



Business Cloud Essentials 1.9.0 Release Notes

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INTRODUCTION

This document contains an overview of the new features included in version 1.9.0 of Business Cloud Essentials.

The key features are:

- BCE
 - o Introduction of Multi-Factor Authentication
- BCE Payroll
 - o National Insurance Contribution changes effective from 6 April 2024

FEATURES

BCE – MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

This release introduces multi-factor authentication (MFA) to provide an additional security layer to the BCE application.

When configured, users will be required to provide a 'One Time Password' (OTP) verification code when logging into BCE. The OTP can be setup to be supplied by email registered to the users BCE account or by using an authentication app.

MFA is initially delivered as a non-mandatory feature that is expected to be set as a mandatory in a future BCE release.

Full setup and user instructions are documented in the BCE help files.

BCE PAYROLL – NIC CHANGES FROM 6TH APRIL 2024 TO 5TH APRIL 2025

This release contains the National Insurance Contribution changes effective from 6 April 2024 as announced in the Spring Budget dated 6 March 2024.

The NIC deduction tables for categories A, B, H and M have been updated for the Primary (Employee) Class 1 NICs for earnings paid on or after 6 April 2024.

Notes: There have been no changes made to any other NIC categories in BCE. These categories can be maintained manually as required.
