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## BVI FINANCIAL ACCOUNT REPORTING SYSTEM (BVIFARS)

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# Introduction

## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide a simple 'how-to' overview of the most commonly used functionality in the BVI Financial Account Reporting System (BVIFARS) with respect to financial institutions and other entities in meeting their Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), the Common Reporting Standard ("CRS") and Country by Country ("CBC") reporting requirements. This document is not intended to provide business or policy/regulatory guidance to financial institutions and other entities; it includes only instructional 'how-to' guidance on the use of the system.

## Scope

The scope of this document covers enrolment and reporting for US FATCA, CRS and CBCr.

The 'how-to' guidance in this document is not intended to cover the full range of screens and functionality within BVIFARS, but it should provide a high-level overview of the most commonly used functions that financial institutions and other entities should expect to use as part of their normal enrolment and filing submission procedures.

## Support and Resources

### *BVI Resources:*

Please refer to the below documents and information as provided by the International Tax Authority for further guidance regarding US FATCA, CRS and CBC reporting. All these documents are accessible via our website (<https://bviita.vg/library/legislation/>)

- The Mutual Legal Assistance (Tax Matters) Act, Revised Edition 2020 – Implementation of US FATCA, CRS and CBCr
- Guidance Notes on the implementation of US FATCA, CRS and CBCr and
- Competent Authority Agreements for FATCA
- Multilateral Competent Authority Agreements for CRS and CBCr.

### *IRS Resources:*

Please refer to the below documents and information published by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for further guidance regarding US FATCA reporting.

- [FATCA FAQs](#): Provides a list of common questions on the application of the FATCA and responses from the IRS, including the following topics: General, IRS Registration System, FFI List, IDES, and ICMM.
- [FATCA XML Schema, User Guide, and Sample Files](#): Provides a link to the FATCA XML Schema v2.0 that all FATCA XML filings must comply with, as well as the user guide which explains the required information and additional business rules applied by the IRS.

### OECD Resources:

Please refer to the below documents published by the OECD for further guidance regarding CRS reporting. The OECD has also developed a comprehensive [Automatic Exchange Portal](#) that is the principal source for these and other CRS materials and resources.

- [OECD CRS Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information in Tax Matters, Second Edition](#): Contains the due diligence and reporting rules for Financial Institutions along with Commentary that assists with interpretation of these rules.
- [OECD CRS Implementation Handbook](#): Provides practical guidance to assist government officials and financial institutions in the implementation of the CRS.
- [OECD CRS-related FAQs](#): Provides a list of common questions on the application of the CRS and responses from the OECD.
- [OECD CRS XML Schema and User Guide](#): Provides a link to the OECD CRS XML Schema that all CRS XML filings must comply with, as well as the user guide which explains the required information and additional business rules applied by the OECD.

Please refer to the below documents published by the OECD for further guidance regarding CBCr reporting. These documents can be found [here](#) on the OECD website. For a list of the various guides and handbooks please visit this [link](#).

# 1 General Functional Guidance

The below sections outline generic system guidance that is applicable regardless of the jurisdiction being reported to.

## 1.1 Enrolling with the BVI Financial Account Reporting System

In order to enrol with the International Tax Authority for US FATCA, CRS or CBCr, financial institutions (for the purposes of this guidance, the term financial institution also includes entities relevant for CBCr) must complete the BVIFARs Enrolment Form.

**Important Note:** If you have already submitted an enrolment form and received your credentials for the system, you must not submit another enrolment form. If you wish to update your obligations, please do so using the Change of Reporting Obligations form, outlined in Section 1.3 – Updating reporting obligations after enrolment

### 1.1.1 Accessing the BVI Financial Account Reporting System Enrolment Form



## BVI FINANCIAL ACCOUNT REPORTING SYSTEM


Not logged in

Welcome to the BVI Financial Account Reporting System

Please complete the following verification to proceed. Once complete click the Next button to continue.

Captcha:

☐ I'm not a robot

  
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Next

[Return to BVI International Tax Authority \(ITA\) home page.](#)

1. Select the “SIGN UP” button from the ITA website (<https://bviita.vg/bvifars/>) to access the **BVI Financial Account Reporting System** enrolment form. You will be presented with a security image similar to the one shown in the image above.
2. Click the check box next to I'm not a robot and select “Next”

### 1.1.2 Completing the BVI Financial Account Reporting System Enrolment Form

You will be presented with the **BVI Financial Account Reporting System: Institution & Primary User Enrolment** page (shown in image on the next page)

# Welcome to the BVI Financial Account Reporting System

Please use the form below to enrol for FATCA, CRS or CbC reporting with the BVI International Tax Authority.

## BVI Financial Account Reporting System: Reporting Entity Information & Primary User Enrolment

In accordance with the Intergovernmental Agreements between the Governments of the United States and the United Kingdom, as well as the OECD's Multilateral Convention for Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters and other bilateral treaties incorporating the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) and Country-by-Country (CbC) Reporting, all BVI Reporting Entities are required to enroll with the BVI International Tax Authority using the form below.

In the case of US FATCA, please ensure that you have already registered with the IRS and received your Global Intermediary Identification number (GIIN) before completing this enrolment.

[IRS Registration Link](#)

### Reporting Entity Information

Reporting Entity Name	<input type="text"/>	*
Reporting Entity Type	<input type="text"/>	*
Reporting Type	<input type="text"/>	*
CRS Non-Reporting Financial Institution?	<input type="text"/>	
CRS Entity Classification	<input type="text"/>	
Reporting Entity GIIN (issued by IRS)	<input type="text"/>	?
Identification Number (Issued by Tax Authority)	<input type="text"/>	?
Fiscal Year End (format: dd/mm)	<input type="text"/>	

### BVI Registered Office Address or Sponsoring Entity Address

Street Address	<input type="text"/>	*
City/Town	<input type="text"/>	*
State/Province/Region	<input type="text"/>	*
Country	<input type="text"/>	*
Post Code	<input type="text"/>	

### Actual Place of Business or Operations Address

Street Address	<input type="text"/>	*
City/Town	<input type="text"/>	*
State/Province/Region	<input type="text"/>	*
Country	<input type="text"/>	*
Post Code	<input type="text"/>	

Reporting Entity Email Address	<input type="text"/>
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### Primary User Information

First name	<input type="text"/>	*
Surname	<input type="text"/>	*
Email Address	<input type="text"/>	*
Confirm E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>	*
Telephone number	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	*
	international      area code      number	
Position	<input type="text"/>	*
Please attach a scan of your passport		
<input type="button" value="Browse"/> *		
Please attach a letter, signed by a director of the company, which specifies you as the responsible person for US FATCA, CRS and/or CbC compliance.		
<input type="button" value="Browse"/> *		

### Declaration:

I confirm that the information submitted in this application is true and correct and is in accordance with the relevant AEOI obligations, requirements of the Competent Authority and the laws of the British Virgin Islands.	<input type="checkbox"/>	*
I also acknowledge that provision of inaccurate information in this application results in the Reporting Entity committing an offence and as such the Reporting Entity may be liable to a penalty under the relevant laws of the British Virgin Islands.		

Your enrolment will be submitted for approval by the BVI International Tax Authority. You will receive notification by email once your enrolment information has been reviewed.

1. Complete the form's input fields as applicable for your financial institution (all mandatory fields are marked with an asterisk)
  - a. **Important note:** the Financial Institution GIIN is only mandatory when enrolling for US FATCA reporting. If enrolling for CRS or CBC reporting, a GIIN should be provided if one exists.
  - b. **Important note:** the CRS Entity Classification is mandatory only when the financial institution enrolling has CRS reporting obligations.
  - c. **Important note:** The BVI Registered Office Address **must** be within the British Virgin Islands. Failure to provide a BVI address will result in your enrolment being declined. However, in the circumstances **where a Sponsoring Entity is enrolling** on BVIFARS for **US FATCA only**, a non-BVI address is acceptable, where the Sponsoring Entity is located outside of the British Virgin Islands. In the case of CRS and CBCr, the Sponsoring Entity regime is not applicable.
  - d. **Important note:** In addition to a Financial Institution providing its Registered Office Address, a Financial Institution is now required to provide an address of the place of actual business activities. In the case where the day to day operations of the Financial Institution is performed outside of the BVI, that non-BVI address must be provided.
  - e. When filling out the registration form for TDTs, please input the name of the Trustee and input the Trustee's FI Number in the Identification Number (issued by Tax Authority) section.
  - f. **Important Note:** For TDTs already registered with BVIFARS submit a change of reporting entity information indicating the Reporting Entity Type as "Trustee Documented Trust"
  - g. **Important Note:** As a TDT is considered a Non-Reporting Financial Information, on the registration form, the user should choose "Yes" in response to the question "CRS Non-Reporting Entity?"

**[NEW]** Please note that the Actual Place of Business or Operations Address should be the location where the day-to-day operations and decision making of the entity take place, or, if there are no daily operations outside of the BVI, where the FATCA/CRS/CBCr documentation is held. The two address fields should only match if there are no operations outside of the BVI, and all documentation is stored at this location.
2. Upload a passport scan and signed letter using the **Browse** buttons.
3. When the documents have completed upload, select the **Submit** button.

## 1.2 Logging in and updating your user details

### 1.2.1 Logging in to the BVI Financial Account Reporting System

After your enrolment form has been reviewed and approved (if there are no issues that require correction), your financial institution and Primary User account will be created in the BVI Financial Account Reporting System. You will receive a system-generated email titled "BVI Financial Account Reporting System Account Activation" containing your username (the Primary User Email Address entered on the enrolment form) and temporary password, as well as a link to the system.

**Important note:** If your enrolment information is not deemed complete and accurate, you will receive a "BVI Financial Account Reporting System: Enrolment Unsuccessful" email, which will include the reason your enrolment was declined. You will need to access the enrolment form again and complete it with corrected information and/or documents, as outlined in section 1.2 above. Please NOTE: please do not resubmit an enrolment application UNLESS you receive a notification that your enrolment has been declined. Before resubmitting please refer to the reason for the application being declined and reach out to the ITA for further information before submitting a new enrolment application.

1. Accessing the link found in your Account Activation email will present you with the BVI Financial Account Reporting System login page, as shown in the image below.





Not logged in

Welcome to the BVI Financial Account Reporting System

The BVI Financial Account Reporting System is an online application that will allow you to submit your financial account filings to the BVI International Tax Authority (ITA).

To access the BVI Financial Account Reporting System, please enter your email address and password below. Note that the password is case sensitive.

If you require assistance, contact the BVI International Tax Authority (ITA) at 1-284-394-4415 or BVIFARS@bviita.vg

To enrol for CRS, FATCA or CbC please follow this link: [Enrolment for CRS, FATCA or CbC](#)

Username:

\*

Password:

\*

Login

[Forgotten Password](#)

The recommended minimum computer requirements for using BVI Financial Account Reporting System are:

- We support the most recent versions of the following browsers; Microsoft Internet Explorer, Microsoft Edge, Firefox, Google Chrome, and Safari.
- For viewing your forms in PDF (and printing where signatures are required) you will need a PDF viewer, such as Adobe Acrobat Reader (version 8.0 or above).
- Forms can be exported as spreadsheets. For this you will need Microsoft Excel 2003 or above (the viewer application for Excel will also work).
- A connection to a printer so you can print out hard copies of forms.
- We also recommend that your screen resolution is at least 1920 x 1080 or higher for optimal display. Don't worry if you don't know what this means.

2. Enter your email address and password and select the **Login** button. Upon first login to the system, you will be asked to change your password as shown in the image below.



Not logged in

Update My Password

You must update your password before continuing.

Valid passwords contain 1 capital letter, 1 small letter, 1 number and 1 special character (e.g. #&\*!\$). It must be at least 8 characters and not more than 30 characters with no blank spaces.

Current password:

\*

New password:


\*

Confirm new password:

\*

Save My Password

1.2.2 Updating your user details

At any time you can update your user details (name, email address, and phone number) by navigating to **View/Edit My Details** using the  icon at the top of the page or as shown in the picture below.

- **Important note:** Changing your email address will change the email address you use to log in to the system as well as the email address to which system-generated emails are sent.



Welcome to the BVI Financial Account Reporting System

You have successfully logged in. You can now use BVI Financial Account Reporting System to submit all required filings online.

To submit a filing, follow the steps below:

1. Use the "Create Filing" menu to generate a new filing



View/Edit My Details

Review your user account details below. To update, please enter new details and click the update button.

First name:	<input type="text" value="John"/>	*
Surname:	<input type="text" value="Doe"/>	*
Email address:	<input type="text" value="john.doe@email.com"/>	*
Telephone number:	<input type="text" value="1"/> <input type="text" value="284"/> <input type="text" value="4684415"/>	*
	<small>International    Area code    Number</small>	

Update My Details

Assigned permissions / roles: ▼

Edit My Password

Valid passwords contain 1 capital letter, 1 small letter, 1 number and 1 special character (e.g. #&\*!\$). It must be at least 8 characters and not more than 30 characters with no blank spaces.

Current password:	<input type="password"/>	*
New password:	<input type="password"/>	*
Confirm new password:	<input type="password"/>	*

Save My Password

1.2.3 **Resetting your password**

If you have forgotten your password, you can reset it using the Forgotten Password link on the BVI Financial Account Reporting System login page.



**BVI FINANCIAL ACCOUNT REPORTING SYSTEM**

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To enrol for CRS, FATCA or CbC please follow this link: [Enrolment for CRS, FATCA or CbC](#)

Username:

\*

Password:

\*

Login

Forgotten Password

- 1. Select the Forgotten Password link on the login page. You will be presented with the below screen. Select the check box and click next.



**BVI FINANCIAL ACCOUNT REPORTING SYSTEM**

Not logged in


Forgotten password

Please complete the following verification to proceed. Once complete click the Next button to continue.

Captcha:

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I'm not a robot

  
reCAPTCHA  
[Privacy](#) - [Terms](#)

Next

- 4. Enter the email address attached to the account you are trying to regain access to.



## BVI FINANCIAL ACCOUNT REPORTING SYSTEM

Not logged in

### Forgotten password

To receive by email a new randomly generated password, which will allow you to reactivate your account and choose a new password please enter your email address below.

Email address:

Submit

5. Enter your email address and click 'Submit'.
6. You will receive an email address titled "BVI Financial Account Reporting System account password change confirmation". The email includes a link that must be selected within 20 minutes of selecting the Forgotten Password option, for security purposes.
7. Select the link contained in the email
  - a. **Important Note:** If you fail to select the link in the email within 20 minutes, you will need to begin the process again by selecting the Forgotten Password link on the login page

8. You will be presented with a Forgotten Password page. Enter your new password and select “Save”.



## BVI FINANCIAL ACCOUNT REPORTING SYSTEM

Not logged in

### Forgotten Password

Valid passwords contain 1 capital letter, 1 small letter, 1 number and 1 special character (e.g. #&\*!\$). It must be at least 8 characters and not more than 30 characters with no blank spaces.

New password  \*

Confirm new password  \*

9. You will be returned to the login page, where you can now log in with your email address and reset password.

### 1.3 Updating reporting obligations after enrolment

If you have already enrolled with the BVI Financial Account Reporting System and have received log-in credentials, you must notify the ITA of any changes in reporting obligations (e.g. the addition of CRS reporting obligations if the previous enrolment was for US FATCA and new CRS reporting obligations now exist) using the **Change of Reporting Obligations** form. Please note that you cannot change your reporting obligations type to CBC if you are CRS or FATCA and vice versa.

**Important Note:** If you have not yet successfully enrolled with the BVI Financial Account Reporting System, you must complete your enrolment using the process outlined in *Section 1 - Enrolling with the BVI Financial Account Reporting System*.

#### 1.3.1 Creating a Change of Reporting Obligations filing

In order to notify the BVI International Tax Authority of updated reporting obligations, you must first create a **Change of Reporting Obligations** filing.

1. Navigate to the menu and select **Filing**. After the page loads, Select **Create Filings**.

Menu

Welcome to the BVI Financial Account Reporting System

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Filings

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Reporting Entity Profile

Manage Users

ccessfully logged in. You can now use BVI Financial Account Reporting System to submit all required filings online.

filing, follow the steps below:

Create Filing" menu to generate a new filing

Draft Filings" menu to enter or upload data

Submission" menu to submit your filing once completed

With the BVI Financial Account Reporting System, you are also able to:

- Review your past submissions and download previously uploaded filings using the "Submission History" menu
- View key information regarding your reporting entity using the "RE Profile" menu
- View and download relevant documents using the "Documents" menu

2. You will be presented with the **Create Filing** page, as shown in the image below.



### Create Filing

We need details about your filing so you will be able to identify it in the future. Please enter the details requested below.

The period end date identifies the reporting period for the filing. This should always be December 31st, except for Payments, where it should be June 1st.

Filing name:

Filing type: 

☐ Article 3 Notification

☐ Bulk Payment

☐ CbC XML Upload Filing

☐ Change of Reporting Entity Information

☐ Change of Reporting Obligations

☐ Payment

Period end date:

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- 3. Enter a **Filing name** that is meaningful to you. It is best practice to include “Change of Reporting Obligations” the year (e.g. Change of Reporting Obligations for 2016) so that filings can be easily differentiated from financial filings.
- 4. Select “Change of Reporting Obligations” as the **Filing type**.
- 5. Enter the **Period end date** for the filing. For the Change of Reporting Obligations form, this should be the current date.
- 6. Select the **Create** button to complete the creation of your form and make it available to submit a change of reporting obligations.

### 1.3.2 Completing and Submitting a Change of Reporting Obligations form

- 1. Navigate to the **Draft Filings** screen using the menu at the top of the screen to view filings and forms that you have created but not yet submitted.

This page allows you to perform all activities related to managing filings.

Create Filing

View Submissions

Draft Filings

Name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Receiving Country	Status	End date	Due date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>				<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<a href="#">Change of Reporting Obligation for 2024</a>	RO05930	0.1		n/a	No Data	26/07/2024	25/08/2024

Select the name of the form you created from the **Filing name** column of the Draft Filings table to open that filing. You will be presented with the **Draft Filing** screen for the Change of Reporting Obligations form.

View Filing

Filing name:Change of Reporting Obligation for 2024Filing reference:RO05930

Filing end date:26/07/2024Filing due date:25/08/2024

Filing status:No DataCategories:

Please select a form to view

Change of Reporting Obligation for 2024Status: No Data

★

Change of Reporting Obligations

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RO Change of Reporting Obligations

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2. Select the **Edit** link beside the Change of Reporting Obligations form to display the form below. Note that the form will be pre-populated with your existing Reporting Obligations and GIIN (if applicable) as stored in your Financial Institution Profile.

Change of Reporting Obligations

This form should be used to indicate to the International Tax Authority (ITA) that you are changing your reporting obligations. The selections made below will replace your current obligations. By submitting this form, you commit to fulfil the reporting obligations to the jurisdictions you have selected.

Please select the jurisdiction(s) for which you will be reporting to the International Tax Authority (ITA):

Reporting Entity TypeService Provider/Registered Agent★

Reporting TypeFATCA & CRS★

CRS Entity ClassificationCustodial Institution★

CRS Non-Reporting Entity?☒ Yes ☐ No

Trustee RE Name

Reporting Entity GIIN (issued by IRS)0W00AN.99999.SL.092?

Fiscal Year (format: dd/mm)

Actual Place of Business or Operations Address

Street Address4411 NW 74th Avenue★

City/TownMiami★

State/Province/RegionFlorida★

Country★

Post Code33166

Save As Draft

Validate & Save

3. Update your reporting type by selecting the appropriate category that applies to you.
- Important Note:** at least one reporting type must be selected.
4. Enter or update your Financial Institution GIIN, if applicable. Note that the GIIN must be populated if the FATCA is selected.
- Important Note:** the GIIN submitted here must match the GIIN received from the IRS during registration for the institution you are submitting the form for.
5. Enter or update your CRS Entity Classification. This field must be populated if the CRS reporting jurisdiction is selected.
6. Enter or update your Actual Place of Business or Operations Address where necessary.
7. Click “Validate & Save”
8. Navigate to Validate and Submit as shown below.

Filing name:Change of Reporting Obligation for 2024Filing reference:RO05930

Filing end date:26/07/2024Filing due date:25/08/2024

Filing status:Ready to SubmitCategories:

Actions

Validate & Submit

Please select a form to view

Change of Reporting Obligation for 2024Status: Ready to Submit

Change of Reporting Obligations

Clear

RO Change of Reporting Obligations

Clear | Edit | View

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9. You will be presented with the **Validate & Submit Filing** page, if there are no validation issues with your filing. Select the **Submit Button** to submit the Change of Reporting Obligations form.

• **Important note:** Only forms in **Ready to Submit** status (where “Validate & Save” has been selected and no issues present) will appear on this page.

Your filing has been validated and can now be submitted. Once it is submitted, you cannot add or delete data from your filing, but you can still view it in your submission history. If you need to submit amended or corrected data, you must submit an additional filing with the appropriate type.

If you need to submit amended or corrected data, you must submit an additional filing.

Submit

Cancel

1.4 Managing users in the BVI Financial Account Reporting System

If you are the designated Primary User for your financial institution, you can create, update, and deactivate other users for your financial institution.

1.4.1 Creating users for your financial institution

1. Navigate to **Manage Users** using the menus at the side of the screen. This menu will only be available if you are the Primary User for your financial institution.

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View BVI Financial Account Reporting System Users

For more detail than that displayed, or to edit the user's details, click on the user's associated link.

Create New User

Currently no BVI Financial Account Reporting System Users in the system to view/edit

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2. You will be presented with the **Create User** page. Enter the details of the new user and select either the **FI - Secondary User** and/or **CbC – Secondary User**. Select **Create** to complete the user creation and assignment of the user role.
- **Important note:** Secondary Users are granted all of the same permissions as the Primary User with the exception of the ability to create and manage other users for your financial institution. That permission is granted only to the Primary User.

Create BVI Financial Account Reporting System User

This functionality allows you to create users with access to BVI Financial Account Reporting System. Please enter the details for the new user.

First name:

\*

Surname:

\*

Email address:

\*

Telephone number:

International

Area code

Number

Permission:

☐ FI - Secondary User

☐ CbC - Secondary User

Create

3. Upon creation, the new user will receive a system-generated email which includes their user name and temporary password. They will be asked to select a new password upon their first login to the system (see section 1.2 *Logging in and updating your user details*)

1.4.2 Updating or deactivating users for your financial institution

As the Primary User for your financial institution, you can edit the details of other users for your institution, or deactivate them to remove their access to your financial institution’s data in the system.

1. Navigate to **Manage Users** using the menus at the side of the screen.

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Manage Users

View BVI Financial Account Reporting System Users

Please click on the user's associated link to view more detail than that displayed, or to edit the user's details, click on the user's associated link.

Create New User


First Name	Surname	Email Address	Status	Action
Jane	Doe	jane.d@email.com	Active	

2. You will be presented with the **View BVI Financial Account Reporting System Users** page, displaying the list of Secondary Users for your financial institution. Select the **Pencil** icon for the user whose details or status you would like to update.

View BVI Financial Account Reporting System Users

To view more detail than that displayed, or to edit the user's details, click on the user's associated View/Edit link.

Create New User

First Name	Surname	Email Address	Status	Action
Jane	Doe	jane.d@email.com	Active	

3. You will be presented with a view-only page that includes the user's current details, status, and permissions.

View BVI Financial Account Reporting System User

First name:

Jane

Surname:

Doe

Email address:

jane.d@email.com

Telephone number:

Activation status:

Active

Permission:

☒ FI - Secondary User

☐ CbC - Secondary User

Edit

4. Select the Edit button to edit the user's name, email address, telephone number, permissions, or set their **Status** to Deactivated. Select Save to apply your changes.
- Important note:** Changing a user's **Email address** will change the email address that the user uses to log in to the system, and the email address to which system-generated emails are sent for that user.
  - Important note:** Setting a user's **Status** to Deactivated will prevent that user from being able to view or edit your financial institution's data in the system.

## Edit BVI Financial Account Reporting System User

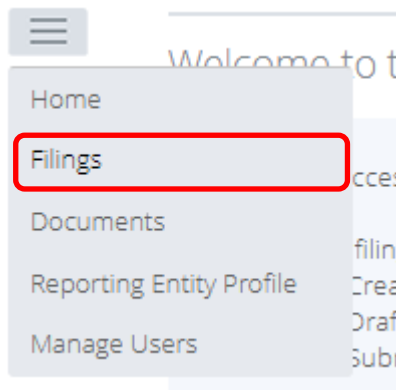
This functionality allows you to edit the user details of the selected BVI Financial Account Reporting System user.

First name:	<input type="text" value="Jane"/>	*
Surname:	<input type="text" value="Doe"/>	*
Email address:	<input type="text" value="jane.d@email.com"/>	*
Telephone number:	<input type="text" value=""/> <input type="text" value=""/> <input type="text" value=""/>	
	International    Area code    Number	
Activation status:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Active <input type="radio"/> Deactivated	
Permission:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FI - Secondary User <input type="checkbox"/> CbC - Secondary User	

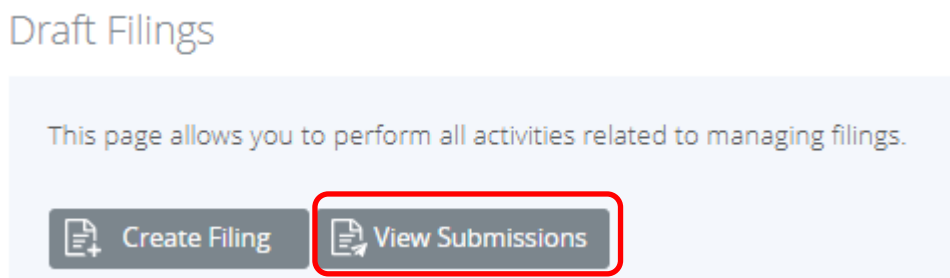
### 1.5 Viewing submitted filings in the BVI Financial Account Reporting System

Once your filings have been successfully submitted, you can review the filings and view the data within them at any time. For XML Upload filings, you can view and download any files uploaded during the submission process. If an amendment or correction is required, you should create a separate filing with the appropriate document type (Corrected, Amended, Void).

1. Navigate to **Filings** using the menus at the side of the screen.



2. The Draft Filings page will load and you should navigate to the **View Submissions** button.



3. You will be presented with the **Submission History** page, which presents the filings that have been submitted for your financial institution. Select the name of the filing you wish to view from the **Filing name** column of the Submission History table.

## Submission History

This page allows you to view the submission history.

Submission History allows you to review and print any filing that has previously been submitted to the BVI International Tax Authority (ITA).

All previously submitted filing are displayed. Click on the filing name to view the filing detail. You can also search a specific filing using the filing name, filing end date, submitted date etc.

Filing name	Reference	Revision	Submitted date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Transmissio progress	Receiving Country	Status	Reporting end date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Due date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<a href="#">Change of Reporting Obligation for 2024</a>	RO05930	<a href="#">1.0</a>	26/07/2024		n/a	Accepted	26/07/2024	25/08/2024

4. You will be presented with the View Filing page for the selected filing. Select each form in the filing to view the data within it, or select the **View Upload History** icon to download XML files for XML Upload filings only.
- Important note:** For **XML Upload** filings, data in the Account Information and Pooled Reporting Type repeatable folders can only be viewed in the web forms if there are 50 or fewer forms within the repeatable folder. Data can always be viewed in XML Upload filings by downloading the XML file from the **View Upload History** page.

## 1.6 Notification of change in Primary User

In addition to creating a change of reporting obligation, any changes made to primary users or name change of financial institution can be made through BVIFARS. Additionally, if the financial institution requires de-registration this can also be completed through BVIFARS.

### 1.6.1 Navigate to the Create Filing screen using the menus at the top of the screen. Select **Manage Filings > Create Filings**, as shown in the image below



### 1.6.2 Once on the Create Filing page select option, **Primary User Change Notice**

The screenshot shows the 'Create Filing' form. At the top, it says 'We need details about your filing so you will be able to identify it in the future. Please enter the details requested below.' and 'The period end date identifies the reporting period for the filing. This should always be December 31st.' The form has three main fields: 'Filing name:', 'Filing type:', and 'Period end date:'. The 'Filing name' field contains 'Change of Primary User' with a red asterisk. The 'Filing type' field is a dropdown menu with several options: 'Change of Reporting Entity Information', 'Change of Reporting Obligations', 'CRS Filing Summary', 'CRS Manual Entry Filing', 'CRS XML Upload Filing', and 'Primary User Change Notice'. The 'Primary User Change Notice' option is selected. The 'Period end date' field contains '21/04/2020' with a calendar icon and a red asterisk. At the bottom, there is a 'Create' button.

**1.6.3** After the file has been created, go to **draft filing** and select the recently created file.

<a href="#">Change of User</a>	PU387814	<a href="#">0.1</a>		n/a	No Data	31/12/2023	
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**1.6.4** Click on **Edit** to edit the Primary User Information.

#### View Filing

Filing name: Change of User

Filing reference: PU387814






Filing end date: 31/12/2023

Filing due date:

Filing status: No Data

Categories:

Please select a form to view

Change of User		Status: No Data
	 Primary User Change Notice 	
	 PU Primary User Change Notice	<a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">View</a>

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**1.6.5** The Draft Version of the Form will show the current primary User Info by default.

- 1.6.6** The portal user can then complete the mandatory fields in the 'New Primary' User Section with the details of the new primary user. Two documents will be required to be attached, to provide the International Tax Authority of the user's permissions to request a change of Primary user on behalf of the client.

**Primary User Change Notice**

This form should be used to notify the Tax Authority, that you intend to change your entity's Primary User. Full details of the existing and new Primary User must be provided, which will be submitted to the Tax Authority for approval.

By submitting this form, you acknowledge that the information you are providing is accurate and if approved, the current Primary User will be rendered inactive.

**Existing Primary User Information:**

Please provide the following information for the entity's current Primary User:



Existing Primary User First Name:	John	*
Existing Primary User Last Name:	Brown	*
Existing Primary User Email Address:	john@vizard.ie	*
Existing Primary User Position:	Director	*

**New Primary User Information:**



Please provide the following information for the proposed new Primary User:

New Primary User First Name:	Lisa	*		
New Primary User Last Name:	Casey	*		
New Primary User Email Address:	lisa@vizard.ie	*		
New Primary User Position:	Manager	*		
New Primary User Telephone Number:	353	01	1239876	*
	International	Area Code	Number	

New Primary User Passport Scan:

  **Passp..**

Letter signed by a director or officer, specifying them as the new Primary User and authorizing the change:

  **Lette..**

- 1.6.7** Once the Form is completed and validated, the portal user will then be able to submit the form manually at any time.
- 1.6.8** To submit filing, click on the Menu Button, then Submission and Submit Filing.
- 1.6.9** Click on Submit on the right-hand side of the filing name.
- 1.6.10** The application will be submitted to the International Tax Authority for approval.

## 1.7. To notify of de-registration

### 1.7.1 Select **Manage filing** > **Creating filing**

### 1.7.2 On the Create filing page, select option “**Reporting Entity Deactivation**”

#### Create Filing

We need details about your filing so you will be able to identify it in the future. Please enter the details requested below.

The period end date identifies the reporting period for the filing. This should always be December 31st, except for Payments, where it should be June 1st.

Filing name:  \*

Filing type: 

☐ CbC XML Upload Filing  
☐ Change of Reporting Entity Information  
☐ Change of Reporting Obligations  
☐ Payment  
☐ Primary User Change Notice  
☒ Reporting Entity Deactivation

 \*

Period end date:  \*

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### 1.7.3 Select Draft Filings and file recently created for Deactivating a Financial Institution.

#### Draft Filings

Please select the name of the filing you wish to complete.

To create new filings, please use the "Create Filing" functionality.

Filing name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Receiving Country	Status	Filing end date	Due date (dd/mm/yyyy)
<a href="#">Reporting Entity Deactivation Northern Deposits</a>	RED00023	0.1		n/a	No Data	31/12/2018	

### 1.7.4 Click **Edit**



View Filing

Filing name:Reporting Entity Deactivation Notice

Filing end date:31/12/2024

Filing status:No Data

Filing reference:RED422713

Filing due date:

Categories:

Please select a form to view

Reporting Entity Deactivation Notice

Status: No Data

★

Reporting Entity Deactivation

★

RED Reporting Entity Deactivation

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1.7.5 Select **Dissolution of Company or Partnership** for Reason for Termination.

1.7.6 Enter a date for **Reporting Entity Termination Date**

Reason for Reporting Entity Termination

Reason for Termination

Dissolution of Company or Partnership

If other, please provide explanation

Reporting Entity Termination Date

Please use the final termination date e.g. date of dissolution. If none such exists, enter today's date.

1.7.7 The primary user must fill out the contact information section of the Deactivation Application

Contact Information

Please provide the contact details for the Primary User and the Reporting Entity Address

Agent (Business name)

First Name

Surname

Position

Email address

Telephone number

Office Address

Number, Street, and Room/Suite no

City or Town

State/Province/Region

Country

Post Code

1.7.8 Select **Dissolution – certificate** in drop-down menu

1.7.9 Upload evidence attachment

1.7.10 Tick the 3 checkboxes and click **Validate & Save**

Evidence

Please select the evidence to be uploaded in support of the Reporting Entity Deactivation Request.

Dissolution - certificate

Upload evidence. PDF only, max 20 MB.

Disso.

Please select the evidence to be uploaded in support of the Reporting Entity Deactivation Request.

1. The information and supporting documentation submitted in this application is true and correct and that Primary User mentioned is authorized on behalf of the above named Reporting Entity to make this request for deactivation of its account on the BVI Financial Account Reporting System.

2. This Reporting Entity has completed all its reporting obligations including respond to any record level errors received from a relevant partner jurisdiction in accordance with the relevant AEOI obligations, requirements of the Competent Authority and the laws of the British Virgin Islands.

3. The Primary User also acknowledges that provision of inaccurate information in this application results in the Reporting Entity committing an offence and as such the Reporting Entity may be liable to a penalty under the relevant laws of the British Virgin Islands.

Upon submission, your request will be reviewed within 30 business days. You will receive confirmation once your request has been processed.

Save As Draft

Validate & Save

1.7.11 Submit filing

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Once filing has been submitted the application will be reviewed by the International Tax Authority and approved accordingly. If the ITA has further questions on the application an email will be sent to the Primary User. Please note that approval will NOT be granted until the ITA is satisfied that the entity meets the requirements for deactivation and all filings have been made (where applicable).

**Important Note:** If a BVI Financial Institution is no longer considered a financial institution or the entity has been erroneously identified as a Financial Institution, in the “reasons for termination” section of the form select “other” and provide an explanation for removing the financial institution from BVIFARS including evidence to support deactivation request.

# 2 US FATCA Filing

## 2.6 Submitting US FATCA data in the BVI Financial Account Reporting System

### 2.6.1 Creating a US FATCA filing to complete

In order to submit data to the BVI International Tax Authority to meet your US FATCA reporting obligations, you must first create a filing.

- 7. Navigate to the **Create Filing** screen using the menus at the side of the screen. Select **Filings > Create Filings**, as shown in the image below.

#### Draft Filings

This page allows you to perform all activities related to managing filings.

Create Filing

View Submissions

Draft Filings

Name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Receiving Country	Status	End date	Due date
No data to display							

- 8. You will be presented with the **Create Filing** page, as shown in the image below.

#### Create Filing

We need details about your filing so you will be able to identify it in the future. Please enter the details requested below.

The period end date identifies the reporting period for the filing. This should always be December 31st, except for Payments, where it should be June 1st.

Filing name:

Filing type:

CRS XML Upload Filing

Payment

Primary User Change Notice

Reporting Entity Deactivation

US FATCA Manual Entry Filing

US FATCA XML Upload Filing

Period end date:

dd/mm/yyyy

Create

- 9. Enter a **Filing name** that is meaningful to you. It is best practice to include the jurisdiction, type of document, and the year (e.g. US New Data – 2014, US Amended Data – 2014, etc.) so that filings can be easily differentiated over time.
- 10. Select the **Filing type** that you want to complete.
  - **Important note:** If you will be providing data in an XML file, you must choose the *US FATCA XML Upload* filing type. If you will be entering data manually in a web form, you must choose the *US FATCA Manual Entry* filing type.
  - **Important note:** You will now see the Annual Submission Fee filing present on the Create Filing page.
- 11. Enter the **Period end date** for the filing.
  - **Important note:** The period end date is the last day of the reporting period (the calendar year). This date must **always be December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Failure to select December 31<sup>st</sup> will result in an error being displayed on screen.

12. Select the **Create** button to complete the creation of your filing and make it available to enter or upload data.

2.6.2 **Uploading and submitting a US FATCA XML file**

If you have chosen the US FATCA XML Upload filing (see section 3.1 *Creating a filing to complete*), you will submit your FATCA data by uploading an XML file into the filing.

1. Navigate to the **Draft Filings** screen using the menu at the top of the screen to view filings that you have created but not yet submitted.

Draft Filings

Name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Receiving Country	Status	End date	Due date
<a href="#">Sample XML Upload Filing</a>	FF05931	0.1	Waiting	n/a	No Data	31/12/2024	31/05/2025

2. Select the name of the filing you created from the **Filing name** column of the Draft Filings table to open that filing. You will be presented with the **Draft Filing** screen for that filing.

View Filing

Filing name: Sample XML Upload Filing

Filing reference: FF05931

Filing end date: 31/12/2024

Filing due date: 31/05/2025

Filing status: No Data

Categories: Waiting

Actions

Upload Data

Please select a form to view

Sample XML Upload Filing

Status: No Data

  US FATCA XML Upload Filing 

  Info General Information

View

  FF US FATCA Filing

3. Select the **Upload data** link within the filing table. You will be presented with the **Upload XML** page.


Upload Data

The FormSet below will be populated with data by uploading a file.

US FATCA XML Upload Filing

Choose File

To validate an XML file prior to upload, [download the definition file](#). To see how the data on the form should be represented in XML, view [XML specs](#).

 Allowed file types are: xml. If .xbml is a valid file type, to speed up the upload process it is recommended that XBRL/IXBRL files greater than 10Mb are compressed using the standard .zip format. No other compression formats are currently accepted.

Cancel

4. Select the **Choose File** button and select the file you want to upload. Only files in XML format will be accepted.

- **Important note:** The system will begin validation of your file immediately
  - i. If you have uploaded a file that is not an XML file, you will see an error message on the Upload XML page informing you of that error.
  - ii. Please note that there have been changes to the XML file format as of February 2017, to comply with the new IRS FATCA XML Schema v2.0. All files submitted by Financial Institutions must comply with this new schema to be accepted by BVIFARS and the IRS. Notable changes impacting XML Upload filings include:

- The SendingCompanyIN field in the message header must be the HCTA Entity Identification Number to comply with section 3.1 of the IRS FATCA XML Schema v2.0 user guide. BVI's HCTA Identification Number is **000000.00000.TA.092**.
- The MessageRefId field should be a Global Unique Identifier (GUID) in line with section 3.6 of the IRS FATCA XML Schema v2.0 user guide.
- A new NilReport element has been added to the schema. All submitted files must either include an AccountReport section or a NilReport section (where the NoAccountstoReport field is set to "yes"). See section 6.3 of the IRS FATCA XML Schema v2.0 user guide for more information.

A new FilerCategory field has been added for both the Reporting FI and the Sponsor, and it is mandatory that either the Reporting FI FilerCategory or Sponsor FilerCategory is included in the submitted file. See section 4.6.1 of the IRS FATCA XML Schema v2.0 user guide for more information, which specifies that **the Reporting FI Filer Category must be FATCA602 (RDC FFI) for Reporting Model 1 FFIs** where a Sponsor is not applicable. If a Sponsor is applicable, the Reporting FI Filer Category should be left blank and the Sponsor Filer Category should be completed with the appropriate category instead.

- A new AccountClosed item has been added to the Schema to indicate an account was closed or transferred in its entirety during the reporting period. See section 6.4.3 of the IRS FATCA XML Schema v2.0 user guide for more information.
- The SubstantialOwner element within the Account Report has been updated to require a Substantial Owner Type (either Individual or Organisation) to be specified. See section 6.4.5 of the IRS FATCA XML Schema v2.0 user guide for more information.
- The PoolReport element should not be included as it is not applicable for Model 1 IGA jurisdictions such as the British Virgin Islands. The system will present an error if your file includes a PoolReport. See section 6.5 of the IRS FATCA XML Schema v2.0 user guide for more information.

- iii. Once your file is completed in accordance with the IRS FATCA XML Schema v2.0 user guide, it will be accepted for processing (see the image below) You will receive a system-generated email when the processing is complete, indicating either that your submission was successful, or that the submission was unsuccessful and that the file must be updated and resubmitted.

The screenshot shows a web-based 'Upload Data' dialog box. At the top, it says 'The FormSet below will be populated with data by uploading a file.' Below this is a dropdown menu set to 'US FATCA XML Upload Filing' and a 'Choose File' button. A message states: 'To validate an XML file prior to upload, download the definition file. To see how the data on the form should be represented in XML, view XML specs.' The main section shows a file named 'Fatca filing 2023.xml' (19.3 KB) with a green checkmark icon. A message below the file states: 'The file has been accepted for processing. If any validation errors are found, the user will receive an email and the errors will be available to view in the portal. These errors are placed within 'Errors & Warnings' in the Actions in the View Filing page.' At the bottom, there is an information icon and a note: 'Allowed file types are: xml. If .xbrl is a valid file type, to speed up the upload process it is recommended that XBRL/IXBRL files greater than 10Mb are compressed using the standard .zip format. No other compression formats are currently accepted.' A 'Done' button is at the bottom right.

2.6.3 Completing a US FATCA Manual Entry filing

If you have chosen the US FATCA Manual Entry filing (see section 3.1 Creating a filing to complete), you will submit your FATCA data by typing data into a web form.

- 3. Navigate to the **Draft Filings** screen using the menu at the top of the screen to view filings that you have created but not yet submitted.

Draft Filings

Name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Receiving Country	Status	End date	Due date
<a href="#">Sample XML Upload Filing</a>	FF05931	0.1	Waiting	n/a	No Data	31/12/2024	31/05/2025

- 4. Select the name of the filing you created from the **Filing name** column of the Draft Filings table to open that filing. You will be presented with the **Draft Filing** screen for that filing.

View Filing

Filing name: Sample Manual Entry Filing

Filing reference: FF05933

Filing end date: 31/12/2024

Filing due date: 31/05/2025

Filing status: No Data

Categories: Waiting

Please select a form to view

Sample Manual Entry Filing

Status: No Data

US FATCA Manual Entry Filing

Info General Information

FF US FATCA Filing

Edit

View

Add Section

- 12. Select the **Edit** link beside the General Information form to confirm the data type related to the document being submitted. You will be presented with the editable form for data entry. The image below is a sample General Information form.

- Important note:** The Message Reference field includes a unique system-generated code. This code will be auto-populated with a Global Unique Identifier (GUID) in line with the IRS FATCA XML Schema v2.0 user guide. You should take note of this reference as you will need to enter this message reference if you have to correct, amend or void a filing.

Form View

US FATCA Filing

Reporting Entity: ABM Corporate Services, Ltd. (FI001676)

Period end date: 31/12/2024

General Information

Document Type: New Data \*

Message Reference: 409ba99d-c6d0-4547-b832-6c \*

If this report represents a change to a previously submitted report, please enter the corresponding Message Reference here:

Save As Draft

Validate & Save

Enter your data in the fields presented (if required) and select **Save as Draft** to continue entering data later or **Validate & Save** to mark the form ready for submission.

- Important note:** All mandatory fields (marked with a red asterisk) must be completed for the form to successfully Validate & Save. Otherwise, errors will be presented on-screen.

13. To complete the remainder of the filing, select the **Add Section** icon next to the US FATCA Filing repeatable folder to generate a US FATCA Filing folder.
- **Important note:** Sponsoring Entities will need to add a US FATCA Filing folder for each sponsored entity they are reporting for.
  - **Important note:** As of 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, all Sponsored Entities are required to have their own GIINs as they can no longer use the GIIN of its Sponsoring Entity. See IRS guidance at: <https://www.irs.gov/businesses/corporations/frequently-asked-questions-faqs-fatca-compliance-legal#SponsoringQ1>

View Filing

Filing name:Sample Manual Entry FilingFiling reference:FF05933

Filing end date:31/12/2024Filing due date:31/05/2025



Filing status:No DataCategories:Waiting



Please select a form to view



Sample Manual Entry Filing		Status: No Data
  US FATCA Manual Entry Filing 		
  Info General Information	Edit   View	
  FF US FATCA Filing	 Add Section	Delete All
   US FATCA Filing	Delete	



14. Expand the US FATCA Folder and select the **Edit** link beside the Reporting FI Information form to enter data.


Sample Manual Entry FilingStatus: No Data


  US FATCA Manual Entry Filing 

  Info General Information

  FF US FATCA Filing

  US FATCA Filing

  FI Reporting FI Information

  ACT Account Information

Edit | View

 Add Section | Delete All

Delete

Edit | View



15. You will be presented with the editable form for data entry. The two images below show a sample Reporting FI Information form.

**Changes made to the Reporting FI form in accordance with the US FATCA XML Schema Version 2.0 User Guide:**

- A Nil Report section has been inserted on the form in accordance with section 6.3 of the IRS FATCA XML Schema v2.0 user guide. FIs are now required to indicate if the report they are submitting is a Nil Report. All filings must include an Account Holder form UNLESS it has been indicated in the Reporting Financial Institution form that it is a NIL REPORT.
- A Filer Category drop down for both the Reporting FI and the Sponsor has been inserted on the form and it is mandatory that either the Reporting FI Filer Category or Sponsor Filer Category is provided. See section 4.6.1 of the IRS FATCA XML Schema v2.0 user guide for more information, which specifies that **the Reporting FI Filer Category must be FATCA602 (RDC FFI) for Reporting Model 1 FFIs** where a sponsor is not applicable. If a

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Reporting Entity:

Sample FI

Period end date:

31/12/2024

Document Type:

New Data

Document Reference ID:

0W00AN.99999.SL.092.67476

If this data represents a change to previously submitted data, please enter the corresponding Document Reference ID here:

Part I: Identification of Filer

Reporting FI Name

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Filer Category

Address

Number, Street, and Room/Suite no

City or Town

State/Province/Region

Post Code

Country

Does this Filing represent a Nil report?

No

If 'yes', please provide the following information:

Document Type

Document Reference ID

If this data represents a change to previously submitted data, please enter the corresponding Document Reference ID here:

Does this Filing represent a Nil report?

No

If 'yes', please provide the following information:

Document Type

Document Reference ID

If this data represents a change to previously submitted data, please enter the corresponding Document Reference ID here:

Is a Sponsoring Entity applicable?

No

If 'yes', please provide the following information:

Document Type

Document Reference ID

If this data represents a change to previously submitted data, please enter the corresponding Document Reference ID here:

Name

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Filer Category

Address

Number, Street, and Room or Suite no

City or Town

State/Province/Region

Post Code

Country

Is an Intermediary applicable?

No

If 'yes', please provide the following information:

Document Type

Document Reference ID

If this data represents a change to previously submitted data, please enter the corresponding Document Reference ID here:

Name

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Address

Number, Street, and Room or Suite no

City or Town

State/Province/Region

Post Code

Country

Save As Draft

Validate & Save

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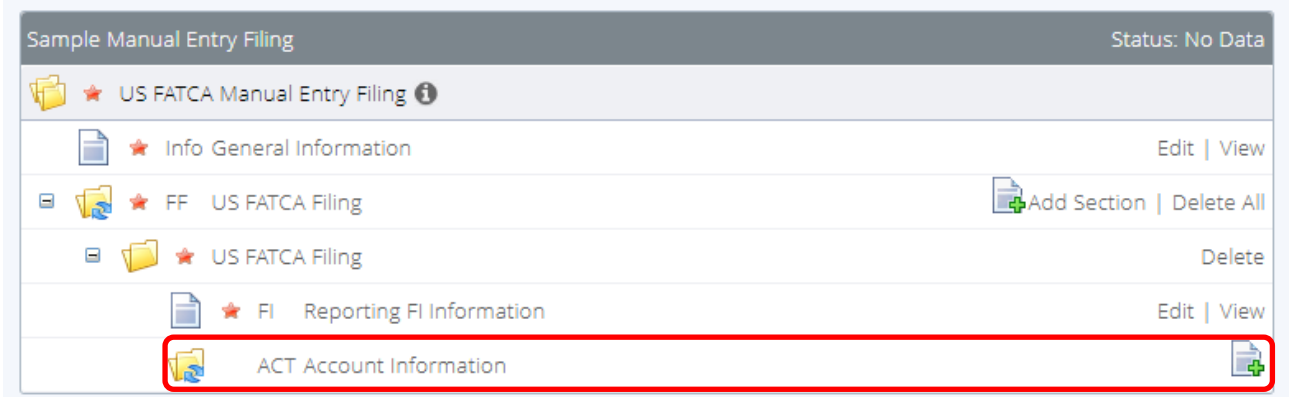
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16. Complete all required information on the form and select “Validate & Save”

- **Important note:**
  - i. The Document Type is a field that is included in several sections of the filing (Reporting FI, Nil Report, Sponsoring Entity, Intermediary, and Account Information). Allowable entries are FATCA1 = New Data, FATCA2 = Corrected Data, FATCA3 = Void data, and FATCA 4 = Amended Data. More information on each of these types can be found in the IRS FATCA XML User Guide. The IRS specifies that only one type of data should be contained in any single transmission file, so you must ensure that you select the same Document Type throughout the filing.
  - ii. The Document Reference ID is a field that is included in several sections of the filing (Reporting FI, Nil Report, Sponsoring Entity, Intermediary, and Account Information). The IRS has introduced new format requirements for Document Reference IDs, requiring all IDs to follow the format **<ReportingGIIN>.<UniqueValue>**. More information can be found here: <http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Corporations/FATCA-XML-Schemas-Best-Practices-for-Form-8966-DocRefID>. It is also important to note that the DocRefID must be completed for each applicable section in this form and that the <unique value> part of the DocRefID should be different in each section, to avoid any DocRefID validation errors. You should keep a record of these IDs as you will need to reference the appropriate one if you have to correct, amend or void a section of your filing.
  - iii. Three “Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)” fields exist on this form. The first one (under the “Reporting FI Information” field) should be populated with the GIIN of the Reporting FI. The second and third “Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)” fields under the Sponsoring Entity and Intermediary sections should be populated with the TIN or GIIN of the Sponsoring Entity or Intermediary Entity respectively, as applicable.

17. Select the **Add Section** icon next to the Account Information section to add an account or pooled report.



18. You will be presented with the editable form for data entry. The image below shows a sample Account Information form.

**Changes made to the Reporting FI form in accordance with the US FATCA XML Schema Version 2.0 User Guide:**

- The Substantial Owner section of the Account Information form has been updated to include a dropdown for Substantial Owner Type (Organisation or Individual). The FI should select “Add Substantial Owner” and complete the relevant details for each Substantial Owner.
- A new Account Closed indicator has been added to the form to allow users to declare if the account being reported upon has been closed during the reporting period.

Form View

US FATCA Filing

Reporting Entity:

Sample FI

Period end date:

31/12/2024

Part II: Account Holder or Payee Information

Document Type:

New Data

\*

If this data represents a change to previously submitted data, please enter the corresponding Document Reference ID here:

Document Reference ID:

\*

TIN of Account Holder or Payee

\*

TIN Issued By

?

Do not make a selection for Account Holder Type if the Account Holder or Payee is an individual. Selection of one type is mandatory if the reported financial account is held by an entity or the reported payment is made to an entity.

Account Holder Type

Entity name

For individuals, please provide the following:

Title

First Name

\*

Middle Name

Last Name

\*

Date of Birth

Address

Number, Street, and Room or Suite no

City or Town

\*

State/Province/Region

Post Code

Country

\*

Part III: Identifying Information of U.S. Owners that are specified U.S. Persons

Add substantial owner

Part IV: Financial Information

Account Number

\*

Account Closed

Yes

No

Account Balance

\*

Currency

\*

Add payment record

Save As Draft

Validate & Save

19. Complete the mandatory information for the account and select “Validate & Save”.
- Important notes:

i. The Document Type is a field that is included in several sections of the filing (Reporting FI, Nil Report, Sponsoring Entity, Intermediary, and Account Information). Allowable entries are FATCA1 = New Data, FATCA2 = Corrected Data, FATCA3 = Void data, and FATCA 4 = Amended Data. More information on each of these types can be found in the IRS FATCA XML version 2.0 User Guide. The IRS specifies that only one type of data should be contained in any single transmission file, so you must ensure that you select the same Document Type throughout the filing.

ii. The Document Reference ID is a field that is included in several sections of the filing (Reporting FI, Nil Report, Sponsoring Entity, Intermediary and Account Information). The IRS has introduced new format requirements for Document Reference IDs, requiring all IDs to follow the format **<ReportingGIIN>.<UniqueValue>**. More information can be found here: <http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Corporations/FATCA-XML-Schemas-Best-Practices-for-Form-8966-DocRefID>. It is also important to note that the DocRefID must be completed for each applicable section in your filing and that the <unique value> part of the DocRefID should be different in each section, to avoid any DocRefID validation errors. You should keep a record of these IDs as you will need to reference the appropriate one if you have to correct, amend or void a section of your filing.

iii. Three “TIN” fields exist on this form. The first one, “Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)”, should be populated with the TIN of the individual or entity that holds the account. The second and third TIN fields are presented when you select the “Add Substantial Owner” button. “Organisation TIN” should be populated with the TIN of the Substantial Owner, if this section is applicable and the Substantial Owner Type is an Organisation. “Individual TIN” should be populated with the TIN of the Substantial Owner, if this section is applicable and the Substantial Owner Type is an Individual. For additional information on TINs please visit this [IRS resource](#).

- iv. The bottom of the Account Information form includes an “Add payment record” button, to record one or more payments on the reported account. If the financial institution has any payments to report on the account, they must complete all three fields. Records can be added or deleted as required.

20. Repeat Step 9 for each account report you are reporting.

2.6.4 Submitting a US FATCA Manual Entry filing

In order to submit your Manual Entry filing, all mandatory forms within the filing must be in **Validated** status, indicated by a green check mark icon (see the **KEY** on the **Draft Filing** page for an explanation of icons). The image below shows a sample nil filing (no Account Information or Pooled Reporting Type forms to submit) which has all mandatory forms Validated and a filing status of “Ready to Submit”.

- 1. To submit a Manual Entry filing, navigate to Validate and Submit as shown in the screen below.

View Filing

Filing name:Sample Manual Entry FilingFiling reference:FF05933Filing end date:31/12/2024Filing due date:31/05/2025Filing status:Ready to SubmitCategories:Waiting

Actions

Validate & Submit

Please select a form to view

Sample Manual Entry FilingStatus: Ready to Submit

US FATCA Manual Entry Filing

Clear

Info General Information

Clear | Edit | View

FF US FATCA Filing

Add Section | Delete All | Clear All

US FATCA Filing

Clear | Delete

FI Reporting FI Information

Clear | Edit | View

ACT Account Information

- 2. You will be presented with the **Validate & Submit Filing** page. Select the **Submit** button to submit the filing.
  - **Important note:** Only filings in **Ready to Submit** status (all forms are validated) will appear on this page.
- 3. If there are validation issues with your filing, you will be notified on the page. A sample validation error is shown below.

Validate & Submit Filing

Errors occurred while validating the filing information. See below for details. Please correct these errors before attempting to validate and submit the filing again.

Export

Rule name	Type	Problem	Additional information
Nil report or Account report present check	Error	1. The FATCA filing with the Reporting DocRefID 0W00AN.999999.SL.092.f718f32c-54eb-4701-8b9b-d5abca9cde77 must contain either a Nil Report or at least one Account Report	

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4. If there are no validation issues with your filing, you will be presented with the **Submit Filing** page. Select **Submit** to confirm submission.

Your filing has been validated and can now be submitted. Once it is submitted, you cannot add or delete data from your filing, but you can still view it in your submission history. If you need to submit amended or corrected data, you must submit an additional filing with the appropriate type.

If you need to submit amended or corrected data, you must submit an additional filing.

Submit

Cancel


5. Once your filing is successfully submitted with no errors, you will receive a system-generated email notifying you of the successful submission.

2.6.5 Reviewing and correcting US FATCA validation issues

If there are validation issues with your filing, you can view the details in order to determine any corrections that need to be made.

- 1. Navigate to the **Draft Filings** page using the menu at the top of the screen. If there are errors on a filing that you have attempted to submit, the **error icon** (grey exclamation point) will be displayed beside the filing’s status, as shown in the image below.


Draft Filings

Name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Receiving Country	Status	End date	Due date
<a href="#">Sample Manual Entry Filing</a>	FF05933	0.1	Waiting	n/a	<a href="#">Ready to Submit</a> 	31/12/2024	31/05/2025

- 2. Click on the **error icon** to display the validation errors. A sample is shown in the image below.

Validate & Submit Filing

Errors occurred while validating the filing information. See below for details. Please correct these errors before attempting to validate and submit the filing again.

  
Export

Rule name	Type	Problem	Additional information
Nil report or Account report present check	Error	1. The FATCA filing with the Reporting DocRefID OW00AN.99999.SL.092.f718f32c-54eb-4701-8b9b-d5abca9cde77 must contain either a Nil Report or at least one Account Report	

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- 3. To correct errors and resubmit your filing, select the **Back** link at the bottom of the page to return to the **Draft Filings** page and then select the filing in question from the **Filing name** column of the table.
  - a. For the **Manual Entry Filing**: Select the **Edit** link next to the form(s) that you need to correct, update the data, and select **Validate & Save**. Then follow the steps to submit the filing, as per section 2.1.4 *Submitting a Manual Entry filing*.
  - b. For the **XML Upload Filing**: Select the **Upload data** link and select a new XML file to upload. The system will begin validation of your new file immediately. Note: if data has already been populated into the form, you will be presented with a pop-up message that says “Do you want to delete all existing data before uploading a new file? “, and should select “Yes” to avoid further data validation issues.

## 2.7 IRS notifications

After the ITA transmits filings submitted via BVIFARS to the IRS, the IRS will issue notifications that will be visible through the system. The system in turn will notify BVIFIs of any notifications via their email addresses and BVIFIs would be required to access the system to correct their filings.

**Important note:** The British Virgin Islands is a Model 1 jurisdiction, and as such all filings must be completed and submitted via the BVI Financial Accounts Reporting System (BVIFARS). IRS notifications and the IRS ICMM User Guide make reference to submitting corrections via IDES or by filing a paper submission Form 8966. Please note that these references are specific to FIs that report directly to the IRS. BVI Reporting Financial Institutions will receive notifications via BVIFARS and also submit corrections via BVIFARS. Failure to correct administrative or other minor errors within 120 days after the notice is issued by the IRS can lead to a determination of significant non-compliance and non-compliance will be dealt with in accordance with Article 5 of the Inter-governmental Agreement between the BVI and US.

This section of the BVIFARS User Guide must be read and understood in conjunction with the IRS produced instructions:

**IRS ICMM User Guide:**

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/fatca/fatcareportsicmmnotificationxmlschemauserguide.pdf>

**IRS Notifications FAQs:** <https://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Corporations/IRS-FATCA-Report-Notifications-Frequently-Asked-Questions>

### 2.7.1 Viewing transmission progress & IRS notifications

When the IRS notification requires action from the Financial Institution the users for the Financial Institution will receive an email from BVIFARS titled "Action Required for {FILING\_NAME}". The email will not provide details of the notification, but will inform the Financial Institution that a notification has been received from the IRS indicating that the filing contains one or more errors that must be addressed.

To view the transmission progress and notification(s) (where applicable) for any submitted filings, follow the steps below:

1. Log in to BVI Financial Accounts Reporting System, and select the appropriate institution if you have permissions for more than one institution.
2. Navigate to **Filings > View Submission** using the menus at the side of the screen.
3. You will be presented with the **Submission History** page, which presents the filings that have been submitted for your financial institution.

#### Submission History

This page allows you to view the submission history.

Submission History allows you to review and print any filing that has previously been submitted to the BVI International Tax Authority (ITA).

All previously submitted filing are displayed. Click on the filing name to view the filing detail. You can also search a specific filing using the filing name, filing end date, submitted date etc.

Filing name	Reference	Revision	Submitted date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Transmissio progress	Receiving Country	Status	Reporting end date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Due date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

4. Review the Transmission Progress column to determine the status of your filing. When a filing is

created and submitted to the BVI ITA, it will have a Transmission Progress of “Waiting” until a response is received from the IRS. Once a response is received, the Transmission Progress for the filing will be updated to one of the following statuses, depending on the notification sent from the IRS:

Transmission Progress	Description & Next Steps
Received	A notification has been received from the IRS, indicating that no errors have been found. <b>No further action is required at this time.</b>
Record validation error or Record/field level errors	<p>A notification has been received by the IRS, indicating that one or more record or field level errors exist in the filing that require correction.</p> <p><b>For <u>most errors</u>, the FI must create a “Corrected” filing that references the original filing to correct the errors indicated within the notification, and submit it to the Tax Authority via BVIFARS.</b></p> <p><b>If the record has <u>an error in the Reporting FI GIIN</u>, the FI must first submit a Void Data filing then submit a New Data filing with a correct Reporting FI GIIN.</b></p> <p>A list of the record/field level errors can be viewed in the International Compliance Management Model (ICMM) Notifications User Guide.</p>
Failed: Invalid Message Ref ID	<p>A notification has been received from the IRS, indicating that an invalid MessageRefID was present. <b>The FI must create a “New” filing with a valid MessageRefID and submit it to the Tax Authority via BVIFARS.</b></p> <p>The IRS guidelines for this field indicate that it should be a unique identifier for a report file and is required to be at least one, but not more than 200, alphanumeric characters and cannot be all blank characters. Note that for Manual Entry filings, this ID is auto-generated as a unique number that conforms to IRS format guidelines (i.e. is less than 200 characters)</p>
Failed: Duplicate Message Ref ID	<p>A notification has been received from the IRS, indicating that a duplicate MessageRefID was present. <b>The FI must create a “New” filing with a unique MessageRefID and submit it to the Tax Authority via BVIFARS.</b></p> <p>Note that for Manual Entry filings, this ID is auto-generated as a unique number that conforms to IRS format guidelines (i.e. is less than 200 characters)</p>



Failed: Invalid Doc Ref ID	<p>A notification has been received from the IRS, indicating that an invalid DocRefID was present. <b>The FI must create a “New” filing with valid DocRefIDs and submit it to the Tax Authority via BVIFARS.</b></p> <p>The IRS guidelines for tax year 2014 filings submitted prior to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 indicate that this field should be a unique identifier for a report file and is required to be at least one, but not more than 200, alphanumeric characters and cannot be all blank characters. As of January 1, 2016, they will issue Invalid Doc Ref ID notifications for any ID that does not meet the new format requirements of &lt;Reporting FI GIIN&gt;.&lt;Unique Identifier&gt;</p>
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- Select the name of the filing you wish to view from the **Filing name** column of the Submission History tab

## Submission History

This page allows you to view the submission history.

Submission History allows you to review and print any filing that has previously been submitted to the BVI International Tax Authority (ITA).

All previously submitted filing are displayed. Click on the filing name to view the filing detail. You can also search a specific filing using the filing name, filing end date, submitted date etc.

Filing name	Reference	Revision	Submitted date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Transmissio progress	Receiving Country	Status	Reporting end date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Due date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<a href="#">Sample Manual Entry Filing</a>	FF05933	<a href="#">1.0</a>	29/07/2024	Waiting	n/a	Accepted	31/12/2024	31/05/2025

- You will be presented with the View Filing page for the selected filing.

## View Filing

Filing name:	Sample Manual Entry Filing	Filing reference:	FF05933
Filing end date:	31/12/2024	Filing due date:	31/05/2025
Filing status:	Accepted	Categories:	Waiting

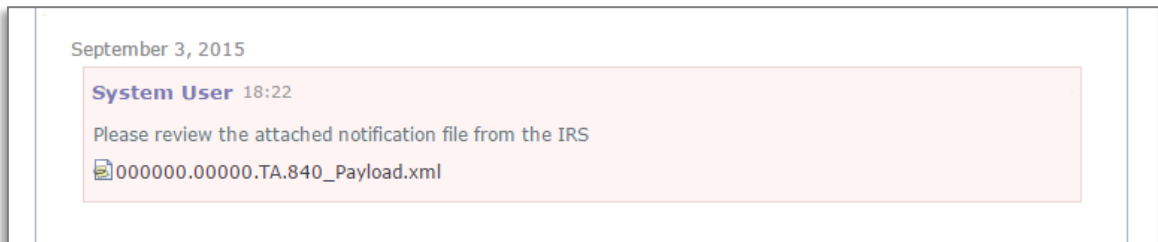
### Actions

  
View Comments

Please select a form to view

Sample Manual Entry Filing		Status: Accepted
	 US FATCA Manual Entry Filing 	
	 Info General Information	View
	  FF US FATCA Filing	

7. Select the **View Comments** icon and click the file attachment to download the IRS notification in XML format. We recommend opening the file with Internet Explorer for ease of viewing.



8. The image below shows how the IRS notification will look once opened. More detail on the structure and content of this file can be found in the International Compliance Management Model (ICMM) Notifications User Guide and FAQs.

```

+ <ds:KeyInfo Id="id-c6dd9730ce264ff17197afad59b707d809c0bba6">
- <ds:Object Id="id-8e56c5941fb7cf803fba8fecc87c1361f10afcb">
  - <ns2:FATCAValidFileNotification xmlns:ns4="urn:fatca:fatcafileerrornotification"
    xmlns:ns3="urn:fatca:fatcapaperrecorderrornotification" xmlns:ns2="urn:fatca:fatcavalidfilenotification"
    xmlns="urn:fatca:fatcanotificationbase">
    - <FATCANotificationHeaderGrp>
      <FATCANotificationCreateTs>2015-10-21T01:33:25Z</FATCANotificationCreateTs>
      <FATCANotificationRefId>42609</FATCANotificationRefId>
      <FATCANotificationCd>NVF</FATCANotificationCd>
      <FATCAEntitySenderId>000000.00000.TA.840</FATCAEntitySenderId>
      <FATCAEntityReceiverId>000000.00000.TA.092</FATCAEntityReceiverId>
      <ContactInformationTxt>http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Corporations/FATCA-Error-
        Notifications</ContactInformationTxt>
    </FATCANotificationHeaderGrp>
    - <OriginalFileMetadataGrp>
      <IDESTransmissionId>092F0dvLmMwii+0V8tXYcujFj1HBA7EX</IDESTransmissionId>
      <IDESSendingTs>2016-03-20T19:41:29.029Z</IDESSendingTs>
      <SenderFileId>20150320T192207783Z_000000.00000.TA.092.zip</SenderFileId>
    </OriginalFileMetadataGrp>
    - <OriginalFileMessageSpecGrp>
      <MessageRefId>SampleMessageRefID</MessageRefId>
      <SendingCompanyGIIN>123456.12345.BR.092</SendingCompanyGIIN>
      <TransmittingCountryCd>VG</TransmittingCountryCd>
      <ReceivingCountryCd>US</ReceivingCountryCd>
      <MessageTypeCd>FATCA</MessageTypeCd>
      <ReportingPeriodDt>2014-12-31Z</ReportingPeriodDt>
    </OriginalFileMessageSpecGrp>
    <NotificationContentTxt>The IRS has determined that the referenced file is in a valid format. Individual
      records submitted within the file have been processed and any errors detected during processing are
      provided in the Error Details included. For more information about record level errors, including their
      classification under an intergovernmental agreement (IGA), see:
      http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Corporations/FATCA-Error-Notifications</NotificationContentTxt>
    - <OriginalFileProcessingDataGrp>
      <FileTypeCd>NEW</FileTypeCd>
      <FinancialInstitutionCnt>1</FinancialInstitutionCnt>
      <RecordCnt>2</RecordCnt>
      <DupAccountReportRecordCnt>0</DupAccountReportRecordCnt>
      <NonDupAccountReportRecordCnt>2</NonDupAccountReportRecordCnt>
      <PooledReportRecordCnt>0</PooledReportRecordCnt>
    </OriginalFileProcessingDataGrp>
    <HCTATreatyStampTxt>This information is furnished under the provisions of an income tax treaty, tax
      information exchange agreement (TIEA), or other agreement for the exchange of information with a
      foreign government, and its use and disclosure must be governed by the provisions of that treaty,
      TIEA, or other agreement.</HCTATreatyStampTxt>
  </ns2:FATCAValidFileNotification>
</ds:Object>
</ds:KeyInfo>

```

## 2.7.2 Understanding IRS notifications

Once the IRS notification is downloaded from BVIFARS, it must be examined to determine the errors that must be corrected. The critical sections of the notification file are highlighted below; however, the IRS ICMM User Guide and FAQs should be referenced during this process.

### IRS ICMM User Guide:

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/fatca/fatcareportsicmmnotificationxmlschemauserguide.pdf>

**IRS Notifications FAQs:** <https://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Corporations/IRS-FATCA-Report-Notifications-Frequently-Asked-Questions>

1. **<FATCANotificationCd>** - This element identifies the type of notification received. These codes are further explained in the ICMM User Guide

```

- <FATCANotificationHeaderGrp>
  <FATCANotificationCreateTs>2015-10-21T01:33:25Z</FATCANotificationCreateTs>
  <FATCANotificationRefId>42609</FATCANotificationRefId>
  <FATCANotificationCd>NVF</FATCANotificationCd>
  <FATCAEntitySenderId>000000.00000.TA.840</FATCAEntitySenderId>
  <FATCAEntityReceiverId>000000.00000.TA.092</FATCAEntityReceiverId>

```

2. **<NotificationContentTxt>** - This element will explain, at a high level, the result of the IRS review of your submission

```
<NotificationContentTxt>The IRS has determined that the referenced file is in
a valid format. Individual records submitted within the file have been
processed and any errors detected during processing are provided in the
Error Details included. For more information about record level errors,
including their classification under an intergovernmental agreement
(IGA), see: http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Corporations/FATCA-Error-
Notifications</NotificationContentTxt>
```

3. **<FATCARecordErrorGrp>** - Within the FATCARecordErrorGrp, the notification will include a RecordLevelErrorCd for each applicable erroneous record in the submission. The ICMM User Guide describes the possible values for RecordLevelErrorCd.

```
- <ns2:FATCARecordErrorGrp>
  <RecordErrorInfoHeaderTxt>Record level error details from the file submitted are
  provided and are organized by financial
  institution.</RecordErrorInfoHeaderTxt>
  - <ns2:FATCARecordErrorFIGrp>
    <ReportingFINm>Sample Reporting FI Name</ReportingFINm>
    - <ns2:FATCARecordErrorDetailGrp>
      <FATCAReportTypeCd>ACCOUNT_REPORT</FATCAReportTypeCd>
      <DocTypeIndicCd>FATCA1</DocTypeIndicCd>
      <DocRefId>SampleGIIN.001</DocRefId>
      <RecordLevelErrorCd>8007</RecordLevelErrorCd>
```

4. **<FieldErrorGrp>** - For record-level error codes 8001 (Pooled Report Error) and 8007 (Account Report Error) the notifications will contain a "FieldErrorGrp" for each field-level error, with the XML path for the data element ("FieldNm") in error and description of the error ("FieldErrorTxt"). Field-level error types are provided alphabetically by description in Figure 4-2 of the ICMM User Guide. Each field-level error must be corrected in a Corrected submission through BVIFARS.

```
- <FieldErrorGrp>
  <FieldNm>ReportingFI/TIN</FieldNm>
  <FieldErrorTxt>GIIN not populated</FieldErrorTxt>
</FieldErrorGrp>
- <FieldErrorGrp>
  <FieldNm>ReportingGroup/AccountReport/AccountHolder/Organisation/TIN;
  ReportingGroup/AccountReport/AccountHolder/Individual/TIN</FieldNm>
  <FieldErrorTxt>TIN not valid</FieldErrorTxt>
</FieldErrorGrp>
```

**Important Note:** all Record-Level Notifications generated for the 2014 reporting year only regarding the absence of an Account Holder TIN and/or date of birth may be ignored. Upon review of the notification file received from the IRS; if the only error described is the absence of an Account Holder TIN or date of birth, there is no requirement to submit a corrected filing. Note that for tax year 2015, either the Account Holder TIN or date of birth must be provided. For tax year 2016 and beyond, the Account Holder TIN field will be made mandatory.

### 2.7.3 Submitting Corrected Filings

If a correction is required, follow the same process outlined in *Section 2 - Submitting data in the BVI Financial Account Reporting System* to create and submit a "Corrected Data" filing, which includes the new or updated data requested in the IRS notification. Submitting a "Corrected Data" filing is different than submitting a "New Data" filing in the following ways:

- Document Type: select "FATCA2 – Corrected Data"
- Corresponding Message Reference ID: enter the Message Reference from the original "New Data" filing

- Corresponding Document Reference IDs: enter the Document Reference IDs of the appropriate section(s) from the original New Data filing

Note that only the record(s) with the corrected data needs to be resubmitted via a “Corrected” filing. However, since the record must be transmitted in a valid FATCA file, the filing must have sufficient data from the original file to pass schema validation and other checks, including a complete **General Information form** and **Reporting FI Information** form (or MessageSpec and Reporting FI data elements for XML submissions).

**Important note:** The IRS has specified that for filings with Record/Field Level Errors, if the record has an error in the Reporting FI GIIN, the original record must be voided and a new record submitted to correct the GIIN. This means that the FI must first submit a **Void Data filing (Document Type: “FATCA3 – Void Data”), then submit a New Data filing (Document Type: “FATCA1 – New Data”) with a correct Reporting FI GIIN.** If applicable, this guidance can be found within the <ActionRequestedTxt> field in the IRS notification. Void Data Filings must include the **exact same data** as was included in the original filing, but with an updated Document Type, Document Reference IDs, and Corresponding Document Reference IDs.

**Important note:** Filings with the below Transmission Progress categories must submit a **New Data filing (Document Type: “FATCA1 – New Data”)**, as opposed to a Corrected filing, as the issue relates to the core references used to identify the file:

- Failed: Invalid Message Ref ID (<FATCANotificationCd> = NMR)
- Failed: Duplicate Message Ref ID (<FATCANotificationCd> = NDM)
- Failed: Invalid Doc Ref ID (<FATCANotificationCd> = NDR)

Please see [Section 5.1 - Viewing transmission progress & IRS notifications](#) for more information on each Transmission Progress category.



## 2.8 Additional US FATCA Guidance

This section includes general information you should reference throughout the US FATCA reporting process. For additional detail on these topics, please see the IRS FATCA XML User Guide or FAQs.

### **Document Reference IDs:**

- The IRS has introduced new format requirements for Document Reference IDs that came into effect in January 2016. New validation has been added to the BVIFARS system to check that all Document Reference IDs submitted within US FATCA filings conform to the new requirements. The IRS required format is **<ReportingFIGIIN>.<UniqueValue>**. More information can be found here: <http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Corporations/FATCA-XML-Schemas-Best-Practices-for-Form-8966-DocRefID>
- The ReportingFIGIIN within the Document Reference IDs must match the GIIN entered in the Reporting FI TIN field on the Reporting FI Information form (for manual entry filings), or the TIN item within the Reporting FI group (for XML filings) in order to be accepted into the BVIFARS system.

### **Account Holder Type:**

- When submitting an account report, if the reported financial account is held by an **individual**, the filer must not make a selection for Account Holder Type within the Account Report form (it should be left blank). The individual's First Name and Last Name must be completed when the account holder is an individual.
- If the reported financial account is held by an **entity**, selection of one Account Holder Type is required. Entity Name must be completed when the account holder is an entity.

### **Prohibited Characters:**

- The following IRS prohibited characters must not be included in any filings as this will prevent successful submission in BVIFARS:
  - Double Dash ( -- )
  - Slash Asterisk ( /\* )
  - Ampersand Hash ( &# )
- The following IRS prohibited characters must not be included in any **XML Upload** filings as this will prevent successful submission in BVIFARS. These characters **are** allowed in the Manual Entry filing, as they will be transformed to their escaped formats upon export:
  - Ampersand (&)
  - Less than (<)
  - Greater than (>)
  - Apostrophe (')
  - Quotation Mark (")
- More information can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Corporations/FATCA-XML-Schema-Best-Practices-for-Form-8966>

### **Account Number**

- If you do not have an account number for one or more reported accounts, note that the IRS guidance is to "provide the unique identifier used by the financial institution to identify the account holder or payee. If no account numbering system, then state "NANUM" for no account number".

### ***Tax Identification Number***

- If you do not have a US Tax Identification Number (TIN) for one or more reported accounts, for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 note that the IRS has indicated that you should insert nine capital letter As (i.e.: AAAAAAAAAA) in the TIN field for the Account Holder or Controlling Person. This will avoid the automatic generation and transmission by ICMM of error notifications. For more guidance on reporting US TINs see Notice 2017-46 as issued by the IRS.

## 3 UK CDOT and CRS Filing

**Important note:** The ability to create a manual UK CDOT filing or to upload an XML UK CDOT filing has been removed from the system, as all future UK CDOT filings will be submitted using the manual entry or upload option via the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) filings. Notwithstanding, FIs can still view previously submitted UK filings via the Submission History menu.

To submit accounts for UK reportable persons under either agreement, a CRS filing should be created with a receiving country of United Kingdom.

As with US FATCA, BVIFARS provides BVI CRS Reporting FIs with two options for submitting CRS filings:

- i. Manual Entry via online web forms; or,
- ii. Upload of an XML file that complies with the CRS XML Schema v.2.0 as published by the OECD.

**Important Note:** a separate Manual Entry or XML Upload filing must be created and submitted for each reportable jurisdiction your entity has reportable accounts for.

### 3.6 Creating CRS filings

In order to submit data to the BVI International Tax Authority to meet your CRS reporting requirements, you must first create a filing.

1. Navigate to the **Filings** using the menus at the side of the screen. Select **Create Filing**, as shown in the image below.

#### Draft Filings

This page allows you to perform all activities related to managing filings.



2. You will be presented with the **Create Filing** page, as shown in the image below.



## Create Filing

We need details about your filing so you will be able to identify it in the future. Please enter the details requested below.

The period end date identifies the reporting period for the filing. This should always be December 31st, except for Payments, where it should be June 1st.

Filing name:

Filing type:

- ☐ CRS Filing Summary
- ☐ CRS Manual Entry Filing
- ☐ CRS XML Upload Filing
- ☐ Payment
- ☐ Primary User Change Notice
- ☐ Reporting Entity Deactivation

Period end date:

**Create**

3. Enter a **Filing name** that is meaningful to you. It is best practice to include the jurisdiction country code, type of document, and the year (e.g. IE - New Data – 2016, UK - Corrected Data – 2016, etc.) so that filings can be easily differentiated over time.
4. Select the **Filing type** that you want to complete.
  - **Important note:** If you will be providing data in an XML file, you must choose the *CRS XML Upload Filing* filing type. If you will be entering data manually in a web form, you must choose the *CRS Manual Entry Filing* filing type.
5. Enter the **Period end date** for the filing.
  - **Important note:** The period end date is the last day of the reporting period (the calendar year). For CRS, this date must **always be December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Failure to select December 31<sup>st</sup> will result in an error being displayed on screen.
6. Select the **Create** button to complete the creation of your filing and make it available to enter or upload data.


### 3.7 Submitting a CRS filing via XML Upload


If you have chosen the CRS XML Upload filing (see Section [3.1 Creating CRS filings](#)), you will submit your CRS data by uploading an XML file into the filing.

1. Navigate to the **Draft Filings** screen using the menu at the top of the screen to view filings that you have created but not yet submitted.
2. Select the name of the filing you created from the **Filing name** column of the Draft Filings table to open that filing. You will be presented with the **Draft Filing** screen for that filing.






## Draft Filings

This page allows you to perform all activities related to managing filings.

 Create Filing

 View Submissions

### Draft Filings

Name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Receiving Country	Status	End date	Due date
							
CRS XML Filings	CRS05934	0.1	Waiting		No Data	31/12/2024	31/05/2025

3. Select the **Upload data** link within the filing table. You will be presented with the **Upload Data** page.

## View Filing

Filing name: CRS XML Filings

Filing reference: CRS05934

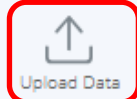
Filing end date: 31/12/2024

Filing due date: 31/05/2025




Filing status: No Data

Categories: Waiting

### Actions



Please select a form to view

CRS XML Filings			Status: No Data
	 CRS XML Upload Filing 		
	 GI General Information	View	
	CRS CRS Report		

4. Select the **Browse** button and choose the file you want to upload. Only files in XML format will be accepted, and they must comply with the CRS XML schema v.1.0 as published by the OECD (<http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/common-reporting-standard/schema-and-user-guide/>).

**Upload Data** [X]

The **FormSet** below will be populated with data by uploading a file.

CRS XML Upload Filing [v] [Choose File]

The file will be processed. If any validation errors are found, the user will receive an email and the errors will be available to view in the portal.

**i** Allowed file types are: xml,zip. If .xbrl is a valid file type, to speed up the upload process it is recommended that XBRL/IXBRL files greater than 10Mb are compressed using the standard .zip format. No other compression formats are currently accepted.

[Cancel]

5. The system will begin validation of your file immediately against the OECD XML schema and business rules. If you have uploaded a file that is not an XML file, you will see an error message on the Upload Data page informing you of that error.
6. If you do not receive any error message on the Upload XML page, the file will be submitted for processing and additional validation will be applied. More details on the validation that will be applied to all files can be found in [Section 3.6 - Summary of CRS validation rules](#).

**Upload Data** [X]

The **FormSet** below will be populated with data by uploading a file.

CRS XML Upload Filing [v] [Choose File]

The file will be processed. If any validation errors are found, the user will receive an email and the errors will be available to view in the portal.

**CRS filing 2023.xml 19.3 KB**

**✓** The file has been accepted for processing. If any validation errors are found, the user will receive an email and the errors will be available to view in the portal. These errors are placed within '**Errors & Warnings**' in the Actions in the View Filing page.

**i** Allowed file types are: xml,zip. If .xbrl is a valid file type, to speed up the upload process it is recommended that XBRL/IXBRL files greater than 10Mb are compressed using the standard .zip format. No other compression formats are currently accepted.

[Done]

7. You will receive a system-generated email when the processing is complete, indicating either that your submission was successful, or that the submission was unsuccessful and that the file must be

updated and resubmitted.


### 3.8 Submitting a CRS filing via Manual Entry


If you have chosen the CRS Manual Entry filing (see section [3.1 Creating CRS filings](#)), you will submit your CRS data by typing data into web forms.

1. Navigate to the **Draft Filings** screen using the menu at the top of the screen to view filings that you have created but not yet submitted.
2. Select the name of the filing you created from the **Filing name** column of the Draft Filings table to open that filing. You will be presented with the **Draft Filing** screen for that filing.






#### Draft Filings

This page allows you to perform all activities related to managing filings.

 Create Filing

 View Submissions

#### Draft Filings

Name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Receiving Country	Status	End date	Due date
							
CRS Manual Filings	CRS05935	0.1	Waiting		No Data	31/12/2024	31/05/2025

3. Select the **Edit** link beside the General Information form to confirm the receiving country and message type related to the filing being submitted.

#### View Filing

Filing name: CRS Manual Filings

Filing reference: CRS05935








Filing end date: 31/12/2024

Filing due date: 31/05/2025

Filing status: No Data

Categories: Waiting

Please select a form to view

CRS Manual Filings		Status: No Data
	★ CRS Manual Entry Filing 	
	★ GI General Information	 Edit  View
	CRS CRS Report	 Add Section

4. You will be presented with the editable form for data entry. The image below is a sample General Information form.

## Form View

### CRS Filing

Reporting Entity: Sample FI  
Period end date: 31/12/2024

General Information	
Receiving Country	<input type="text"/> *
Message Type	<input type="text" value="The message contains new information"/> *
Sending Company IN	<input type="text"/> ?
Message Reference	<input type="text" value="VG-b2877ba3-0fc6-42c2-9311"/> *


5. Select the **Receiving Country** associated with the filing from the drop-down, which is restricted to only include the list of reportable jurisdictions.
  - **Important Note:** A separate filing will be required for each reportable jurisdiction the entity has reportable accounts for.
6. Confirm the **Message Type** for the filing:
  - *The message contains new information* should be selected for the original filings being sent to reportable jurisdictions for the reporting period.
  - *The message contains corrections for previously sent information* should be selected for any subsequent corrections/deletions being sent to reportable jurisdictions for previously submitted filings for the reporting period.
  - *The message advises there is no data to report* should be used when submitting a nil filing domestically. See [Section 3.4 - Submitting a Nil CRS filing](#) for more information on this process.
7. For domestic filings (Receiving Country = Virgin Islands, British), enter the **Sending Company IN**. Please use the unique Financial Institution Code assigned to you by the system, which can be found in your Financial Institution profile.
8. Select "**Validate & Save**" to proceed.
  - **Important Note:** If you are alerted to any errors on the form, these must be corrected before proceeding, or selecting "Save as Draft" allows you to bypass on-form validation and save the data as draft until your return.

9. To complete the remainder of the filing, select the **Add Section** icon next to the CRS Report repeatable folder to generate a CRS Report folder.
- **Important Note:** Each CRS filing should only contain a single CRS Report folder, as they should include accounts for a single Reporting Financial Institution.








## View Filing

Filing name:	CRS Manual Filings	Filing reference:	CRS05935
Filing end date:	31/12/2024	Filing due date:	31/05/2025
Filing status:	Ready to Submit	Categories:	Waiting

### Actions

  
Validate &  
Submit

Please select a form to view

CRS Manual Filings		Status: Ready to Submit
  CRS Manual Entry Filing 	Clear	
  GI General Information	Clear   Edit   View	
 CRS CRS Report	 Add Section	

10. Expand the CRS Report Folder (using the “+” icon) and select the **Edit** link beside the Reporting FI Information form to enter data.

## View Filing

Filing name:	CRS Manual Filings	Filing reference:	CRS05935
Filing end date:	31/12/2024	Filing due date:	31/05/2025
Filing status:	In Draft	Categories:	Waiting

Please select a form to view

CRS Manual Filings

Status: In Draft

CRS Manual Entry Filing ⓘ

Clear

GI General Information

Clear | Edit | View

CRS CRS Report

Add Section | Delete All

CRS Report

Delete

RFI Reporting FI Information

Edit View

AI Account Information

11. You will be presented with the editable Reporting FI Information form for data entry. The image below shows a sample Reporting FI Information form.

### Form View

#### CRS Filing

Reporting Entity: Sample Fi  
Period end date: 31/12/2024

Document Type:	New Data *	If this data represents a change to previously submitted data, please enter the corresponding Document Reference ID here	
Document Reference ID:	VG-94bab556-ffcd-4003-9f3d- *		
Reporting FI Name	Sample Fi *		
Identification Number			
Reporting FI Tax Residence	Virgin Islands, British		
<b>Address</b>			
Street Address	ABM Chambers, Columbus Centre, Pelican Lane		
City	Road Town *		
Post Code	VG1110		
Country	Virgin Islands, British *		
Save As Draft		Validate & Save	

12. Complete all required information on the form. Please take note of the following:

- The **Document Type** field is included in both the Reporting FI Information and Account Information sections of the filing. Allowable entries are New Data, Corrected Data, and Deletion of Data. If you selected a Message Type of “The message contains new information” on the General Information form, all Document Types contained in the filing must be set to “New Data”.
  - **Important Note:** The OECD have introduced a fourth document type of “Resend Data”, which will be applicable to corrections being sent in response to partner jurisdiction notifications. This will be added to the system at a later date, and more information on this will be included at that time.
- The **Document Reference ID** is an auto-generated unique ID that must be included for each section. If you overwrite the auto-generated value with an internal reference, the ID must begin with “VG”, contain no spaces, and be globally unique.
- The **Reporting FI Name** and **Address** fields will be pre-populated based on the information stored in your Financial Institution Profile (which was submitted as part of your enrolment). If this name or address is incorrect, you must update the pre-populated data on the form before submitting the form.
- The **Identification Number** field on this form should be populated with the unique Financial Institution Code assigned to you by the system, which can be found in your Financial Institution profile.

13. Select “**Validate & Save**” to proceed.

- **Important Note:** If you are alerted to any errors on the form, these must be corrected before proceeding, or selecting “Save as Draft” allows you to bypass on-form validation and save the data as draft until your return.

14. Select the **Add Section** icon next to the Account Information section to add an account.

- **Important Note:** A separate Account Information form will be required for each reportable account being submitted for the receiving country. When returning to the Draft Filings page, you will need to expand the CRS Report Folder (using the “+” icon) to see all forms.
- **Important Note:** If this is a Nil filing, no reports should be added. Please see [Section 3.4 - Submitting a Nil CRS filing](#) for more information on this process.

The screenshot displays the 'CRS Manual Filings' interface. At the top right, it says 'Status: Ready to Submit'. The main area lists several sections: 'CRS Manual Entry Filing' (with a folder icon and a 'Clear' button), 'GI General Information' (with a document icon and 'Clear | Edit | View' buttons), 'CRS CRS Report' (with a folder icon, a green checkmark, and 'Add Section | Delete All | Clear All' buttons), 'CRS Report' (with a folder icon, a green checkmark, and 'Clear | Delete' buttons), 'RFI Reporting FI Information' (with a document icon, a green checkmark, and 'Clear | Edit | View' buttons), and 'AI Account Information' (with a folder icon and a green checkmark). The 'Add Section' button for the 'AI Account Information' section is highlighted with a red square and a green plus icon.

15. You will be presented with the editable form for data entry. The fields related to information on the account holder are shown below.



## CRS Filing

Reporting Entity: Sample FI  
Period end date: 31/12/2024

Document Type:	New Data *	If this data represents a change to previously submitted data, please enter the corresponding Document Reference ID here:	
Document Reference ID:	VG-b5d74463-f281-4e23-b91f *		

Do not make a selection for Account Holder Type if the Account Holder or Payee is an individual. Selection of one type is mandatory if the reported financial account is held by an entity or the reported payment is made to an entity.

Account Holder Type

Domestic only: Undocumented account ☐ Yes ☐ No

**For individuals, please provide the following:**

Title		First Name	*	Middle Name		Last Name	*
Date of Birth				Tax Residence	Germany		*
Taxpayer Identification Number							

**Account Address**

Number, Street, and Room/Suite no	
City	*
Post Code	
Country	*

**For entities, please provide the following:**

Name			
Entity Identification Number		Tax Residence	

**Account Address**

Number, Street, and Room/Suite no	
City	
Post Code	
Country	

**For all accounts with Controlling Persons please add their records below**

[Add Controlling Person](#)

**For all account types, please provide the following:**

Account Number	*	Account Type	
Account Balance	*	Account Currency	*
Account Closed?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Account Dormant?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

[Add Payment Record](#)

[Save As Draft](#) [Validate & Save](#)

16. Complete all required fields as appropriate for the account holder.

17. Guidance for completion of individual account holder information:

- The **Account Holder Type** must be left blank for individual account holders.
- The individual **Tax Residence** will be pre-populated with the Receiving Country entered on the General Information form. The tax residence of all individual accounts in the filing must match the reportable jurisdiction selected as the receiving country.
- The individual **Taxpayer Identification Number** is shown as optional on the form as there are valid scenarios where the TIN may not be available (e.g. the jurisdiction of tax residence does not issue TINs). However, you must ensure that for jurisdictions that DO expect a TIN to be submitted, this is included in the report. Otherwise, you may receive an error notification from the partner jurisdictions requiring a correction. The TIN rules and expected format by jurisdiction can be found here: <http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/crs-implementation-and-assistance/tax-identification-numbers/>.

18. Guidance for completion of entity account holder information:

- The **Account Holder Type** must be selected for entity account holders. Allowable values are as follows:
  - CRS Reportable Person
  - Passive Non-Financial Entity that is a CRS reportable person
  - Passive Non-Financial Entity with one or more controlling person that is a reportable person
- The entity **Tax Residence** must match the reportable jurisdiction selected as the receiving country on the General Information form, unless a Controlling Person is being added whose tax residence matches the receiving country.
- The **Entity Identification Number** is shown as optional on the form as there are valid scenarios where the IN may not be available (e.g. the jurisdiction of tax residence does not issue INs). However, you must ensure that for jurisdictions that DO expect an IN to be submitted, this is included in the report. Otherwise, you may receive an error notification from the partner jurisdictions requiring a correction. The TIN/IN rules and expected format by jurisdiction can be found here: <http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/crs-implementation-and-assistance/tax-identification-numbers/>.

19. Guidance for the completion of controlling person information:

- To add a controlling person record for the entity account, select the “**Add Controlling Person**” button.
- A new section will be added to capture controlling person information, as shown below. This should be done for each controlling person for the entity with a tax residence that matches the receiving country.

For all accounts with Controlling Persons please add their records below

Controlling Person Details

Controlling Person Type

CP of legal arrangement - trust - protector

Title

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

Tax Residence

Taxpayer Identification Number

Controlling Person Address

Number, Street, and Room/Suite no

City

Post Code

Country

Delete

Add Controlling Person

- Controlling persons can only be submitted with the account when the **Account Holder Type** is selected as “Passive Non-Financial Entity with one or more controlling person that is a CRS reportable person”. If any other account holder type is selected, the Controlling Person fields will remain disabled.
- The **Controlling Person Type** must be selected, which identifies the role of the controlling person. Available values for CRS are as follows:
  - CP of legal person – ownership
  - CP of legal person – other means
  - CP of legal person – senior managing official
  - CP of legal arrangement – trust – settlor
  - CP of legal arrangement – trust – trustee
  - CP of legal arrangement – trust – protector
  - CP of legal arrangement – trust – beneficiary
  - CP of legal arrangement – trust – other
  - CP of legal arrangement – other – settlor-equivalent
  - CP of legal arrangement – other – trustee-equivalent
  - CP of legal arrangement – other – protector-equivalent
  - CP of legal arrangement – other – beneficiary-equivalent
  - CP of legal arrangement – other – other-equivalent
- The controlling person **Tax Residence** must match the reportable jurisdiction selected as the receiving country in the General Information Form.
  - Important Note:** If the entity account has controlling persons in multiple jurisdictions, the entity account will need to be submitted separately for each receiving country, with the relevant controlling persons' information included in

each.

- The controlling person **Taxpayer Identification Number** is shown as optional on the form as there are valid scenarios where the TIN may not be available (e.g. the jurisdiction of tax residence does not issue TINs). However, you must ensure that for jurisdictions that DO expect a TIN to be submitted, this is included in the report. Otherwise, you may receive an error notification from the partner jurisdictions requiring a correction. The TIN rules and expected format by jurisdiction can be found here: <http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/crs-implementation-and-assistance/tax-identification-numbers/>

20. Guidance for completing account value information:

For all account types, please provide the following:

Account Number  \*

Account Balance  \*

Account Closed? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Account Type  \*

Account Currency  \*

Account Dormant? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Payment Type  \*

Currency  \*

Amount  \*

Delete

Add Payment Record

Save As Draft Validate & Save

- The **Account Number** is mandatory under CRS. The OECD guidance for this field is as follows:
  - Provide the account number used by the financial institution to identify the account. If the financial institution does not have an account number then provide the functional equivalent unique identifier used by the financial institution to identify the account.
  - For example: The account number may be the account number of a Custodial Account or Depository Account; ii) the code (ISIN or other) related to a Debt or Equity Interest (if not held in a custody account); or iii) the identification code of a Cash Value Insurance Contract or Annuity Contract.
  - If exceptionally there is no account numbering system use NANUM for no account number.
- The **Account Type** is optional, and is used to describe the type of account number. Available values are included below. Where an IBAN or ISIN is available, it should be provided in the correct format and the applicable account number type should be selected.
  - IBAN - International Bank Account Number (follows a known structure)
  - OBAN - Other Bank Account Number
  - ISIN - International Securities Information Number (follows a known structure)
  - OSIN - Other Securities Information Number
  - Other - Any other type of account number e.g. insurance contract
- The **Account Balance** and **Account Currency** must be provided. Negative account balances are not allowed, and must be reported as 0.00.
- The Account can also be specified as **Account Closed** or **Account Dormant**. Closed


accounts must have a zero (0.00) balance.


















- Select the “**Add Payment Record**” button to record one or more payments on the reported account, including the payment type, currency, and amount. Records can be added or deleted as required.
21. Once the General Information Form, Reporting Information Form, and all required Account Information forms within the filing are complete and in a **Validated** status (indicated by a green check mark icon) you must proceed to submitting the filing.
22. To submit a Manual Entry filing, navigate to the **Validate & Submit** button shown on the screen below.

## View Filing

Filing name:	CRS Manual Filings	Filing reference:	CRS05935
Filing end date:	31/12/2024	Filing due date:	31/05/2025
Filing status:	Ready to Submit	Categories:	Waiting

### Actions

  
Please select a form to view

CRS Manual Filings		Status: Ready to Submit
  CRS Manual Entry Filing 	Clear	
  GI General Information	Clear   Edit   View	
  CRS CRS Report	 Add Section   Delete All   Clear All	
  CRS Report	Clear   Delete	
  RFI Reporting FI Information	Clear   Edit   View	
  AI Account Information	   Delete All   Clear All	
  Sample FI	Delete   Clear   Edit   View	

23. You will be presented with the **Validate & Submit Filing** page. Select the **Validate** link in the Action column for the filing you would like to submit.
- **Important note:** Only filings in **Ready to Submit** status (all forms are validated) will appear on this page.
24. If there are validation issues with your filing, you will be notified on the page. See [Section 3.7 - Viewing and correcting CRS validation issues](#) for more information on the process to follow if any validation issues are present.
25. If there are no validation issues with your filing, you will be presented with the **Submit Filing** page. Select **Submit** to confirm submission.

Your filing has been validated and can now be submitted. Once it is submitted, you cannot add or delete data from your filing, but you can still view it in your submission history. If you need to submit amended or corrected data, you must submit an additional filing with the appropriate type.

If you need to submit amended or corrected data, you must submit an additional filing.

Submit

Cancel

26. Once your filing is successfully submitted with no errors, you will receive a system-generated email notifying you of the successful submission.

### 3.9 Submitting a Nil CRS filing

Nil CRS filings are not mandatory in BVI, but a Financial Institution may wish to submit a Nil filing for completeness if they have no reportable accounts for the reporting period. If a Financial Institution chooses to submit a Nil filing, only a single domestic Nil filing needs to be submitted.

The completion and submission of a Nil CRS filing follows the same high-level processes as outlined in [Section 3.2 – Submitting a CRS filing via XML Upload](#) and [Section 3.3 – Submitting a CRS filing via Manual Entry](#). The key differences and considerations for submitting a Nil filing are outlined below:

1. The **Receiving Country** must be set to Virgin Islands, British (VG), as Nil CRS filings are only submitted domestically.
2. The **Message Type** must be set to “The message advises there is no data to report”.
  - a. For Manual Entry filings, this is selected in the Message Type drop-down on the General Information form.
  - b. For XML filings, CRS703 should be included in the MessageTypeIndic element (within the message header).
3. The filing should only include the **Reporting FI Information** section. There should be no account reports submitted.

### 3.10 Submitting a domestic CRS filing with undocumented accounts

Domestic reports (with BVI as the receiving country) are only required in the BVI if the Financial Institution chooses to submit a Nil filing, or if they have undocumented accounts to report.

**Important Note:** Accounts held by BVI-resident account holders are not reportable, unless the account holder is dual-resident in another reportable jurisdiction.

The completion and submission of a domestic filing with undocumented accounts follows the same high-level processes as outlined in [Section 3.2 – Submitting a CRS filing via XML Upload](#) and [Section 3.3 – Submitting a CRS filing via Manual Entry](#). The key differences and considerations for submitting a domestic filing with undocumented accounts are outlined below:

1. The **Receiving Country** must be set to Virgin Islands, British (VG), as undocumented accounts are only submitted domestically.
2. The **Message Type** must be set to “The messages contains new information”, or “CRS701” for XML filings. Corrected filings are not applicable for domestic requirements.
3. An **Account Information** form should be added for each undocumented account the entity has on file.
4. The **Undocumented Account** indicator should be set to true for all undocumented accounts submitted domestically.
  - a. For XML filings, this is an attribute on the Account Number element.
  - b. For Manual Entry filings, this is an option to select on the Account Information form. Note this option only becomes enabled when BVI is selected as the Receiving Country on the General Information form.

Document Type:  \*

Document Reference ID:  \*

If this data represents a change to previously submitted data, please enter the corresponding Document Reference ID here:

Do not make a selection for Account Holder Type if the Account Holder or Payee is an individual. Selection of one type is mandatory if the reported financial account is held by an entity or the reported payment is made to an entity.

Account Holder Type:

Domestic only: Undocumented account ☒ Yes ☐ No \*

5. The account holder information should be completed based on whatever information is on hand. If the following information is not available or cannot be estimated, you can use the alternate values suggested to satisfy the mandatory items:
  - a. **Tax Residence:** Can be defaulted to Virgin Islands, British for undocumented accounts.
  - b. **Address:** The country can be defaulted to Virgin Islands, British” if unknown, and “Undocumented” can be entered for the City/Town.
6. It is expected that the account holder name, account number, account balance, and account currency will be known and reported by the Financial Institution, even if the account is undocumented.

### 3.11 Summary of CRS validation rules

The below tables detail the full list of validation rules that will be applied to CRS filings submitted in BVIFARS, in addition to standard validation against the OECD CRS XML Schema v.1.0. The validation rules have been separated into the following tables for ease of reference:

- General Validation
- Reporting FI Information Validation
- Account Information Validation
- Corrected Filings Validation

The Rule Name and Problem Message shown below are shown in the portal when an error is encountered, while the comments in the “Additional Comments” column are only intended to provide further clarification and guidance, where applicable.

It should also be noted that some of these errors are only applicable to the XML Upload filing. This is indicated in the “Applicable to” column.

For the Manual Entry filing, some validation is executed upon selecting the “Validate & Save” button on the individual forms, while other validation is executed when selecting the ‘Validate’ link on the Validate & Submit page. The below errors may be shown on either page.

General Validation			
Rule Name	Problem Message	Applicable to	Additional Comments
Account Report check	Account Report can only be omitted if the Reporting FI is being corrected/deleted or, in the case of domestic reporting, if there is nil reporting. If the Reporting FI indicates new data or resent, the Account Report must be provided.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	
DocRefId format check	For non-domestic reporting, the document reference ID field must be in the following format: The first two character must correspond to the sending jurisdiction country code, the next set of characters must be a unique reference.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	



General Validation			
Rule Name	Problem Message	Applicable to	Additional Comments
Document type check	The only document type values allowed for CRS reporting are OECD0 – Resent Data, OECD1 - New Data, OECD2 - Corrected Data or OECD3 - Deletion of Data.	XML Upload	<i>Note that this error may be shown as an XML enumeration constraint.</i>
Domestic Nil reporting check	The message type “The message advises there is no data to report” can only be used for domestic reporting.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>The receiving country must be “Virgin Islands, British” or “VG” if using message type “The message advises there is no data to report”.</i>
Period end date matches Reporting period?	The period end date <XXXX> specified during filing creation must match the reporting period on submission.	XML Upload	
Pool Report check	Pool Reporting is not applicable to CRS Reporting.	XML Upload	<i>Note that this error may be shown as an XML structural error.</i>
Receiving country is not a reportable jurisdiction	Please note <XXXX> is not yet a reportable jurisdiction for CRS	XML Upload	<i>The list is restricted in the Manual Entry form.</i>
Reporting Obligations	You are not permitted to submit this filing, as you do not have the relevant Reporting Type marked in your Reporting Obligations.  If you are required to submit information to this jurisdiction, please create and submit a "Change of Reporting Obligations" filing."	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>You will get this error if you try to submit a CRS filing but are not enrolled for CRS. You will need to use the 'Change of Reporting Obligations' form to first update your reporting obligations.</i>
Sending Company IN check	If the CRS report is being used for domestic reporting then a Sending Company IN must be provided.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	
Transmitting Country check	The value <XX> entered in the Transmitting Country field does not match that of the country being reported to.	XML Upload	<i>The transmitting country must always be equal to “VG”</i>
Unique document reference ID for Filing	A duplicate document reference ID has been entered for this filing.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>All document reference IDs must be globally unique.</i>
Unique message reference check	The message reference <XXXX> is already in use in another filing.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>The message reference must be unique.</i>

Reporting FI Information Validation			
Rule Name	Problem Message	Applicable to	Description
Reporting FI document reference ID spaces check	Please note, the Reporting FI Document Reference ID <XXXX> contains spaces and cannot be submitted	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>Spaces are not allowed in the document reference ID.</i>
Reporting FI document type does not match filing message type	Please note the document type you specified in the Reporting FI section of the filing does not match the overall message type selected.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>A) Where a Message Type of “The message contains new information” is selected then all Document types contained within the filing must have a type of “New Data” B) Where a message type of “The message contains corrections for previously sent information” is selected then all Document types contained within the filing must have a type of “Resent Data” “Corrected Data” or “Deletion of Data”</i>
Reporting FI tax residence check	The Tax Residence of the Reporting FI must always match the Transmitting Country.	XML Upload	<i>This must always be VG.</i>
Reporting FI Unique Document Reference ID check	Please note the document reference ID <XXXX> found in the Reporting FI section of this filing is already in use in the system.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>All Document Reference IDs must be globally unique, with the exception of the Reporting FI Document Reference ID being sent with a document type of OECD0 – Resent Data.</i>

Account Information Validation			
Rule Name	Problem Message	Applicable to	Description
Account balance check	The account balance cannot be less than zero.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>Under the CRS, an account with a balance or value that is negative must be reported as having an account balance or value equal to zero.</i>
Account Closed	Must specify true or false in the Account Closed element.	XML Upload	<i>If the Account Closed element is included in an uploaded XML, it must contain either True or False.</i>
Account holder unique Document Reference ID check	Please note the document reference ID <XXXX> found in the account holder section of this filing is already in use in the system.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>All Document Reference IDs must be globally unique.</i>
Account Report document reference ID spaces check	Please note, the Account Report document reference ID <XXXX> contains spaces and cannot be submitted	XML Upload and Manual Entry	
Account report document type does not match filing type	Please note the document type you specified in the Account Report section of the filing does not match the overall message type selected.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>A) Where a Message Type of "The message contains new information" is selected then all Document types contained within the filing must have a type of "New Data" B) Where a message type of "The message contains corrections for previously sent information" is selected then all Document types contained within the filing must have a type of "Corrected Data" or "Deletion of Data"</i>
Closed account nil balance check	Please note closed accounts must have a zero balance.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	
Controlling Person Account Holder Nationality	A controlling person must not have a value for nationality as it is not a reportable item in CRS.	XML Upload	<i>Note that this error may be shown as an XML structural error.</i>
Birth date check	Date of birth <XXXX> is not in a valid range. Date of birth must be greater than 1900 and not after the current year.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>Applicable to both the individual account holder date of birth and the controlling person date of birth.</i>
Controlling person check (a)	Please note the account holder type selected requires at least one controlling person to be reported.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>If you select 'CRS101' or 'Passive Non-Financial Entity with one or more controlling person that is a reportable person' as the account holder type you must include at least 1 controlling person in the account report.</i>
Controlling person Check (b)	A controlling person may only be submitted when the Account Holder Type is Passive Non-Financial Entity with one or more controlling person that is a Reportable Person.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>If the account holder type is 'CRS Reportable Person' (CRS102) or 'Passive Non-Financial Entity that is a CRS Reportable Person' (CRS103), it is not permitted to include a controlling person in the account report.</i>
Controlling person tax residence check	The controlling person tax residence must match the receiving country.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	
Deletion of Data	If the Document Type in the Reporting FI Information section is "Deletion of Data", all Account Report forms must also have a Document Type of "Deletion of Data"	XML Upload and Manual Entry	
IBAN format check	Please note account number: <XXXX> is not a valid IBAN.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	
Individual Account Holder Nationality	An Individual account holder cannot have a value for nationality as it is not a reportable item in CRS.	XML Upload	<i>Note that this error may be shown as an XML structural error.</i>

Account Information Validation			
Rule Name	Problem Message	Applicable to	Description
Individual account holder tax residence	The account holder tax residence must match the receiving country.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	
ISIN format check	Please note account number: <XXXX> is not a valid ISIN.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	
Organisation account holder tax residence	The account holder tax residence must match the receiving country.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>Note this is only applicable when there is no Controlling Person specified. If a Controlling person is specified (for an account with account type = Passive Non-Financial Entity with one or more controlling persons that is a reportable person), then it is permissible that the organisation account holder tax residence does not match the receiving country.</i>
Person name type invalid	The name type selected for an individual corresponds to the value not used for CRS i.e. "OECD201 – SMFAliasOrOther.	XML Upload	
Undocumented account check	Where a CRS filing is being used for domestic reporting the filer must indicate if the account being reported upon is undocumented or not.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	

Corrected Filings Validation			
Rule Name	Problem Message	Applicable to	Description
Account holder corresponding document reference ID check	Please note the corresponding document reference you have entered in the account holder section of the filing does not match a previously submitted document reference ID.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>If a corresponding document reference ID is entered on the account holder form, it must refer to a value contained in the document reference ID field of the account holder form of a previously submitted filing.</i>
Account Holder Corresponding document reference ID not present	If a document type of corrected data or deletion of data is selected on the account holder form then a corresponding document reference ID must be included in the filing.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	
Corresponding Message Ref ID present in Message Spec	Please note entering a Corresponding Message Reference within the Message Spec section of your filing is prohibited in CRS reporting.	XML Upload	<i>Note that this error may be shown as an XML structural error.</i>
Corresponding message reference present in Account Holder Doc Spec	Corresponding Message References are prohibited within the Account Holder Doc Spec group.	XML Upload	<i>Note that this error may be shown as an XML structural error.</i>
Corresponding message reference present in Reporting FI Doc Spec	Corresponding Message References are prohibited within the Reporting FI Doc Spec group.	XML Upload	<i>Note that this error may be shown as an XML structural error.</i>
Duplicate corresponding document reference check	The same DocRefID cannot be corrected or deleted twice in the same filing. E.g. You cannot repeat an account record to amend two different fields within the record.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	
Number of Account Reports marked for deletion does not match the number in the original filing.	If a deletion filing is being submitted the total number of account reports in the filing must be equal to the number of account reports that was in the original filing that was first submitted.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	
Receiving country in	The Receiving country in the Filing with	XML Upload and	<i>When submitting a correction for</i>

Corrected Filings Validation			
Rule Name	Problem Message	Applicable to	Description
Corrected Filing	CorrDocRefID <XXXX> does not match the Receiving country from its corresponding Filing.	Manual Entry	<i>a previously submitted record, the receiving country of the corrected filing must match the receiving country of the associated original filing.</i>
Reporting FI Duplicate CorrDocRefId	The CorrDocRefId in this filing is a duplication of a previous one already submitted.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	<i>If you have already submitted a correction for a record, there should be no future corrections submitted for it, as it will be considered outdated by the previous correction. Future corrections should refer to the DocRefID of the latest message submitted for the record.</i>
Reporting FI corresponding document reference ID check	Please note the corresponding document reference you have entered in the Reporting FI section of the filing does not match a previously submitted document reference ID.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	
Reporting FI Corresponding document reference ID not present	If a document type of corrected data or deletion of data is selected on the Reporting FI information form then a corresponding document reference ID must be included in the filing.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	
Reporting FI Resend Data Doc Ref Check	When the Reporting FI element has to be resent (using OECD0), the element should be identified with the same DocRefID as the immediately preceding version of the Reporting FI element.	XML Upload and Manual Entry	



### 3.12 Viewing and correcting CRS validation issues

If your filing has any of the issues outlined in [Section 3.6 - Summary of CRS validation rules](#), you can view the details within the portal in order to determine any corrections that need to be made. Note that only those errors triggered on the “Validate & Submit Filing” page will be saved and accessible using the process below. Errors triggered on the individual forms will not be saved and must be corrected before proceeding past the relevant form.


1. Navigate to the **Draft Filings** page using the menu at the top of the screen. If there are errors on a filing that you have attempted to submit, the **error icon** (gray circle with an exclamation point) will be displayed beside the filing’s status, as shown in the image below.

#### Draft Filings

This page allows you to perform all activities related to managing filings.

 Create Filing
  View Submissions

#### Draft Filings

Name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Receiving Country	Status	End date	Due date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>				<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<a href="#">CRS Manual Filings</a>	CRS05935	<a href="#">0.1</a>	Waiting	Germany	<a href="#">Ready to Submit</a> 	31/12/2024	31/05/2025

2. Click on the **error icon** to display the validation errors. A sample of potential errors is shown in the image below.

Submission Validation Issues			
Our checks have found some issues that need to be reviewed before you can submit. Please see below for details.			
Rule name	Type	Problem	Additional information
Individual account holder tax residence	Error	1. The account holder tax residence must match the receiving country.	Please ensure that the Tax Residency value of the Account Holder matches the value of the Receiving Country.
Controlling person tax residence check	Error	2. The controlling person tax residence must match the receiving country	Please ensure that the Tax Residency value of the Controlling Person matches the value of the Receiving Country.
Unique document reference ID for Filing	Error	3. A duplicate document reference ID has been entered for this filing	Please review all document reference ID's and ensure they are all unique

3. To correct errors and resubmit your filing, return to the **Draft Filings** page and then select the filing in question from the **Filing name** column of the table.
  - a. For the **Manual Entry Filing**: Select the **Edit** link next to the form(s) that you need to correct, update the data, and select **Validate & Save**. Then follow the steps to submit the filing, as per [Section 3.3 - Submitting a CRS filing via Manual Entry](#).
  - b. For the **XML Upload Filing**: Select the **Upload data** link and select a new XML file to upload. The system will begin validation of your new file immediately.
    - **Important Note**: if data has already been populated into the form, you will be presented with a pop-up message that says "Do you want to delete all existing data before uploading a new file? ", and should select "Yes" to avoid further data validation issues.

### 3.13 Viewing CRS record errors from partner jurisdictions

After the BVI ITA transmits submitted CRS filings to the various Reportable Jurisdiction Competent Authorities, the receiving jurisdiction will review and respond to indicate whether the filing is accepted as-is or if they have found errors with the submitted data.

When a record validation error is received for a filing, the users for the Financial Institution that submitted the original filing will receive an email titled "BVI Financial Account Reporting System: Error Received for <Filing Reference>". The email will indicate the reference for the effected filing, and instruct the user to log-in to review and correct the error(s).

To view the transmission progress and error(s) (where applicable) for any submitted filings, follow the steps below:

1. Log in to BVIFARS and select the appropriate financial institution if you have permissions for more than one FI.
2. Navigate to **Filings > View Submissions** using the menus at the side of the screen.

## Submission History

This page allows you to view the submission history.

Submission History allows you to review and print any filing that has previously been submitted to the BVI International Tax Authority (ITA).

All previously submitted filing are displayed. Click on the filing name to view the filing detail. You can also search a specific filing using the filing name, filing end date, submitted date etc.

Filing name	Reference	Revision	Submitted date (dd/mm/yyy)	Transmissio progress	Receiving Country	Status	Reporting end date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Due date
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3. You will be presented with the **Submission History** page, which displays the filings that have been submitted for your Financial Institution.
4. Review the Transmission Progress column to determine the status of your filing. When a filing is created and submitted in BVIFARS, it will have a Transmission Progress of "Waiting" until a response is received from the partner jurisdiction. Once a response is received, the Transmission Progress for the filing will be updated to either "Received" or "Record Validation Error".
  - Received: A message has been received from the partner jurisdiction, indicating that no errors have been found. No further action is required at this time.
  - Record Validation Error: A message has been received from the partner jurisdiction, indicating that one or more error has been found that requires correction.
5. Select the name of the filing you wish to view from the **Filing name** column of the Submission History tab

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Filing name	Reference	Revision	Submitted date (dd/mm/yyy)	Transmissio progress	Receiving Country	Status	Reporting end date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Due date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<a href="#">CRS Manual Filings</a>	CRS05935	<a href="#">1.0</a>	29/07/2024	Waiting	Germany	Accepted	31/12/2024	31/05/2025

6. You will be presented with the View Filing page for the selected filing.
7. Select the **View Comments** icon to display the record error(s) for the filing.







## View Filing

Filing name:	CRS Manual Filings	Filing reference:	CRS05935
Filing end date:	31/12/2024	Filing due date:	31/05/2025
Filing status:	Accepted	Categories:	Waiting

### Actions

  
View Comments

Please select a form to view

CRS Manual Filings	Status: Accepted
  CRS Manual Entry Filing 	
  GI General Information	<a href="#">View</a>
   CRS CRS Report	

9. Review the error(s) listed, specifically noting the **<Code>** and **<Details>** displayed.

### Filing Comments

Please see below for comments

Today

**System User** 06:00

**<RecordError>**

**<Code>80001</Code>**

**<Details Language="EN">The structure of the DocRefID is not in the correct format</Details>**

**<DocRefIDInError>BM-bb261730-17bb-4528-abce-1285f18b39f7</DocRefIDInError>**

**<DocRefIDInError>BM-8adc370d-bd58-4422-8437-0fd251ebcc94</DocRefIDInError>**

**<FieldsInError>**

**<FieldPath>CRS\_OECD/CrsBody/ReportingFI/DocSpec/DocRefId</FieldPath>**

**</FieldsInError>**

**<FieldsInError>**

**<FieldPath>CRS\_OECD/CrsBody/ReportingGroup/AccountReport/DocSpec/DocRefId</FieldPath>**

**</FieldsInError>**

**</RecordError>**

### 3.14 List of Potential OECD Record Validation Errors

The explanation for the record error codes received from partner jurisdictions, as outlined by the OECD, are included in the table below. Note that the validation within BVIFARS has been implemented such that a financial Institution should never receive the majority of these errors back from a partner jurisdiction, as the error will be caught at the point of submission.

Record Validations – CRS data fields		
Record Error Code	Validation name	Validation description
60000	Account Number IBAN	The Account Number must follow the IBAN structured number format when the Account Number type= OECD601 – IBAN.
60001	Account Number ISIN	The Account Number must follow the ISIN structured number format when the Account Number type= OECD603 – ISIN.
60002	Account Balance	The account balance entered was less than zero. This amount must be greater than or equal to zero.
60003	Account Balance and Closed account	The Account Balance must be zero if account was indicated as closed in the account closed attribute.
60004	Person.Name type invalid	Name type selected is invalid, i.e. corresponds to the value not used for CRS: OECD201= SMFAliasOrOther
60005	Controlling Person type must be omitted	When the Account Holder is an Organisation and the "Account Holder Type" is CRS102 or CRS103, the "Controlling Person Type" must be omitted. (CRS102= CRS Reportable Person; CRS103= Passive Non-Financial Entity that is a CRS Reportable Person)
60006	Controlling Person type must be provided	When the Account Holder is an Organisation and the "Account Holder Type" is CRS101, the "Controlling Person Type" must be provided. (CRS101= Passive Non-Financial Entity with - one or more controlling person that is a Reportable Person)
60007	Reporting Group	The Reporting Group cannot be repeated.
60008	Sponsor	Sponsor cannot be provided.
60009	Intermediary	Intermediary cannot be provided
60010	Pool Report	Pool Report cannot be provided.
60011	Verify data sorting Person ResCountry Code	When the Person is a Controlling Person or an Individual Account Holder, at least one of the according ResCountryCodes must match the Message Receiving Country Code
60012	Verify data sorting Organisation ResCountry Code	At least one of either the Entity Account Holder ResCountryCode or Controlling Person ResCountryCode must match the Message Receiving Country Code.
60013	Verify data sorting ReportingFI. ResCountry Code	ReportingFI.ResCountryCode should always be provided and it must match the Message Sending Country Code
60014	BirthDate	Date of birth should be in a valid range (e.g. not before 1900 and not after the current year).
60015	AccountReport	AccountReport can only be omitted if ReportingFI is being corrected/deleted or, in the case of domestic reporting, if there is nil reporting. If the ReportingFI indicates new data or resent, then AccountReport must be provided.



Record Validations – Missing or empty fields		
Record Error Code	Validation name	Validation description
70000	MessageRefID	Mandatory element
70001	Individual Account Holder TIN	Cannot be left blank if element is included
70002	Individual Account Holder First Name	Mandatory element (Note: use “NFN” for No First Name)
70003	Individual Account Holder Last Name	Mandatory element
70004	Individual Account Holder Address - City	Mandatory element
70005	Controlling Person TIN	Cannot be left blank if element is included
70006	Controlling Person First Name	Mandatory element (Note: use “NFN” for No First Name)
70007	Controlling Person Last Name	Mandatory element
70008	Controlling Person Address - City	Mandatory element
70009	Organisation Account Holder IN	Cannot be left blank if element is included
70010	Organisation Account Holder Name	Mandatory element
70011	Organisation Account Holder Address - City	Mandatory element
70012	Reporting FI IN	Cannot be left blank if element is included
70013	Reporting FI Name	Mandatory element
70014	Reporting FI Address - City	Mandatory element
70015	Account Number	Mandatory element
Record Validations – Fields used for the correction process		
Record Error Code	Validation name	Validation description
80000	DocRefID already used	The DocRefID is already used for another record.
80001	DocRefID format	The structure of the DocRefID is not in the correct format, as set out in the User Guide.
80002	CorrDocRefId unknown	The CorrDocRefId refers to an unknown record.
80003	CorrDocRefId no longer valid	The corrected record is no longer valid (invalidated or outdated by a previous correction message). As a consequence, no further information should have been received on this version of the record.
80004	CorrDocRefId for new data	The initial element specifies a CorrDocRefId. Only corrected or deleted records should have a CorrDocRefId.
80005	Missing CorrDocRefId	The corrected element does not specify any CorrDocRefId.
80006	DocSpec. CorrMessage RefID	The CorrMessageRefID is forbidden within the DocSpec_Type.
80007	MessageSpec. CorrMessage RefID	The CorrMessageRefID is forbidden within the Message Header
80008	Resend option	The Resend option may only be used with respect to the Reporting FI element.

80009	Delete ReportingFI	The Reporting FI cannot be deleted without deleting all related Account Reports.
80010	Message TypeIndic	A message can contain either new records (OECD1) or corrections/deletions (OECD2 and OECD3), but should not contain a mixture of both.
80011	CorrDocRefID twice in same message	The same DocRefID cannot be corrected or deleted twice in the same message.
80012	Reporting Period	A message must not contain data for two different Reporting Periods.

### 3.15 Submitting CRS Corrections

To address a record validation error, the Reporting Entity must create and submit a “Corrected” filing that references the original filing to correct the errors indicated, and submit it via BVIFARS.

**Important Note:** Corrected filings can also be used to proactively correct an error you recognize in your original filing. The New Data filing will be sent to the partner jurisdiction first, followed by the Corrected Data filing.

Corrected filings are created and submitted via XML Upload or Manual Entry, using the same processes outlined at the beginning of this section.

When submitting a Corrected filing, you must ensure the following:

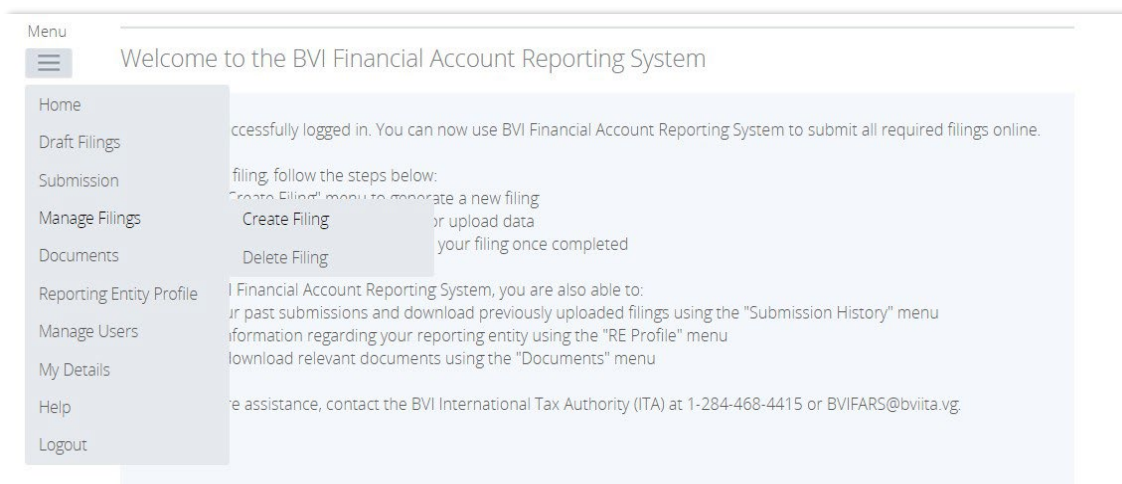
- The Message Type Indicator must be set to “The message contains corrections for previously sent information” (CRS702).
- The Document Type Indicator for the Reporting FI section must be set to either “Resent Data” (OECD0), “Corrected Data” (OECD2) or “Deletion of Data” (OECD3). Resent Data (OECD0) should only be used when one or more Account Reports are being corrected or deleted, but there are no updates being sent for the Reporting FI section.
- The Document Type Indicator for the Account Report section must be set to either “Corrected Data” (OECD2) or “Deletion of Data” (OECD3). “Resent Data” (OECD0) is not permitted for the Account Report section.
- If the Reporting FI section is being resent without modification (using OECD0 - Resent Data), the same Document Reference ID should be used as was used in the previous submission. For any sections containing a modification, a new unique Document Reference ID should be used.
- The Corresponding Document Reference ID for each section being corrected or deleted should reference the Document Reference ID from the associated section of the previous filing. This should always refer to the *latest* document reference ID. For example, for a correction of a previous correction record, the CorrDocRefID of the second correction of the message must reference the DocRefID of the first correction (not the initial record).
- A correction message can contain either corrections (OECD2) or deletions (OECD3) or both, as well as a resent Reporting FI element (OECD0), but may not contain new data (OECD1).

## 4 BEPS: Country-By-Country Reporting

**Important Note:** Enrolment in BVIFARs is only for Ultimate Parent Entities and Surrogate Parent entities who have a reporting obligation. Notification of Entities that are constituent entities of a MNE Group must continue to be sent following the procedure outlined in the guidance notes.

To submit data to the International Tax Authority, you must first create a filing:

1. Select **Manage Filings** > **Create Filing** from the main menu within the portal.



2. Enter a name for the filing.
3. CbC XML Upload Filing as the filing type should then be selected and a period end date should then be selected.

**Note:** The period end date is the last day of the reporting period. For CbC Reporting this must be the last day of the Reporting Fiscal Year and the year must be equal to the year being reported for.

### Create Filing

We need details about your filing so you will be able to identify it in the future. Please enter the details requested below.

The period end date identifies the reporting period for the filing. This should always be December 31st.

Filing name:  \*

Filing type: 

☒ CbC XML Upload Filing  
☐ Change of Financial Institution Information  
☐ Change of Reporting Obligations  
☐ CRS Filing Summary  
☐ CRS Manual Entry Filing  
☐ CRS XML Upload Filing

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Period end date:  \*

[Create](#)

- As per other filing types, once the CbCR filing has been created, it should be available within the Draft Filings section. Simply click the name of the filing to access it.

### Draft Filings

Please select the name of the filing you wish to complete.

To create new filings, please use the "Create Filing" functionality.

Filing name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Receiving Country	Status	Filing end date	Due date
<a href="#">Country CBC XML Upload 18</a>	CbC01012	<a href="#">0.1</a>	Waiting		No Data	31/12/2018	31/12/2019
<a href="#">CRS XML New Return</a>	CRS01008	<a href="#">0.1</a>	Waiting		<a href="#">No Data</a> ⓘ	31/12/2018	31/05/2019

### View Filing

Filing name: CBC Filing 23      Filing reference: CbC385735

Filing end date: 31/12/2023      Filing due date: 30/12/2024

Filing status: No Data      Categories: Waiting

**Actions**

Upload Data

Please select a form to view

CBC Filing 23	Status: No Data
CbC XML Upload Filing ⓘ	
CbC CbC Xml Upload	<a href="#">View</a>

[Back](#)

**Note:** It is not possible to edit any part of the filing manually. Data must be supplied in an XML data file compliant with the CbC XML schema v.1.0 specification as published by the OECD.

5. Click the Upload Data button on the right-hand side.

6. Browse for xml file and upload

The screenshot shows the 'Upload Data' web interface. At the top, it says 'Upload Data'. Below that, a light blue box contains instructions: 'Please upload your XML file and we will run the following initial validations: Allowed file types are: .xml, .zip. The file will be processed as soon as possible and you will be informed via email about any validation issues.' It also says 'Click Browse to select the XML file. It will be validated, and the results will be displayed below.' Below this is a label 'Select file to upload:' and a 'Browse...' button. Below the interface is a file selection dialog. The dialog shows a file named 'CbC XML Return 18' with a date '26/02/2018 13:33' and a file type 'XML Fi'. The 'File name' field in the dialog also contains 'CbC XML Return 18' and the file type dropdown is set to 'All Files (\*.\*)'. There are 'Open' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom right of the dialog.

The system will begin validation of your file immediately against the OECD CbC XML schema and business rules.

If the filer has uploaded a file that is not an XML file, he/she will see an error message on the Upload Data page informing you of that error.

If the filer does not receive any error message on the Upload XML page, the file will be submitted for processing and additional validation will be applied.

The filer should then receive a system-generated email when the processing is complete, indicating either the submission was successful, or that the submission was unsuccessful and that the file must be updated and resubmitted.

**Important Note:** For Entities that are already registered for CRS or FATCA and need to update their reporting obligations to include CbCr, you may do this by contacting the ITA via email address [info@bviita.vg](mailto:info@bviita.vg). Please caption the email as "Update Reporting Obligation to include CbCR", in this email we are only asking you to indicate to add CBCr reporting, no further information will be needed as all other information is within the system.

# 5 Payment of Fees

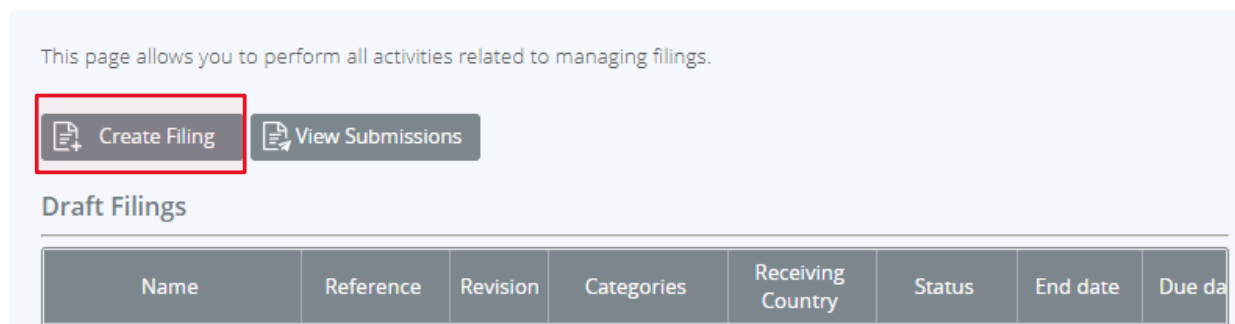
## 5.0 Making a single payment

1. In order to make payments on the FARS portal, these are the steps that need to be taken. Log into the portal [bvifars.bviita.vg](https://bvifars.bviita.vg)



2. From the home page, click **Menu** and then select **Filings**

## Draft Filings



3. Next Click **Create Filing**.

## Create Filing

We need details about your filing so you will be able to identify it in the future. Please enter the details requested below.

The period end date identifies the reporting period for the filing. This should always be December 31st, except for Payments, where it should be June 1st.

Filing name:  \*

Filing type: ☐ CRS XML Upload Filing  
☒ Payment  
☐ Primary User Change Notice  
☐ Reporting Entity Deactivation  
☐ US FATCA Manual Entry Filing  
☐ US FATCA XML Upload Filing \*

Period end date:  \*

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4. Enter the name of the **Filing name** and for the filing type select **Payment**. Next enter the **Period end date** which is 1<sup>st</sup> June. Finally hit **Create**.
  - a. **Important Note: Important Note:** As the first payment is due in 2025 it is expected that the filing date will reflect the 2025 year for example Payment 2025 and the period end date will be 1st June, 2025. If you're making payment for one entity, select the option called **Payment**. If you are making payment for multiple entities select **Bulk Payment**.

Create Filing

We need details about your filing so you will be able to identify it in the future. Please enter the details requested below.

The period end date identifies the reporting period for the filing. This should always be December 31st, except for Payments, where it should be June 1st.

Filing name:  \*

Filing type: ☐ Article 3 Notification  
☐ Bulk Payment  
☐ CRS XML Upload Filing  
☐ Change of Reporting Entity Information  
☐ Change of Reporting Obligations  
☒ Payment \*

Period end date:  \*

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## Filing Created Successfully

Your filing, named **Payment 2025**, has successfully been created with the reference "P422616".

You can now access the filing in the Draft Filings area.

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5. Once the filing is created successfully a message would be generated. Next click on the **payment filing name** in the message.

## View Filing

Filing name: Payment 2025 Filing reference: P422616  
Filing end date: 01/06/2025 Filing due date:  
Filing status: No Data Categories:

Please select a form to view

Payment 2025	Status: No Data
  Payment 	
  Payment Form Payment Form	<a href="#">Edit</a>   <a href="#">View</a>

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- The next step is to validate the payment form. To do so click on **Edit** on the payment form.

## Form View

**Payment Form**

Entity Name	Your FI
Entity ID	FI030554
Payment Type	Annual submission fee
Description	Reporting Entities are required to pay an annual fee to submit filings to the International Tax Authority.
Company Name	Wil Test
Amount	185
Due by date	01/06/2025
Reference	P422616

[Save As Draft](#) [Validate & Save](#)

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- Make sure the information is correct on the form, then click on **Validate & Save**.








## View Filing

Filing name: Payment 2025 Filing reference: P422616  
Filing end date: 01/06/2025 Filing due date:  
Filing status: Ready to Submit Categories:

Actions

 Validate & Submit

Please select a form to view

Payment 2025	Status: Ready to Submit
  Payment 	Clear
  Payment Form Payment Form	Clear   Edit   View

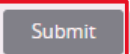

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8. Next step is to click **Validate and Submit**

## Submit Filing

Your filing has been validated and can now be submitted. Once it is submitted, you cannot add or delete data from your filing, but you can still view it in your submission history. If you need to submit amended or corrected data, you must submit an additional filing with the appropriate type.

If you need to submit amended or corrected data, you must submit an additional filing.

9. Once all the information is correct click **submit**.

## Submit Filing

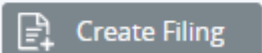
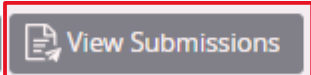
Your submission has been accepted.

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10. Next, Click **Return to Manage Filings**

## Draft Filings

This page allows you to perform all activities related to managing filings.

11. To see the filing in order to issue payment, Click **View Submissions**

## Submission History

This page allows you to view the submission history.

Submission History allows you to review and print any filing that has previously been submitted to the BVI International Tax Authority (ITA).

All previously submitted filing are displayed. Click on the filing name to view the filing detail. You can also search a specific filing using the filing name, filing end date, submitted date etc.

Filing name	Reference	Revision	Submitted date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Transmissio progress	Receiving Country	Status	Reporting end date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Due date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Payment 2025	P422616	1.0	09/04/2025		n/a	Submitted For Approval	01/06/2025	

12. Next click on the **Filing name**






### View Filing

Filing name: Payment 2025      Filing reference: P422616  
Filing end date: 01/06/2025      Filing due date:  
Filing status: Submitted For Approval      Categories:

#### Actions



Please select a form to view

Payment 2025		Status: Submitted For Approval
	 Payment 	
	 Payment Form Payment Form	<a href="#">View</a>

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13. Next click on **Payments**

View Payment Records

See below for all payment records associated with this filing

Transaction reference	Name	Filing revision	Amount	Status	Due by	Action
> P422616	Your P (P020554)	1.0	\$185.00	Unpaid	01/06/2025	<a href="#">Pay</a>

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## View Payment Records

See below for all payment records associated with this filing

Transaction reference	Name	Filing revision	Amount	Status	Due by	Action
✓ P422616	Your Fi (FI030554)	<u>1.0</u>	\$ 185.00	Unpaid	01/06/2025	<b>Pay</b>
<p><b>Description:</b> Reporting Entities are required to pay an annual fee to submit filings to the International Tax Authority.</p> <p><b>Payment date</b>      <b>Payment method</b>      <b>Paid By</b> Online</p>						

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14. Review the information once more then click **Pay** under the Action Column

15. When the page loads, fill in the relevant information required and hit the Blue Pay button.

yourfiemail@email.com  
[Change account](#)

Credit / Debit / Prepaid card

Card information

1234 5678 9012 3456

Month / Year  CVV

Owner data

John Doe

Mobile number

**Pay \$185.00**

By proceeding, I accept the applicable policies for the treatment of my personal data according to the local jurisdiction of the responsible entity and [Evertec PlacetoPay](#) in its capacity as manager.

[I don't want to continue](#)

**Total to pay** 5188525072-T103

**\$185.00** USD

Reporting Entities are required to pay an annual fee to submit filings to the International Tax Authority.

**Payment details**

Reference **P422616**

Request date **2025-04-09 09:52:33**

The process will expire in 7 minutes

Get help at [info@bviita.vg](mailto:info@bviita.vg)

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16. After the transaction is completed print or save the payment voucher for your records. Please note it will also be sent to the email address linked to the account that is linked to the account.

17. Click Back to Merchant to head back to the portal and to confirm that the status has changed to paid.

## View Payment Records

See below for all payment records associated with this filing

Transaction reference	Name	Filing revision	Amount	Status	Due by
▼ P422616	Your FI (FI030554)	1.0	\$ 185.00	Paid	01/06/2025
<b>Description:</b> Reporting Entities are required to pay an annual fee to submit filings to the International Tax Authority.					
<b>Payment date</b>		<b>Payment method</b>	<b>Paid By</b>		
09/04/2025		Online	John Doe		

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## 5.1 Making a Bulk Payment

### Create Filing

We need details about your filing so you will be able to identify it in the future. Please enter the details requested below.

The period end date identifies the reporting period for the filing. This should always be December 31st, except for Payments, where it should be June 1st.

Filing name:  \*

Filing type: 

☐ Article 3 Notification  
☒ Bulk Payment  
☐ CbC XML Upload Filing  
☐ Change of Reporting Entity Information  
☐ Change of Reporting Obligations  
☐ Payment

 \*

Period end date:  \*

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1. Enter the name of the **Filing name** and for the filing type select **Bulk Payment**. Next enter the **Period end date** which is 1<sup>st</sup> June. Finally hit **Create**.
  - a. **Important Note:** As the first payment is due in 2025 it is expected that the filing date will reflect the 2025 year for example Payment 2025 and the period end date will be 1st June, 2025.

### Filing Created Successfully

Your filing, named "Bulk Payment 2025", has successfully been created with the reference "BP422627".

You can now access the filing in the Draft Filings area.

[Return to Manage Filings](#)

2. Once the filing is created successfully a message would be generated. Next click on the **payment filing name** in the message.

The next step is to enter the FI's you will be included in the bulk payment. However, at this point you have two options, which are to upload the Fis manually or upload them from an excel sheet ([Download Template Here](#)).

To upload the excel sheet click **upload data**.

To do enter the Fis manually click on **Edit** on the payment form.

## View Filing

Filing name: Bulk Payment 2025

Filing reference: BP422627


Filing end date: 01/06/2025

Filing due date:

Filing status: No Data

Categories:



Actions


  
Upload Data

Please select a form to view

Bulk Payment 2025

Status: No Data

 ★ Bulk Payment 

 ★ BPF Bulk Payment Form 

Edit View

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- The next step is to validate the payment form. To do so click on **Edit** on the payment form.

## Form View

**Bulk Payment Form**

Entity Name	Your Fi
Entity ID	FI030554
Description	Reporting Entities are required to pay an annual fee to submit filings to the International Tax Authority.
Amount	555
Due by date	01/06/2025
Filing Reference	BP422627

**Reporting Entity Payment Details**

Company Name	Reference	
All-Stars SP IV Limited (FI001) ★	FI001746 ★	Delete
Odyssey PanAmerica Equity I ★	FI000134 ★	Delete
On Wing Investments Limited ★	FI001386 ★	Delete
<div>Add</div>		

Save As Draft

Validate & Save

**Important note:** Only entities listed under **Reporting Entity Payment Details** fees are being paid. This entity **123 CTS Test FI** fees are **NOT** being paid and is simply the filer of the bulk payment form.

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- Enter all the companies that you are making payments for, by entering their name and reference name in the corresponding fields in the following format **Company Name (FI00000)** See **Figure 1** . To add more companies click **Add** to create more fields. Once that is completed hit **Validate & Save**.

## Reporting Entity Payment Details

Company Name	Reference
Company Name (FI00000) *	FI00000 *
Delete	

Figure 1

### Note (XLSX upload)

Just link in the manual method above please enter the information in the same manner, by entering their name and reference name in the corresponding fields in the following format **Company Name (FI00000)** See Figure 1 above. ([Download Template Here](#))

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	Bulk Payment Form									
2										
3	Entity Name	XYZ Corporate Services, Ltd. (FI001676)								
4	Entity ID	FI001676								
5										
6	Description	Bulk payment								
7	Amount	740								
8	Due by date	1/6/2024								
9	Reference									
10										
11	Reporting Entity Payment Details									
12	Company Name	Reference								
13	SUPPORT 3767 Test Entity (FI001845)	FI001845								
14	Retest Duplicate FI Email (FI001848)	FI001848								
15	SUPPORT 3767 Test Entity (FI001846)	FI001846								
16										

**Important note:** Only entities listed under **Reporting Entity Payment Details** fees are being paid. This entity XYZ Corporate Services fees are **NOT** being paid and is simply the filer of the bulk payment form.

Notes:

1. This field should be the entity that you are logged into making the payment.
2. Enter the Entity ID (FI Number) for the Entity you are logged into.
3. This field should be manually calculated by multiplying 185 by the number of entities.
4. Enter the due date (which is usually the 1st of the June).
5. The only fields that need to be filled in are Company Name and Reference.
6. Each company must include both Company Name and Reference. The file will encounter errors if either of the two columns is not filled in.

When using the XLSX upload option click Upload Data. Select the file with the FI information.

### Upload Data

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**The FormSet** below will be populated with data by uploading a file.

Bulk Payment

▼

Choose File

The file will be processed. If any validation errors are found, the user will receive an email and the errors will be available to view in the portal.


**!** Allowed file types are: xls,xlsx,zip,rar,7z,gz. If .xbrl is a valid file type, to speed up the upload process it is recommended that XBRL/IXBRL files greater than 10Mb are compressed using the standard .zip format. No other compression formats are currently accepted.


Cancel

## View Filing






Filing name:	Bulk Payment 2025	Filing reference:	BP422627
Filing end date:	01/06/2025	Filing due date:	
Filing status:	Ready to Submit	Categories:	

### Actions

 **Validate & Submit**

 Upload Data

Please select a form to view

Bulk Payment 2025		Status: Ready to Submit
	 Bulk Payment 	Clear
	 BPF Bulk Payment Form	Clear   Edit   View

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5. Next click **Validate & Submit**

## Submit Filing

Your filing has been validated and can now be submitted. Once it is submitted, you cannot add or delete data from your filing, but you can still view it in your submission history. If you need to submit amended or corrected data, you must submit an additional filing with the appropriate type.

If you need to submit amended or corrected data, you must submit an additional filing.

Submit

Cancel

6. Click Submit to **Submit** the information.

## Submit Filing


Your submission has been accepted.


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7. Next, Click **Return to Manage Filings**

## Draft Filings

This page allows you to perform all activities related to managing filings.

 Create Filing

 View Submissions

8. To see the filing in order to issue payment, Click **View Submissions**.



## Submission History

This page allows you to view the submission history.

Submission History allows you to review and print any filing that has previously been submitted to the BVI International Tax Authority (ITA).

All previously submitted filing are displayed. Click on the filing name to view the filing detail. You can also search a specific filing using the filing name, filing end date, submitted date etc.

Filing name	Reference	Revision	Submitted date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Transmissio progress	Receiving Country	Status	Reporting end date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Due date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<a href="#">Bulk Payment 2025</a>	BP422627	1.0	09/04/2025		n/a	Submitted For Approval	01/06/2025	

9. Next click on the **Filing name**






### View Filing

Filing name: Bulk Payment 2025      Filing reference: BP422627  
Filing end date: 01/06/2025      Filing due date:  
Filing status: Submitted For Approval      Categories:

#### Actions



Please select a form to view

Bulk Payment 2025		Status: Submitted For Approval
	 Bulk Payment 	
	 BPF Bulk Payment Form	<a href="#">View</a>

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10. Next click on **Payments**

## View Payment Records

See below for all payment records associated with this filing

Transaction reference	Name	Filing revision	Amount	Status	Due by	Action
✓ BP422627	Your Fi (FI030554)	<u>1.0</u>	\$ 555.00	Unpaid	01/06/2025	<b>Pay</b>
<b>Description:</b> Bulk Payment completed by Your Fi (FI030554)						
<b>Payment date</b> <b>Payment method</b> <b>Paid By</b> Online						

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11. Review the information once more then click **Pay** under the Action Column

12. When the page loads fill in the relevant information required and hit the Blue Pay button

yourfiemail@email.com  
[Change account](#)

Credit / Debit / Prepaid card

Card information

1234 5678 9012 3456

Month / Year      CVV

Owner data

John      Doe

Mobile number

**Pay \$555.00**

By proceeding, I accept the applicable policies for the treatment of my personal data according to the local jurisdiction of the responsible entity and **Evertec PlacetoPay** in its capacity as manager.

[I don't want to continue](#)

**Total to pay** S188523703-T103

**\$555.00** USD

Bulk Payment completed by Your Fi (FI030554)

**Payment details**

Reference: BP422627

Request date: 2025-04-09 09:42:09

The process will expire in 4 minutes

Get help at [info@bviita.vg](mailto:info@bviita.vg)

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13. After the transaction is completed print or save the payment voucher for your records. Please note it will also be sent to the email address linked to the account that is linked to the account. Click Back to Merchant to head back to the portal and to confirm that the status has changed to paid.

## View Payment Records

See below for all payment records associated with this filing

Transaction reference	Name	Filing revision	Amount	Status	Due by
▼ BP422627	Your Fi (FI030554)	1.0	\$ 555.00	Paid	01/06/2025
<b>Description:</b> Bulk Payment completed by Your Fi (FI030554)					
<b>Payment date</b>		<b>Payment method</b>	<b>Paid By</b>		
09/04/2025		Online	John Doe		

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. When should Financial Institutions enrol with BVIFARS?

Financial Institutions can enrol with BVIFARS anytime, however the annual deadline to register with BVIFARS is 1<sup>st</sup> April for FATCA and 30<sup>th</sup> April for CRS.

## 2. Do I have to enrol with BVIFARS every year?

No. A Financial Institution is only required to enrol with BVIFARS once and their account details will remain valid until revoked.

## 3. How can I de-register an entity if I enrolled in error?

If you are of the opinion that you have registered or enrolled on BVIFARS in error, you will be required to submit a letter signed by the Director or authorised representative of the entity indicating that you enrolled in error and do not have any reporting obligations and request to be removed from the system. This letter can be submitted via email: [info@bviita.vg](mailto:info@bviita.vg) via direct mail to the office of the International Tax Authority.

## 4. How can a Financial Institution be removed from BVIFARS if it no longer classifies as a Financial Institution and no longer has reporting obligations?

If you no longer have reporting obligations and wish to have your account removed, first you must ensure that you have satisfied all your reporting obligations up to the reporting year in which you are no longer obligated, including responding to any corrections of filings submitted from any receiving jurisdiction(s). Once all current obligations have been satisfied, the Financial Institution will be required to submit a letter signed by the Director or its authorised representative requesting that their account be removed. That letter should include the reason why the Financial Institution is of the view that it no longer has reporting obligations, e.g. the Financial Institution has been liquidated, and it will have to provide a copy of all supporting documentation, such as the Liquidation Certificate. You will also be required to confirm within the letter that the institution has satisfied all its reporting obligations. This letter can be submitted via email: [info@bviita.vg](mailto:info@bviita.vg) or via direct mail to the office of the International Tax Authority.

## 5. Are Financial Institutions required to enrol with BVIFARS if there is nothing to report?

For US FATCA, No. There is no requirement for Financial Institutions to submit a Nil Report and as such, Financial Institutions are not required to enrol with BVIFARS if there is nothing to report, however, BVIFARS will accept a Nil Report, so a Financial Institution wishing to submit a Nil Report will have to enrol to do so. Please note that it is now mandatory that all reports must either include a completed Account Holder form or it must be indicated in the Reporting FI form that it is a Nil report.

For CRS, yes. All BVI CRS Reporting Financial Institutions must enrol, regardless of whether they have reportable accounts for the reporting period.

## 6. What is the submission deadline for submitting financial account information via BVIFARS?

The annual submission deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> May.

**7. How many Users can a Financial Institution have for BVIFARS?**

Each Financial Institution can have up to four (4) users; a primary user and three (3) secondary users. The primary user will be responsible to create and manage the secondary users.

**8. Are Financial Institutions required to obtain a Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN) before they can enrol with BVIFARS?**

For US FATCA, the answer is yes. Financial Institutions must register with the US Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and obtain its GIIN before its enrolment is approved on BVIFARS, as the GIIN is a mandatory field on the Enrolment Form. For CRS, a GIIN is not mandatory, however, if the GIIN is available a Financial Institution will be required to provide that GIIN.

**9. Does the British Virgin Islands issue Tax Identification Numbers (TIN)?**

No. Please be informed that the British Virgin Islands do not issue TINs.

**10. Are Sponsoring Entities required to enrol with BVIFARS?**

Yes. Sponsoring Entities are required to enrol with BVI FARS, in order to submit information to the BVI Government on behalf of their Sponsored Entities for FATCA only. Please note the Sponsoring Entity concept is not applicable for CRS.

**11. Does the Sponsoring Entity have to be located in BVI?**

For US FATCA the answer is No. The sponsoring entity can be located within or outside of the BVI. In the circumstances where the sponsoring entity is located outside of the BVI, the sponsoring entity will be allowed to use a non-BVI address on the enrolment application.

For UK CDOT the answer is Yes. The sponsoring entity MUST be located within the BVI and provide its BVI Registered Office Address on the enrolment form.

For CRS, the sponsoring entity concept is not applicable.

**12. Are Sponsoring Entities required to obtain a GIIN before they can enrol with BVIFARS?**

For US FATCA purposes the answer is yes. Sponsoring Entities must register with the US IRS and obtain a GIIN before they enrol with BVIFARS.

**13. Is a Sponsoring Entity required to enrol its Sponsored Entities with BVIFARS?**

No. Sponsored Entities do not have to enrol with BVIFARS. However, Sponsoring Entities are to note that the enrolment application must be made in the name of the Sponsoring Entity and not in the name of the Sponsored Entity and the GIIN provided should be that of the Sponsoring Entity.

**14. Can Financial Institutions submit multiple accounts in a single upload?**

Yes. BVIFARS has the capability to accept multiple accounts in a single upload, whether directly from a Financial Institution or from Sponsoring entities.

**15. Can a Financial Institution submit its reportable accounts to the BVI Government by any other means?**

No. Financial Institutions will only be able to submit information electronically, via BVIFARS to satisfy their reporting obligations under the US FATCA Agreement, and the Common Reporting Standard (CRS).

**16. Can a Financial Institution submit its filings in another format, other than XML?**

BVIFARS will only accept filings in an XML format, as this is the acceptable format stipulated by the US XML FATCA Schema and the CRS OECD Schema. Alternatively, Financial Institutions can use the manual entry form to enter their data into the system.

**17. Are US Individuals required to submit information to the BVI Government via BVIFARS?**

No. BVIFARS is for Financial Institutions only to submit their filings to the BVI Government. US Individuals are required to submit their information directly to the US IRS to file their taxes.

**18. If I am a service provider, do I have to enrol for each of my reporting financial institutions separately?**

Yes, it is a requirement to submit a notification/enrolment for each CRS reporting financial institution. Note that there is no Sponsoring Entity concept allowed for under the CRS.

**19. Is a separate CRS filing required for each receiving jurisdiction, or can I submit an aggregated file with all of my reportable accounts?**

Yes, a separate CRS Manual Entry or XML Upload filing must be created and submitted for each reportable jurisdiction your financial institution has reportable accounts for. Aggregated filings will not be accepted, as there are a number of validations included to ensure the account holder (or controlling person) tax residence matches the specified receiving country.

**20. Can I submit account information for residents of non-reportable jurisdictions?**

No, the portal will only accept filings with a receiving country that matches one of the reportable jurisdictions published by the Government of the Virgin Islands. The list of allowable receiving countries will be updated (if required) and published annually by notice in the Gazette.

**21. For account holders that are dual-resident in more than one reportable jurisdiction, do they need to be reported multiple times?**

Yes, the account will need to be reported for as many jurisdictions for which it is a reportable account.

Example: the accountholder is a tax resident in both the United Kingdom and France. Their information will need to be included in two separate filings – one with a receiving country and account holder tax residence of United Kingdom and one with a receiving country and account holder tax residence of France.

Note that each account record would also need to include the correct TIN associated with the receiving jurisdiction, so that the account can be identified. For example, the TIN expected by France would be the local French TIN used to identify the account holder by the French Component Authority (if applicable).

**22. If an entity account holder has controlling persons that are tax resident in multiple jurisdictions, do they need to be reported in separate filings?**

Yes. For account holders that are Passive NFEs with controlling persons who are CRS reportable persons, the entity account will need to be submitted separately for each receiving country that has been identified as a jurisdiction of residence of the controlling persons who are reportable persons, with the relevant controlling person information included in each. If none of the controlling persons are resident in the same jurisdictions as the entity account holder, the entity account will also need to be reported to their jurisdiction of residence.

Example: a Passive NFE is resident in Denmark, and has reportable controlling persons that are tax resident in Ireland, Spain, and Mexico. The entity account would then need to be reported separately to the 4 different jurisdictions:

- a) *Denmark:* the entity would be reported as a Passive NFE that is a CRS reportable person (CRS103), with no controlling persons, as the entity does not have any controlling persons resident in Denmark.
- b) *Ireland:* the entity would be reported as a Passive NFE with one or more controlling persons who are reportable persons (CRS101), and the account record would include the information for the controlling person(s) resident in Ireland.
- c) *Spain:* the entity would be reported as a Passive NFE with one or more controlling persons who are reportable persons (CRS101), and the account record would include the information for the controlling person(s) resident in Spain.
- d) *Mexico:* the entity would be reported as a Passive NFE with one or more controlling persons who are reportable persons (CRS101), and the account record would include the information for the controlling person(s) resident in Mexico.

Note that where the account holder type is Passive NFE with one or more controlling persons who are reportable persons (CRS101), the tax residence of the Controlling Person must match the receiving country, but the tax residence of the entity account holder may not (such as examples b-d above, where the entity account holder tax residence would still be reported as Denmark in all cases).