Business Cloud Essentials

1.8.5

Release Notes

This document contains an overview of the new features, fixes and changes included in version 1.8.5 of Business Cloud Essentials.

The key features and enhancements are:

- Payroll Updates for the tax year 2022/2023
- Custom Reporting Enhancements

FEATURES

PAYROLL UPDATES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2022/2023

In preparation for the 2022/2023 tax year the following tax rates and thresholds have been applied:

Income Tax Rates for 2022/2023:

England and Northern Ireland

Scotland

Wales

NIC Categories, Rates and Thresholds

Updated 2022/2023 deduction thresholds for:

Student Loan 1

Student Loan 2

Student Loan 4

Post Graduate Loan

PAYE RTI 2022-23: Tackling CIS Abuse/EPS Report

Introduced the mandatory requirement to include the 'Corporation Tax Unique Tax Reference' (BCE Tax Reference) on an EPS submission within the COTAXREF tag to conform to HMRC reporting requirements when completing a CIS claim.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE LEVY TO FUND NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

In September 2021 the government announced a new 1.25% Health and Social Care Levy to fund National Insurance Contributions (NICs) for working age employees, self-employed people and employers will increase by 1.25% and be added to the existing NHS allocation.

From April 2023, the Levy will be formally separated from NICs and also apply to the earnings of individuals working above State Pension age. NICs rates will return to 2021-22 levels.

To ensure taxpayers understand that their increased NICs is helping fund public services, the HMRC have requested that employers and payroll agents, where possible, put a message on payslips explaining what these funds will be used for.

For BCE payslips created with a payroll date between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023, all employee payslips will include the following message:

> 'For the Tax year 2022-23, your NIC contribution includes a 1.25% Health and Social Care Levy to help fund investments in the NHS and social care.'

CUSTOM REPORTS – ENHANCEMENTS

GENERAL LEDGER

The 'Finance' domain is extended to include 'General Ledger' dataset, increasing the reporting capability to report on the general ledger from the chart of accounts.

- General Ledger – Includes data fields:

    - General   Includes fields recorded from the document header
    - Line Item   Includes fields recorded from the document line

This set includes the following documents to report from the general ledger:

- Sales Invoice
- Sales Credit Notes
- Purchase Invoice
- Purchase Credit Notes
- Goods Receipt
- Sales Delivery
- Works Order
- Financial Matching
- General Journal
- Bank Payments
- Bank Receipts

SALES – MATCHING SET

The 'Sales' domain is extended to include a 'Matching Set' dataset, increasing the reporting capability to report on allocation date and allocated value against sales invoices.

Matching set fields can be reported for sales invoices and sales credit notes.

CUSTOMER ACCOUNT FIELDS

The 'Sales' domain is extended to include a 'Customer Account' dataset, increasing the reporting capability to report on customer account fields together with custom fields stored against customer accounts.

SUPPLIER ACCOUNT FIELDS

The 'Purchase' domain is extended to include a 'Supplier Account' dataset, increasing the reporting capability to report on supplier account fields together with custom fields stored against supplier accounts.

BOM COMMENTS – STOCK DOMAIN

The Stock domain is extended to include a 'BOM Comments' data field to allow users to report on comments recorded against BOM items for manufactured stock items.

WORKING CAPITAL DASHBOARD

Two new KPI's have been introduced to the 'Working Capital' dashboard:

- o **Current Assets Breakdown**

  - o Current Assets summary accounts values can be viewed from this KPI. This KPI represents values by month for the filtered year

- o **Current Liabilities Breakdown**

  - o Current Liabilities summary accounts values can be viewed from this KPI. This KPI represents values by month for the filtered year.

OPERATION DASHBOARD

Two new KPI's have been introduced to the 'Operation Dashboard':

- o **Long term production overview**

  - o This KPI shows a count of works orders which are due in future from current date. Records can be viewed by a pre-defined range of days in X-Axis.
  - o This KPI can be drilled into further to report on greater works order detail.

- o **Scrap Value to Value of goods produced**

  - o New KPI introduced to show the scrap value and value of goods produced for completed works orders by month.
  - o A trend line showing 'Scrap % to value of goods produced' can be viewed from the KPI.
  - o KPI can be drilled into further to report in greater detail.

Filters in Dashboard

- • **From & To Date**   This filter defaults to show current month and the past eleven months data. This can be filtered by date range.

CASH MANAGEMENT DASHBOARD

The 'Cash Management' dashboard can be viewed from 'My Dashboards' > Finance > Cash Management. This dashboard includes following KPI's:

- • **Bank Value**
  - o The KPI lists all Banks recorded in BCE's COA together with the current value as at the current date.
- • **Bank Payment -v- Bank Receipts**
  - o This KPI defaults to show the value of all bank receipts and bank payments by month.
  - o The KPI can be drilled into further to show types of bank receipts and bank payments accounted for the month in a graph together with a detailed report showing the document summary details.

  Note: - This KPI does not include bank account transfer records.

- • **Money In -v- Money Out**
  - o This KPI shows money in and money out by bank for the selected date range.

Filters in Cash Management Dashboard

- • **From & To Date**   This filter defaults to show current month and the past eleven months data. This can be filtered by date range.

UI ENHANCEMENTS - DASHBOARD

The Dashboards and KPIs have been enhanced to be consistent with the BCE standard dashboard themes. New ad-hoc views created for charts will now inherit the default colours to be consistent with the BCE standard dashboard.

DEFECTS

JIRA ID	TITLE
HBCE-12465 Problem: Solution:	**Account Statement – Multiline Credit Note Value** Where multi line credit notes were created in their base currency GBP, the 'Value' was incorrectly displayed on the account statement. Modified the print and send function to display the account statements credit note values correctly.
HBCE-12655 Problem: Solution:	**Payroll - Repeat Lines when Submitting Employee Hours** When entering hours directly from the payroll screen, the repeat line option was not working correctly. Clicking the OK button after entering the start date, interval and number of repeats failed to add the extra lines. Modified the payroll routine to correct the behaviour of the repeat line function.
HBCE-13424 Problem: Solution:	**Cash Accounting VAT System – Matching** For systems setup to use 'Cash Accounting' VAT, users were unable to select zero value invoices and credits for matching on a customer or a supplier (if they were the only items outstanding on the account). Outstanding items and payments with a balanced total of 0.00 are now selected and will show in the 'Match Value' box (blank) and in the matching confirmation popup screen. Values from the matching screen can now be selected or unselected based on the status of the 'ALL' or 'NONE' buttons for outstanding invoices and payments..
HBCE-13505 Problem:	**Asset Purchases – Asset Account Codes** When creating purchase documents for assets, an asset account code is automatically generated by the system using a prefix of 'A-' and a system generated asset number.

Solution:	Where users import assets and entered an 'A-' prefix, this was found to conflict with the purchase invoice creation and the transaction lines were not created leading to data integrity problems. When entering purchase invoices for assets the system now will check if the asset account code is unique and will automatically assign an asset account code prefixed with 'A-'. For the import of assets, users are no longer able to enter an asset account code using an 'A-' prefix. The import process will validate the asset account code entered and return a message if this condition is found.
HBCE-13545 Problem: Solution:	**Setup Wizard/Opening Balance Journals - 'Payment Before Dispatch'.** Users were unable to create opening balance journals of sales invoice type using single line and multi line opening balance journals or when using the setup wizard import where the account status of a customer account was set to 'Payment Before Dispatch'. Where the customer account status is set to 'Payment before dispatch' , for data take on balances: • Sales invoices can be imported in using unpaid customer invoices/trial balance. • Single and multiline journals of sales invoice type can no longer created from the setup wizard and a warning message will be returned.
HBCE-13601 Problem: Solution:	**Web API - Manual VAT Calculation applied to Sales Orders** This issue is attributed to the use of the Web API switch in system settings that is used for both Excel functions and eCommerce integration. Some eCommerce users have a requirement for externally created orders with a manual VAT override and the VAT rules use a different policy to BCE. This is now resolved and manual VAT is no longer applied to sales orders created in BCE regardless of the status of the API system switch.
HBCE-13716 Problem:	**'Payment before Dispatch' - Payment Received Confirmed' Status** For customer accounts setup with the account status of 'Payment before Dispatch'. When dispatching an order to invoice with the 'Received payment?' tick box

	checked, the value of 'Payment Received Confirmed on Invoice/Order' was not updated to 'Y'.
Solution:	This is now resolved for the dispatch and invoice of sales orders where 'Payment Received Confirmed on Invoice/Order' is correctly updated.
HBCE-13769 Problem:	**Invoice Preview** When previewing sales invoices before saving the system was found to return a message stating: 'At least one line item must be entered for Invoice.'
Solution:	This is now resolved and invoices can be successfully previewed.