

# ARROW eAS

## A clever tool for managing your activity statements



Since the introduction of the GST, over 3.3 million people in Australia prepare either a quarterly or monthly activity statement... Now that's a lot of paperwork, but it doesn't have to be. Arrow has just made it easier for you to meet your tax obligations and lodge your business activity statements electronically with the ATO.

An Australian first, Arrow's electronic activity statement (eAS) application is like no other. It enables your business to electronically lodge your activity statements directly from Arrow Financials, in just a few minutes.

### ARROW eAS - HOW IT WORKS...

Using the most innovative technology framework – Microsoft .Net – and deploying web services, your business can electronically retrieve, validate and submit activity statements online and in real time directly from your Arrow Financials user interface. You can navigate through your activity statement by simply clicking Next or Previous, meaning the entire process takes only minutes, with data populated directly from your Arrow Financials (optional). Security is also to the highest level, with the web services navigating through multiple security layers within the ATO utilising digital certificates via the CSI (Common Signing Interface).

The activity statement transactions are captured within one of the 9 modules Arrow Financials has in use, normal transaction entry is performed in these modules and relative to data setup, tax values are recorded transaction by transaction. These transactions are pulled together for activity statement reporting purposes using the Arrow Financials BAS report writer, this program provides a method where each of the boxes or obligations required to be reported on, can be configured to pull information out of the appropriate Arrow Financials module.

Arrow eAS can be launched from within Arrow Financials and can optionally read in data produced by the BAS report writer or alternatively it can be launched for the manual entry of values for activity statement lodgement. The module is built around making use of ATO web services to facilitate lodgement.

- The first of the web services is called after the company ABN has been entered. This information along with a selected range of dates and an authentication token (created using the CSI and the ATO digital certificates) are packaged together in a SOAP envelope and sent to the ATO. After authenticating you as the user, the ATO provides a list of all activity statements – including those already lodged and those waiting to be lodged.
- A second web service is called after a specific activity statement has been selected for processing. Client details will be shown and the ATO will pre-populate fields with specific data (i.e. instalment values). Arrow eAS will only show the fields that need to be completed based on your business' reporting obligations.
- When the third web service is called, it validates your activity statement. An authentication token is sent along with the data submitted to the ATO. The ATO applies its validation rules across the data and if all information is complete and accurate, a message is sent back to Arrow eAS enabling you to proceed.
- The final web service involves the submission of the activity statement, sending the populated and validated data to the ATO for submission along with the non-repudiation security token in a SOAP envelope. The ATO then returns a receipt number to you confirming lodgement.

### IT'S ABOUT STREAMLINING YOUR PROCESSES & SAVING TIME

- Easier to comply with ATO obligations
- More personalised approach
- Immediate access to your records
- Historic information readily available
- Certainty that what has been lodged passes the ATO validation
- Multiple lodgement capability for multiple companies



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## ARROW eAS: DISCOVER THE BENEFITS

**INNOVATION:** Arrow eAS is written in the Microsoft .NET Framework and has been recognised as a Microsoft .Net connected product. ARROW eAS has also been selected as a finalist in The Australian Information Industry Association's (AIIA) 2005 iAwards.

**EFFICIENCY:** Arrow eAS enables businesses to effectively manage all aspects of your activity statement reporting to the ATO including reviewing previously submitted statements and keeping track of payment obligations. Processing times are also expedited.

**USABILITY:** Based on wizard navigation the eAS interface is seamless and user friendly, launching directly from Arrow Financials. You will not be intimidated by being in an ATO branded site – yet the data is transmitted in real-time and populated automatically, directly from Arrow Financials.

**ACCURACY:** Data accuracy is enhanced with Arrow eAS. Information does not need to be retrieved from hardcopies, and for your business you'll have a reliable electronic transaction trail for all of your activity statement reporting to the ATO.

**HIGH LEVEL SECURITY:** High levels of security (PKI) are used for authentication with the ATO. The ATO require digital certificate authentication for all electronic transactions (a standard that has Defence Directorate security approval).

## THE SMARTS BEHIND MICROSOFT .NET TECHNOLOGY

A fundamental capability of the Microsoft Platform, .NET is the technology that gives you access to the information you require, whenever and wherever you need it.

Microsoft .NET is the Microsoft web strategy that allows data to be shared across different hardware platforms and operating systems. Regardless of the programming, .NET allows data to interoperate - connecting people, information, systems and devices.

Made up of a set of Microsoft software technologies, .NET has the ability to quickly build, deploy, manage, and use connected, security-enhanced solutions with Web services, such as those used to build Arrow eAS. The results mean that the software is tightly integrated and the benefit lies in streamlining what were previously tedious workflows.

## ARROW EAS CUSTOMER SNAPSHOTS

"EAS was very easy to use, so easy to use actually, it's quite unbelievable. You just press the button, log on to the ATO through Arrow and you're done in ten minutes, it's so easy. All the information is there, there's no way you can get your quarters wrong. eAS tells you everything. And the fact that we have that extra time to submit our statement is brilliant. It just means we have time to finalise our quarter and there's no panic."  
Pauline at Techsafe Australia

"Arrow eAS has been great and really quite easy to use. It's good; you just log on and do it. It's much easier than posting it off. As far as time management goes, it's a great benefit. It saves us so much mucking around."  
Angie at Austeng



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