

# User Guide: Using the SBI Tool

This guide explains how to use the Small Business Identification Tool (**SBI Tool**) in the portal.

Before preparing a payment times report, a reporting entity **must** use the SBI Tool to identify the ABNs of the small businesses they paid during the reporting period. The SBI Tool distinguishes the small business ABNs from the ABNs of all businesses an entity paid in a reporting period.

Include **all payments** to businesses the SBI Tool identified as small businesses when preparing the payment times report.

Read more about using the SBI Tool in [Information sheet 6: Small Business Identification Tool](#).

The SBI Tool is only available through the portal. To access the portal you need a [Digital ID](#) and authorisation from your entity in [Relationship Authorisation Manager](#) to act on its behalf for payment times reporting.

For more information, see **Help and support to use the portal** on the Regulator's website.

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## Revision history

Version	Date	Description
1.0	16 Feb 2026	Initial version with release of new portal.

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## Navigate to the SBI tool

The screenshot shows the 'Payment Times Reporting Portal' Home screen. At the top, there are logos for the Australian Government Payment Times Reporting Regulator and the Payment Times Reporting Scheme, along with contact information for Ken Behrens. The main content area features five tiles: 'Maintain entity', 'Small business identification (SBI) tool' (highlighted with a red border), 'Submit and view payment times reports', 'Submit and view applications', and 'Submit notices'. Each tile contains a brief description of its function.

**Small business identification (SBI) tool**

You can:

- Upload a list of your supplier ABNs to find out which are small businesses for Payment Times Reporting.
- Submit a notice to correct a business in the SBI tool.

1. Select the **Small Business Identification (SBI) Tool** tile from the Home screen.

The screenshot shows the 'Small business identification (SBI) tool' interface. It features two tiles: 'Use the SBI tool' (highlighted with a red border) and 'Notification to correct the SBI tool'. Below these tiles is a section titled 'SBI tool notices' containing a table of notices.

**Use the SBI tool**

Identify the small businesses within your suppliers.

**Notification to correct the SBI tool**

Notify the Regulator about small businesses paid more than \$10 million in a single income year.

**SBI tool notices**

Notice ID	Submitted Date	Status	Decision Date
<a href="#">SBN00001086</a>	07/09/2024	Finalised	11/09/2024
<a href="#">SBN00001189</a>	10/10/2025	Finalised	10/10/2025
<a href="#">SBN00001206</a>	23/12/2025	Submitted	

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2. Select the **Use the SBI Tool** tile.

## Step 1: Select the year



Read the instructions carefully to select the correct ABN year.

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To run the SBI Tool, upload a list of ABNs and select a year or years. The tool will generate an output file showing the ABNs classified as small businesses for each year.

### Selecting the correct year

The year the reporting period ends is the year to select in the SBI Tool. For example, to classify ABNs for a reporting period from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024, select 2024. For the reporting period from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025, select 2025.

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For more information, see [Information Sheet 6: Small Business Identification \(SBI\) Tool](#).

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3. Select the **calendar year** of ABN entries to check your ABN list against.

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You may upload the list as a file in csv or txt format.

Or, paste the list into the text box which is separated by commas, new lines, tabs or semi-colons.

Select files...

Drop files here to upload

Or add your list of ABNs here

Submit

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4. The portal will display the input section of the screen.

## Step 2: Enter ABN information and run the SBI Tool

You can enter ABN information into the SBI Tool in two ways:

1. upload or drop a file into the **Select files field**, or
2. copy and paste the ABNs into the **free text field**.

### Upload or drop a file

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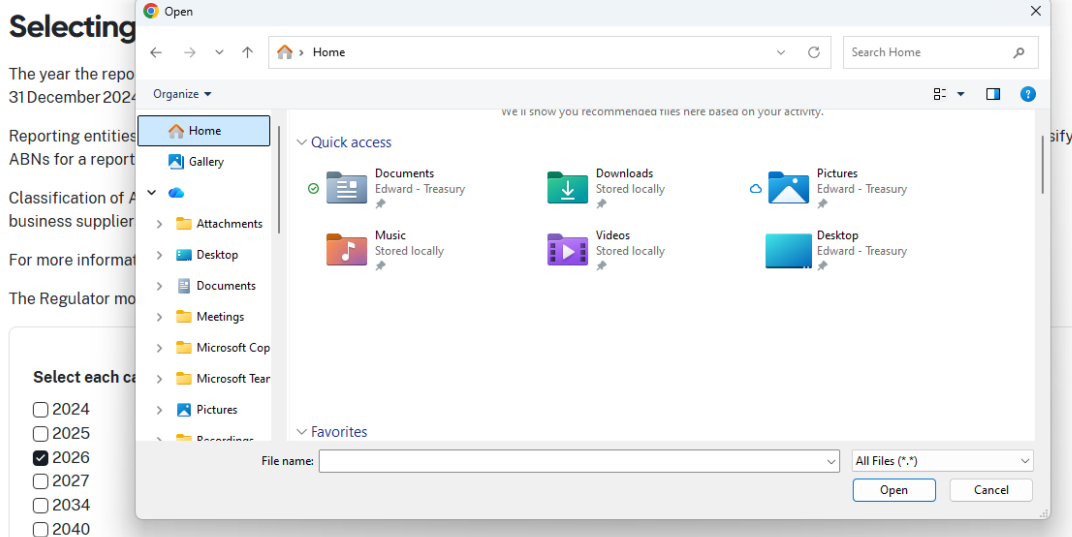
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5. Click **Select files...** to launch your file directory.

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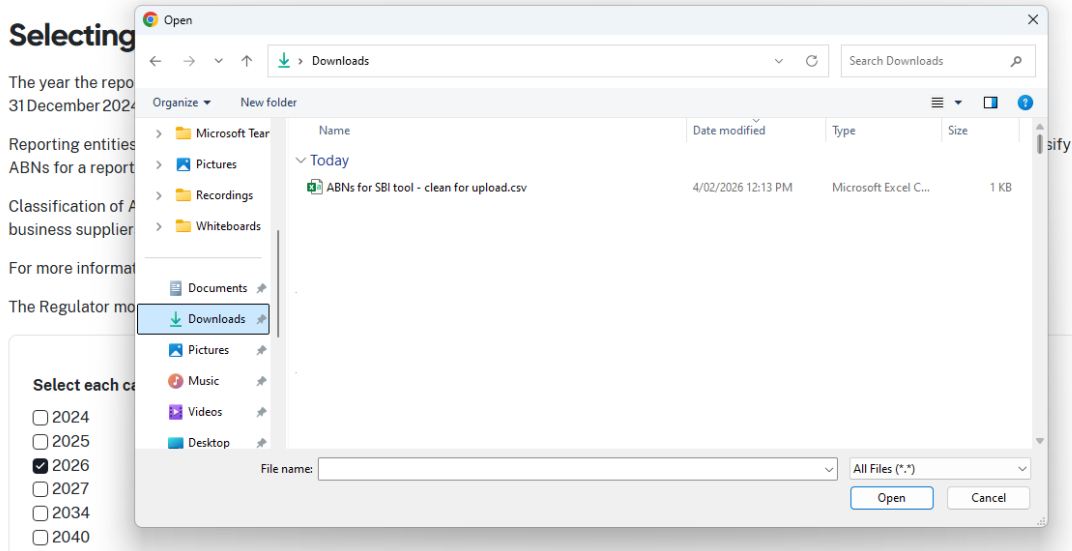


6. Navigate through your folder structure to find your file.

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7. Choose your .csv or .txt file and select **Open** to upload the document.
8. The SBI Tool will automatically process the ABNs in the uploaded document and generate an output file with the results of your search.

The screenshot shows the 'Use the SBI tool' page. At the top, there are logos for the Australian Government and Payment Times Reporting Scheme. A breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Small business identification (SBI) tool > Use the SBI tool. The main heading is 'Use the SBI tool', followed by a paragraph explaining that reporting entities must use the SBI Tool to identify small business suppliers. Below this is a section titled 'Selecting the correct year' with three paragraphs of instructions. A 'New search' button is at the bottom left. On the right, a red-bordered notification box shows 'SBI Tool results for 52997141' with a file icon and a 'KB' icon. A success message box is also visible, stating that the tool processed the information and identified the output file location.

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**Success.**

The SBI Tool processed your information and identified the:

- ABNs that are a small business for payment times reporting
- ABNs that are NOT a small business for payment times reporting
- Entries that are not valid ABNs. If relevant, please check and try again.

You can find the output file with full results in your browser's default download location.

New search

SBI Tool results for 52997141  
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9. The portal displays a confirmation message when the SBI Tool runs successfully.
10. The message tells you that the output file is available in your browser's default download location.
11. In this case, the file appears at the top right hand side of the screen.

## Copy and paste ABNs into the free text field

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12. To submit ABNs manually, copy and paste the list into the free-text field.
13. Select **Submit** to start the SBI Tool processing the ABN list.

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