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From today, if your business has an Australian Business Number, you are able to apply to the Australian Business Registrar for a new online security credential called AUSKey.

AUSKey is a single key to access government online services. In the future you may no longer need different user IDs and passwords as AUSKey becomes accepted by more government agencies for their online services.

Also from today, the Australian Taxation Office will accept AUSKey for login to their Portals, the Electronic Commerce Interface (ECI) and the Australian Business Register.

AUSKey was developed as a key component of the Standard Business Reporting program or SBR, which aims to reduce the reporting burden for businesses in Australia.

From July, businesses using SBR enabled software will be able to report with an AUSKey directly to government agencies via accounting software that pre-fills forms. AUSKey will be the only security key that you will be able to use to lodge reports via SBR.

AUSKey offers many benefits for businesses or reporting professionals, these include:

- 4 **Fast and easy online registration** — in most cases, you will be ready to use your AUSKey almost immediately.
- 4 **Flexible installation options** — you can install your AUSKey on your computer, a USB stick, or both. AUSKey also works in organisations that operate using servers.
- 4 **Online management facility** — you will be able to view, update, change your password and cancel your own AUSKeys. If you are an Administrator you will also be able to register other people for AUSKeys and view, update and cancel any AUSKey associated with your business.
- 4 **Automatic renewal** — as long as you use your AUSKey every 12 months, it will not expire.

If you currently have an ATO digital certificate you can use it to register for an AUSKey. In order to avoid delays in doing business online with the ATO, it is important that the certificate holder(s) in your business register for an AUSKey using their ATO digital certificate before it expires. Using an ATO digital certificate to register for an AUSKey will allow the certificate holder to:

- 4 register through a simpler online process
- 4 carry over the permissions associated with their ATO digital certificate to their AUSKey.

For more information about registering for an AUSKey using your ATO digital certificate visit www.ato.gov.au/upgradetoauskey.

Visit www.abr.gov.au/auskey for more information or to register for an AUSKey.

Are you SBR-ready?

- 4 Learn more about SBR at www.sbr.gov.au through the SBR online training modules
- 4 Ask your software provider about the SBR-enabled products they will be offering
- 4 Any questions? Contact SBR at sbr@treasury.gov.au.