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August 2025 Stakeholder Liaison Forum

- This webinar is commencing shortly.
- While mics will remain muted, we welcome your participation and look forward to your questions at the designated times
- These slides will be published to paymenttimes.gov.au



Agenda

Regulator's Address

Overview of Fast Small
Business Payer List

Reports & Applications

Compliance & Enforcement
Priorities

What's Coming Up?

Questions



What You Can Expect From Today

Enhanced Q+A Process

New Question Submission:

- Use the on-screen question box to submit queries during the session.

Timing Notifications:

- Sam will alert you at 5 minutes and 1 minute before Question period ends
- Question function will close after each segment.

Focus:

- Questions relevant to today's content, prioritised by common themes.

Ongoing Support

Contact our Regulatory Operations Team anytime at support@paymenttimes.gov.au for organization-specific queries.



Your Feedback Matters

Post-Webinar Survey: Scan the QR code at the end to share your experience.

Why Participate? Your input helps us improve and tailor future events.



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Why?



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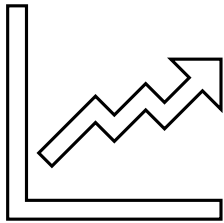
Overview: Fast Small Business Payer List

Ben Kennedy

Director, Research & Outreach



Concept and Purpose



Objective of the Incentive

- Drive improved payment practices
- Leverage transparency and reputational pressure



Highlighting Committed Entities

- Showcase those with prompt payment practices
- Encourage adoption of faster payment practices



Eligibility criteria

Eligible businesses, must:



- be a **reporting entity** (including Volunteer and Subsidiary reporting entities) or a **reporting nominee**



- have submitted **two consecutive payment times reports**
 - Both reports have a *qualifying payment time of 20 days or less*



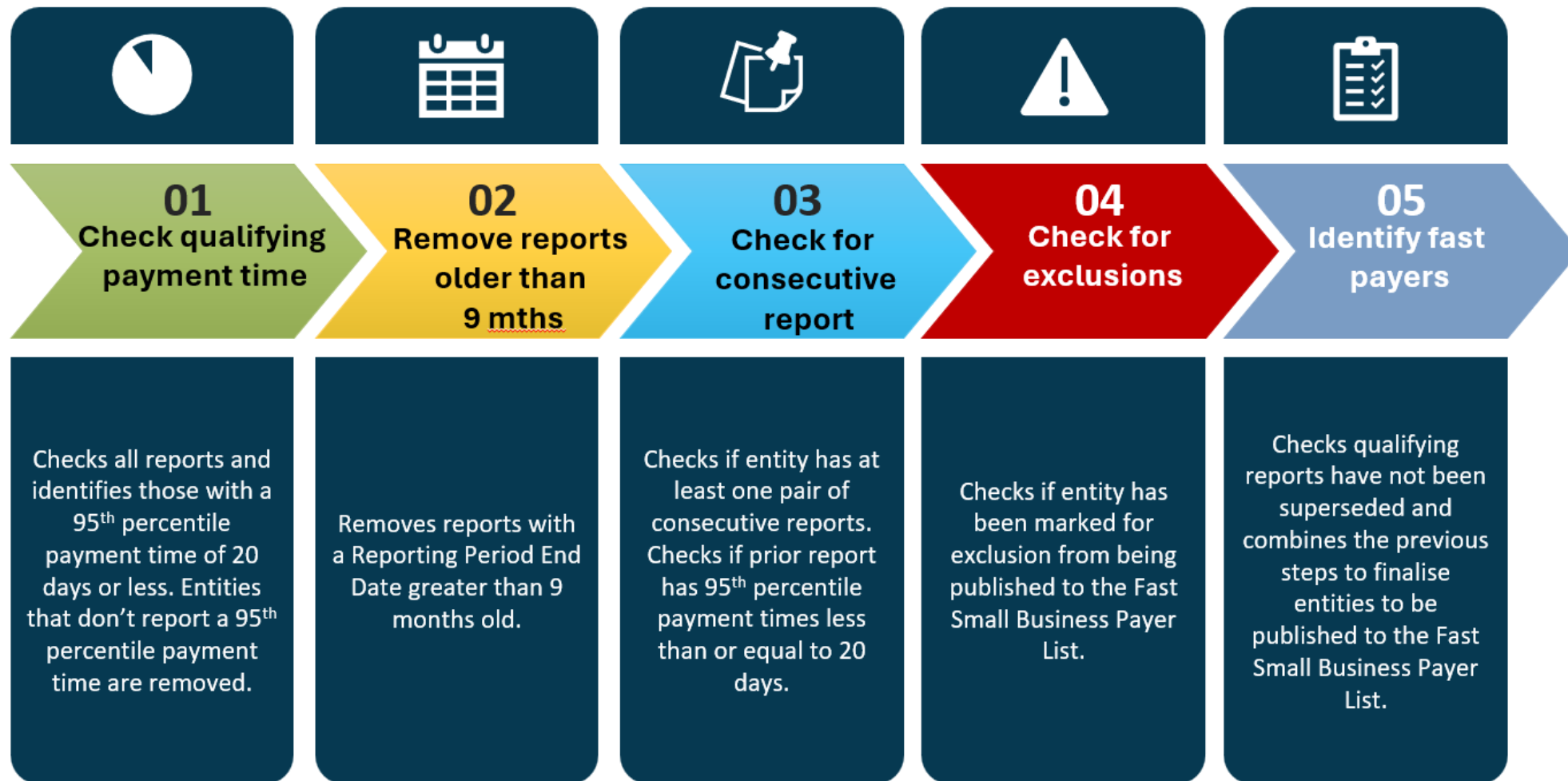
- meet the qualifying Payment Time
 - Measure uses the **95th percentile payment time** for each report



- ensure the reporting period end date of the most recent report is not more than 9 months old.

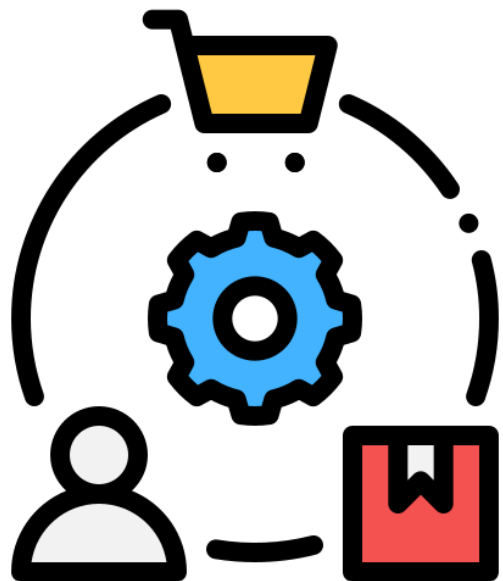


Methodology : Fast Small Business Payer List





Role of the Payment Times Reporting Regulator



Maintains the Fast Small Business Payer List

- The Regulator manages and publishes the Fast Small Business Payer List to highlight businesses that pay suppliers promptly.

Exclude entities from the List

- Engaged in procurement practices limiting small business participation
- Engaged payment practices contrary to the objectives of the *Payment Times Reporting Act 2020*
- Submitted payment times report that has a misleading qualifying payment time of 20 days or less



As a Fast Small Business Payer

- Entities can check if they are a fast small business payer by consulting the List
- Responsibility of Entities
 - Entities must check the Fast Small Business Payer List before making public disclosures
 - Civil penalties apply for misrepresentation
- Impact of exclusion
 - Entities must not identify as a fast small business payer if excluded during the relevant period





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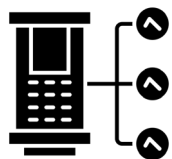
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Payment Times Reports

Common issues:



Controlled entities submitting reports



Mathematical discrepancies



Data entry issues



Incorrect report type



Reporting Issues

Data entry issues

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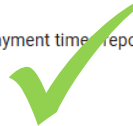
Submit a Report

Submit a report for all reporting periods starting on or after 1 July 2024.



View or Revise a Report

View submitted payment time reports or submit a revised report.



Report ID	Reporting Period Start Date	Reporting Period End Date	Status	
	01/07/2024	31/12/2024	Accepted	Submit Revised Report



Applications

Common Issues:

Modifiable extension
of time applications
>28 days submitted
without evidence

Confusion about
purpose of reporting
nominee, subsidiary
reporting entity and
exempt entity
applications



Extension of time application - Modifiable




Details of
exceptional
circumstances

Details of how
time will be used

Documentary
evidence

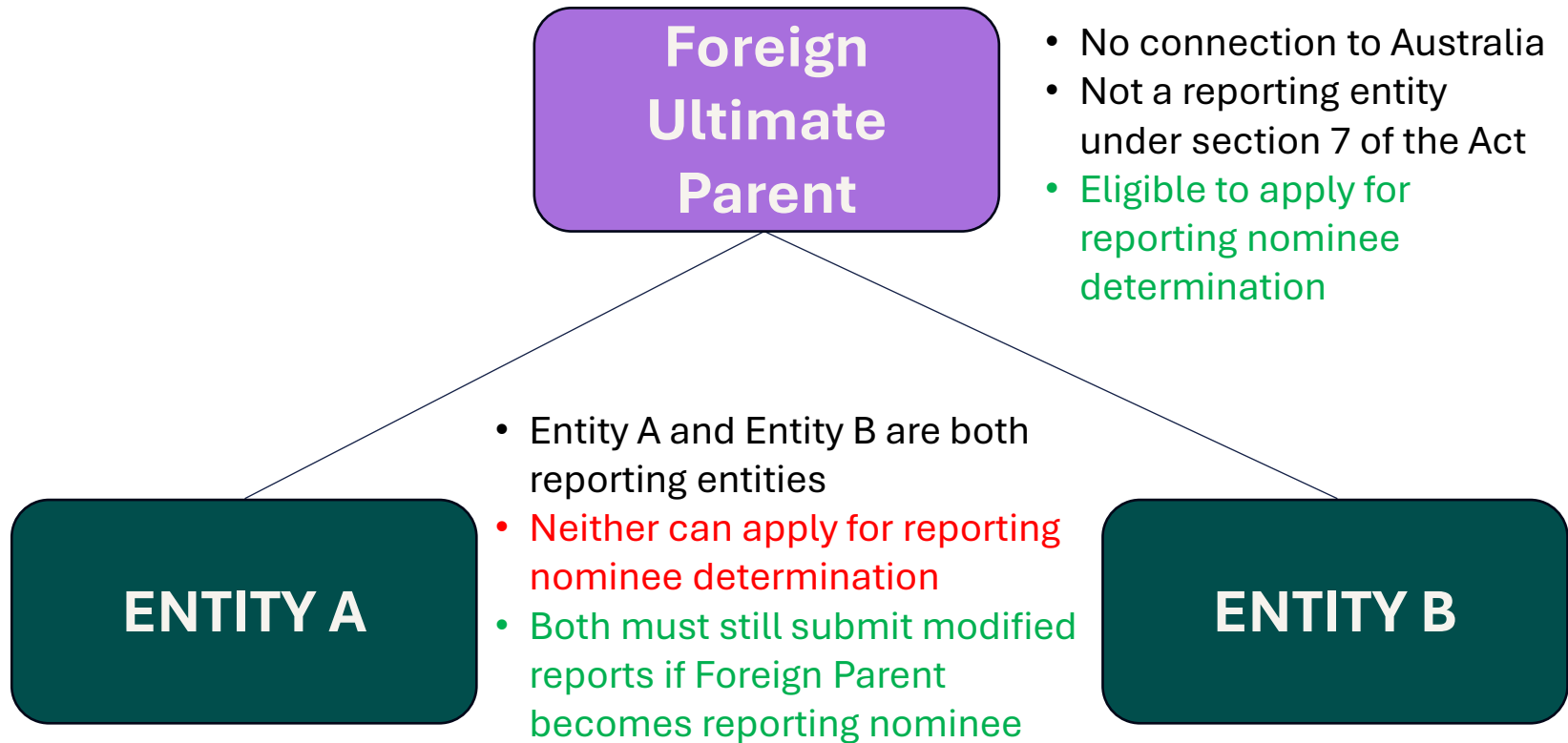


Reporting Nominee Application - Requirements

-  The applicant cannot be a reporting entity
-  Applicant controls each entity for which it is applying to be a reporting nominee
-  At least one of the controlled entities for which the applicant is applying to be a reporting nominee must be a reporting entity






Reporting Nominee Structure





Subsidiary Reporting Entity - Requirements

-  Entity is a constitutionally covered entity, and
-  Entity is controlled by another entity that is a reporting entity, and
-  Granting the application would not be contrary to the public interest and would be consistent with the objects of the Act, and other matters prescribed by the Rules



Subsidiary Application - Considerations

Consolidated reporting best meets objectives of the Act

Statutory Review – Recommended consolidation of corporate group reporting to (amongst other things):

- address the clutter and lack of utility of the data on the Register, and
- support complementary reforms to put reputational pressure on large businesses to improve their payment practices.

Explanatory Memorandum – Consolidated reporting lessens the administrative burden for entities, benefits users of the Register that access its data, and streamlines the Register.



Exemption Application

Not intended for:

- ceasing to report between pre and post reforms
- forecast/budget revenue drop resulting from day-to-day activities

Explanatory Memorandum – “...mechanism may address, for example, any potential anomalies that may arise where the criteria to become a reporting entity in the Act inadvertently captures an entity that is not intended.”



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2025-26 Compliance & Enforcement Priorities




Peter Chia

Director, Regulatory Operations






2025-26 Compliance and enforcement priorities

Regulator priorities

-  Failure to report on time
-  False or misleading reports and/or conduct
-  Failure to comply with directives from the Regulator and/or Minister

Harms in focus

We will prioritise conduct that results in substantial detriment or harm for example:

-  Integrity of the scheme is compromised
-  Unfair business advantage
-  Decision-making based on inaccurate data

Regulator performance best practice principles



Principle 1

Continuous improvement and building trust



Principle 2

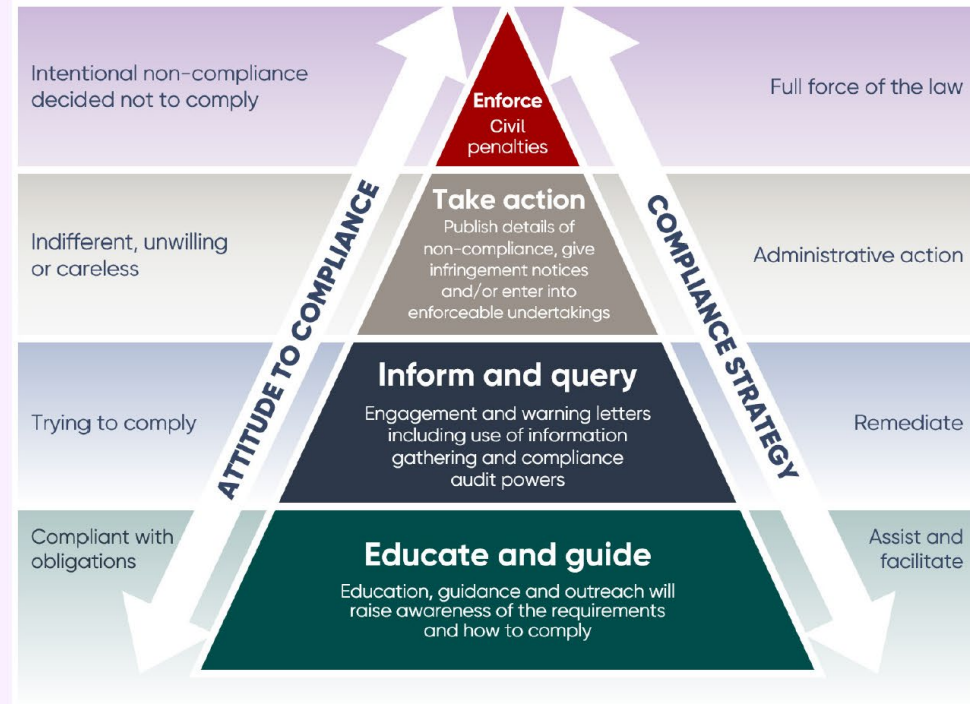
Risk based and data driven



Principle 3




Collaboration and engagement

Escalating approach to compliance








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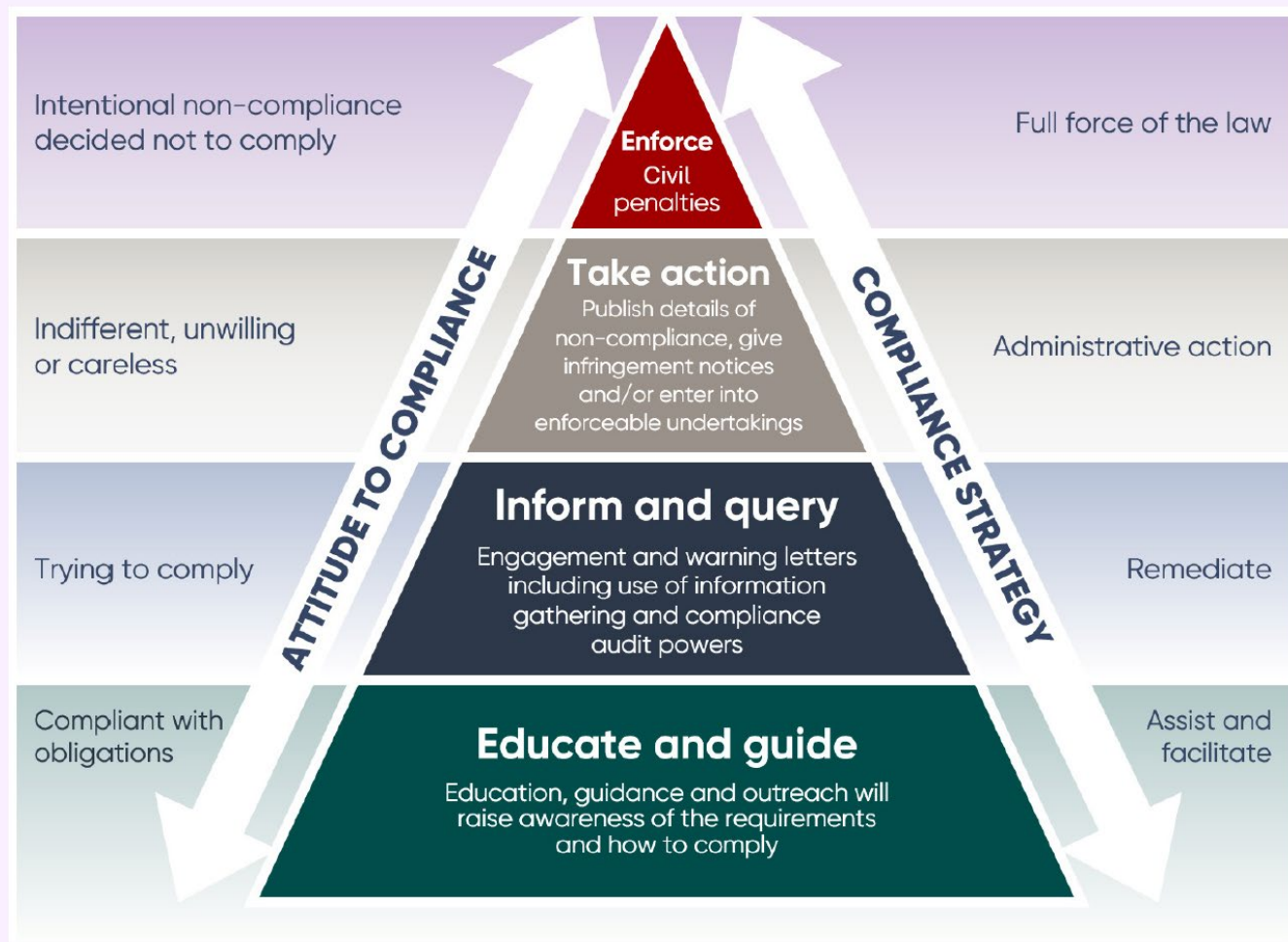
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Examples

- Not lodging a report
 - Lodging a report late
 - Not using the SBI Tool
 - Reports with conflicting or flawed data
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- Erosion of stakeholder confidence
 - Avoidance of a slow payer designation
 - Small business advocates rely on inaccurate data



Escalating approach to compliance





Regulator performance best practice principles



Principle 1

Continuous improvement and building trust



Principle 2

Risk based and data driven



Principle 3

Collaboration and engagement

- Ministerial Statement of Expectation
- Regulator's Statement of Intent

Examples



Regulatory guidance materials



Focus on substantial harms



Stakeholder liaison forum and education sessions



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What's coming up?

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What's coming up?

Reports for the period 1
January - 30 June 2025
are due:
30 September 2025

Reports for the period 1
July – 31 December 2025
due:
31 March 2026



Regulator's Update:
31 January 2026

Regulator's Stakeholder
Liaison Forum:
February 2026



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Closing

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Key Takeaways

- **Lead by example - use your influence to make a prompt payment culture the social norm**
- **Be an exemplar - Pay faster!**
- **Remember the *Why***



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Thank you

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