

# municipal financial software

# MUNSOFT SOFTWARE RELEASE

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# **DESCRIPTION**

Included in the Munsoft version 7.1.9 release are numerous new features and enhancements.

The new discrepancy report on Control Accounts will enable a user to identify a specific document(s), causing an imbalance in a sub module.

Make sure to have a look at the new Creditors Journal transaction, enabling the user to make corrections on a Creditor's balance.

Take note of the new import program for segment strings.

Also find various enhancements on the Consumer Debtors module, such as optional authorisation of any changes to fixed charges as well as a new transaction that has been added for adding/changing/removing bank details.

As per usual there are a few error fixes and other enhancements included within this release as well and where client specific, the SYSAID would have been addressed, resolved and the resolution communicated directly.

#### RELEASE ITEMS

The following issues are addressed within the Munsoft 7.1.9 release.

## SUPERVISOR - FIN SYSTEM ADMIN

Segment strings can be imported by going to Utilities > Imp Segment. The import layout is obtainable by clicking on the 'Export Template' button. Ensure that the <u>GUID codes</u> are captured in the import file. Headers are not needed on the import file, but should there be, it has to be specified (tick box) that it contains headers. Once the import is complete, a message will indicate the number of segments added. If there are invalid segments in the import file, the valid segments will be imported and an error report for the invalid segments will be generated (invalid GUIDS). The imported segments can be viewed on the Vote Enquiry, Vote Master Listing, Vote Maintenance. All the segment information will be displayed, including the creation date.

# SUPERVISOR - PARAMETERS

- Additional enhancements have been made to the Receipt Feature on the Cashier Calendar. An option has been added whereby a user can disable the feature completely (tick 'Disable' box) and this will allow the user to enter the number of receipt copies on the Receipt Capture screen. An option has also been added to print only the original receipt (tick 'Original Only' box). If this is enabled, no duplicate receipts will print.
- An enhancement has been made whereby bank names can be selected from a drop down on the Cash Book > Bank Master Files screen when setting up a bank account.
- Also new under Cash Book > Bank Branch Codes, new bank names and the branch codes may be added. This is used when adding Creditors' bank details.
- Under Consumer Debtors > Rules & Defaults, a new parameter for 'Auth Fixed Charges' can be found under 'More settings' tab. Ticking this box will enable the authorising of Fixed charges under Consumer Transactions.



#### **CONSUMER DEBTORS - TRANSACTIONS**

- Adding/changing/deleting new and existing fixed charge tariffs will have to be captured as a transaction that needs to be authorised, should the parameter be set to 'Auth Fixed Charges'. The user will no longer be able to add/change/delete/transfer the tariff codes in the Master Files. These functions have been combined under Consumer Debtors > Transactions > Fixed Charges. Take note that the Account Inactivation and the Transfer of Ownership programs is affected by this feature. On both screens there's the option to transfer fixed charges, which will no longer apply if the new parameter is ticked. Normal Transaction rules apply, e.g. a user cannot authorise own transactions, if there is a pending transaction, another one can't be captured, month end can't proceed when transactions aren't authorised, etc. Should the parameter not be ticked, all Fixed Charges related functionality will remain unchanged.
- A new transaction has been added for adding/changing/removing bank details, called 'Bank Account'. Normal Transaction rules apply, e.g. a user cannot authorise own transactions, if there is a pending transaction, another one can't be captured, month end can't proceed when transactions aren't authorised, etc. The 'Banking Details' option under 'Master Files' can no longer be used for adding/changing/removing bank details, but a Bank Account Report can be obtained from this menu.
- Further enhancements have been made to the Bulk Interim Import, where a 'Generate File Layout' button has been added, enabling the user to export the file layout, capture the details and import the bulk transactions.

#### CONSUMER DEBTORS – CONSUMER ENQUIRIES

An enhancement has been made to the Credit Control tab, adding the batch number and description in the Notes field.

# CONSUMER DEBTORS - EXTRACT MENU

New columns have been added to the Consumer Extract for the NT Group Code and Description as well as for Exclude Interest Y/N.

#### CONSUMER DEBTORS - METER ENQUIRIES

An Excel output option has been added to the Meter History screen.

# GENERAL LEDGER - JOURNALS

- A Hold button has been added to the Journal Resume screen.
- Enhancements have been made to the Period 15 Journal, where if Period 14 is Closed and Last Year option is selected, the journal will post to Last Year as Period 15. As before, the Period 15 (O) option will still post to 2 years prior.
- An Excel output option has been added to the VAT Clearance Journal screen, allowing the journal to be printed before processing. The extract contains descriptive columns for ease of reference.
- An enhancement has been made whereby a pdf document is generated after importing a journal, displaying all the imported items.



#### GENERAL LEDGER - ENQUIRIES & REPORTS

- A column for creation date of segments has been added to the Vote Master Listing.
- VAT Percentage and Vat Claimable Percentage columns have been added to column Q and R on the Budget/Hist Extract.
- The new discrepancy report on Control Accounts will enable you to identify a specific document(s), causing an imbalance in a sub module. The report can be found by clicking on 'Detailed Controls'. A 'How to' guide will be made available shortly.

#### GENERAL LEDGER - BUDGETING

- A column for 'Total Budget' has been added to the IDP Master Report Type for Original and Tabled Budget Types under Proj Budg Reports.
- Enhancements have been made to the Forecast Budgeting screen, now displaying the 3 years budget amount of the segment being updated. The Total Budget amount displayed on the screen, is based on the filtering (Filter by Checked/Unchecked/All Items)

## GENERAL LEDGER - SCOA MENU

A new screen has been created under Projects > Segm Change/Create, which enables the user to change one segment of a particular segment string, updating the forecast budgeting, or copy a segment, thereby creating a segment with the change of the required segment. The 'Change' option allows budget allocated to the old string to be moved to the new string for forecast budgeting (6.3). The 'Copy' option will copy the segment string to the forecast budget. The segment description will remain the same after changes have been made. Once a segment has been changed/copied, it will not be found on the Change/Create screen. Only one change per segment is allowed. Changes can be made on the main screen (Lines tab), or on the different tabs, keeping in mind that the last change made will take effect.

# FIXED ASSETS – ASSET REPORT

Enhancements have been made to the Transfers Report Type, adding various informative columns for ease of reference.

#### CREDITORS – CREDITORS MASTER

Enhancements have been made to the Master File, where fields that are updated through the CSD sync, have been disabled for manual manipulation. Such fields are Income Tax Ref. Number, Tax Clearance Expiry Date and Bank Details.

#### **CREDITORS - TRANSACTIONS**

A new transaction has been added, 'CRS Journal – Add', enabling the user to make corrections on a Creditor's balance. There are two options – to clear the outstanding balance or to correct an incorrect amount (within budget). The journal has to be authorised (CRS Journal – Auth) by a different operator.

#### STORES - STORES ISSUES/RETURNS

Enhancements have been made to the authorisation process of a Stores issue, not allowing the creating operator to authorise the transaction as well as generating a pdf document when transaction has been authorised.



# GENERAL – SEGMENT SEARCH

The Segment Search screen has been enhanced for each individual segment. When searching, a user can make use of a comma, type a partial word instead of the full description and use more than one word in the description. The words used to search, should be in the same order as it is in the full description in order to return accurate data.



# RELEASE DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE

Munsoft version 7.1.9 will be released from 23 April 2019. The Munsoft release version is visible on the Munsoft Login screen.

Regards,

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