



## e-News

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**Playing music in your business?  
You need a licence!**



Something that has come across my desk this week is a notification that if you play music in your business, you need to license it from the copyright owner first. This is because most music is legally protected by [copyright](#).

Getting a licence to play music in your commercial setting aka, your business, avoids potential legal issues and ensures that the music artists get paid for their work.

It doesn't matter where the music originated from e.g. streaming services, CDs or records, radio or TV, live performances including DJs - you need a licence to play it. Examples of commercial settings include pubs, bars and nightclubs, cafes and restaurants, gyms, salons, factories, workshops and offices.

The only exception is music that was made public more than 70 years ago.

To obtain a licence to play music, you need to apply to a copyright collecting society. The 2 societies in Australia are:

- [APRAAMCOS](#) (the Australian Performing Rights Association and Australasian Mechanical Copyright Society)
- [PPCA](#) (the Phonographic Performance Company of Australia).

These societies have a joint licensing initiative for businesses called [OneMusic](#).

The cost of the licence will depend on your industry, business size and how you intend to use the music.

Well, there you go! I had no idea about this requirement but when you think about it, it makes sense. There's always something new learn!

## In Other Bookkeeping\_BAS News...

**[Can I Claim the GST on That](#) page updated:** Some new items have been updated in relation to food, beverage and health products. A new checklist to help calculate food-related GST has also been added.

**MyGovID changing to MyID:** [myGovID will be changing to myID](#). The app will have a new name and new look, but you'll continue to use it in the same way.

**Remission of ATO Interest Charges:** The ATO has listened to your feedback on the GIC remission application form and made some changes to improve its functionality. [Download the new version of the form](#) and delete any previous copies you've saved. [See more details here](#).

**Updated Fair Work Information Statements:** The Fair Work Information Statements have been updated recently. Download your copies [here](#).

**Next BAS due date:** The next quarterly BAS for **Oct to Dec 2024**, is due by **28th February 2024**. This date applies to all tax payers.

**Next IAS due date:** The November 2024 Business Activity Statement is due by **23rd December 2024**.

**Next Super due date:** The Q2 2024-25 SG is due by **28th January 2025**.

**Casual Employment Changes:** Changes to casual employment rules started on 26th August 2024. Read more on the [Fair Work website](#).

**Xero Classic Invoicing Retirement:** Xero will [retire classic invoicing](#) by **27th February 2025**.

**Online Payment Plan Amount Increase:** The amount for which you can make an ATO Payment Plan has increased from \$100K to \$200K.

**Engaging a New Registered Agent:** [Learn what to do to be well prepared before engaging a new registered agent](#).

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Wage Theft Legislation will make it a criminal offence to underpay wages deliberately. Review your payroll setup now to ensure it is compliant.



### New from Xero: reprocess failed or returned auto super payments

Xero users who use the payroll function will be pleased to hear that an update has been released whereby [failed or returned super payments can now be reprocessed](#).



### Client Agent Linking Not Working For You? Check Your ABN



### Free Courses For Small Business From The ATO

The ATO has set up a website to help small

## Details On The ABR Now!

Having trouble linking to a new agent? The problem may be outdated ABN details. Find out how to check if your details need updating in this blog.

business owners learn about running their businesses. It's called [Essentials to Strengthen your Small Business](#).

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