

# Combined Employer Return changes



## New timetable set for introduction of the CER

As a result of ongoing discussions with industry representatives, and our own departments, we have re-planned the delivery of the new CER to go live January 2022.

The project has been moved back 12 months in response to the general preference amongst software suppliers to have a year-end change-over to the new regime. The new timeline will avoid the additional development work that would be needed to create and roll out 2 versions of the software in one 12 month period. We are pleased to share an updated timetable for the main phases of the change programme below.

Revenue Jersey would like to ensure we are able to communicate with all those 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Software Suppliers who wish to receive updates on the progress of this programme, and notifications when new data is release. Should you wish to receive updates slightly in advance of information being sent to your clients, please can you [register](#) to be added to our Payroll Supplier Register. You will then also receive information about future policy work and consultations.

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## Timetable overview

We can summarise the timetable as follows:

- Release of the final new file format in January 2021, which should not carry any significant changes to the currently available schema.
- System testing will begin in July 2021 and beta testing for 3<sup>rd</sup> parties will open for Q4 2021.
- We will keep the existing system open from January 2022 until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to accept late and corrected submissions for periods up to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2021 but all new returns for periods from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 must be in the new format and submitted through the new system.

<b>May 2020</b>	GoJ confirm final specifications with their systems supplier	Any feedback on the prototype CER Return XML data file exchange format (made available 22/01/2019) must be sent to <a href="mailto:revenuejersey@gov.je">revenuejersey@gov.je</a> before the end of May 2020
<b>To Dec 2020</b>	GoJ supplier develops full SSC and CER solutions ready for testing.	
<b>Jan 2021</b>	Final CER Return XML data file exchange format finalised (excluding regulatory changes that impact the data file).	CER data file exchange format available to all interested third parties.
<b>To June 2021</b>	GoJ UAT period.	
<b>From July 2021</b>	Third party developers participate in beta testing.	
<b>From Oct 2021</b>	Open test system to public*.	
<b>Dec 2021</b>	Subject to approval of the Treasurers Budget, all final rates, ceilings, allowances made available to employers and 3 <sup>rd</sup> party software providers.	
<b>To 15 Jan 2022</b>	December 2021 CERs submitted in the old format.	
<b>From 1 Jan 2022</b>	New CER ready to receive all returns covering period from 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2022.	
<b>From 1 Jan 2022</b>	Subject to States Assembly approval, the new regulations come into effect to move Social Security Contributions filing to monthly (from quarterly) and update the "Eight Hour rule"	
<b>30 June 2022</b>	Old system for pre-January 2022 late returns and re-submissions closes.	

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