. This payment of arrears should be paid under existing RTI rules. To do this in your payroll software you will need to:

- Calculate and deduct tax for each year as if the additional pay had been paid at week 53 for that year
- Use the employee's tax code for each closed tax year
- Give each employee a letter showing the revised pay for each tax year and the tax and NICs deducted. Each letter should also contain the following message: 'If you think you've overpaid tax or NICs for any of the years concerned you should contact HMRC National Insurance Contributions and Employer Office

To submit an EYU to report the tax information for the arrears:

- 1. Choose the employee
- 2. On the **Month** (or **Week**) tab go to Reports | File EYU
- 3. Click **Yes** to the message on screen
- 4. Enter the individual's **Tax Code** for the appropriate year
- 5. Enter the adjustment values, for example the difference between what was sent on the last FPS and what should have been sent. In this example we have entered Taxable Pay of £5000 (arrears) and £1000 Tax
- Select the **Submit** tab
- Click Submit EYU
- Click **Print** if you require a copy of the information for your records
- Add the **Tax Paid** amount to your next P32 payment due to HMRC

If you have pre-RTI years, or years for which you no longer hold the payroll records, we strongly recommend you use the APA.





#### **National Insurance**

As National Insurance is deducted in the pay period in which the payment is made, this should be reported through RTI on an FPS. You will need to make a payment that is after tax is calculated but before NI calculation – therefore the amount of arrears is not included in Taxable Pay.

## To create a payment after tax but before NI calculation:

- 1. Go to Payments/Deductions
- 2. Select Create new payment/deduction
- 3. Complete the **Code** field (for instance: NMW Arrears)
- 4. Untick Before Tax, Before Pension and Qualifying Earnings
- 5. Ensure **Before NI** is ticked
- 6. Click Save

### In the relevant Employee Month/Week tab:

- 7. Click Add Payment/Deduction
- 8. Choose the new payment set up for NMW Arrears
- 9. Enter the arrears amount in the **Pay** field in the bottom section of the screen
- 10. Once all pay elements required have been entered for this employee, follow your normal procedure to **Calculate**
- 11. This will calculate the NI for the arrears payment
- 12. This information will then be included in the FPS submitted for this period

#### **Auto Enrolment**

For more information on what your automatic enrolment duties are, because of paying these arrears, and calculating the pension contributions due please refer to the Pension Regulator guidance. For detailed guidance for employers and advisors see <a href="https://www.tpr.gov.uk/nmw">www.tpr.gov.uk/nmw</a>.

## **Statutory Payments**

The earnings used to calculate Statutory Payment entitlement are those paid in the relevant period and so will not change any previously calculated entitlement.