Guide to the online SARP 1A and SARP Employer Return

(eSARP)

This document should be read in conjunction with section 825C Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

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Part 1 – About this Guide

The purpose of this guide is to assist individuals in the navigation of the new eSARP portal and show how to complete, certify and submit the online SARP 1A and submit the annual SARP Employer Return.

Getting Started

The eforms SARP 1A and SARP Employer Return can only be completed through the <u>Revenue</u> Online Service (ROS).

Agents acting on behalf of employers must complete the eSARP forms using a digital certificate. To grant access to the eSARP portal on ROS employers must give permission to their agent to access the "Global Mobility" functionality under PAYE/PRSI. More information on this is available in the TDM Guidelines for Agents or Advisors acting on behalf of taxpayers.

Where employers are non e-enabled

The eSARP portal is Revenue's preferred method of administering and managing SARP from 1 January 2024. In cases where a relevant employer or associated company is unable to provide certification through the online portal, this may be done using a paper Form SARP 1A. To make a request for a paper version of the Form SARP 1A, the relevant employer or associated company should write to:

National SARP Unit 9/15 Upper O'Connell St Dublin 1 D01 YT32

When making a request for a paper Form SARP 1A, the following details should be provided to the National SARP Unit:

- Name of the relevant assignee
- Address and PPSN (if known)
- The date relevant employee first arrived in the State to perform duties of employment in the State
- Name and address of the company for whom the relevant employee performs duties of employment in the State

A paper version of the 2023 SARP Employer Return can also be obtained by writing to the National SARP Unit at the above address.

Registering for ROS and MyAccount

How to register for ROS

To register for ROS go to www.ROS.ie and complete the following three steps:

Step 1: Apply for your ROS Access Number (RAN).

After successful completion of Step 1, a letter will be issued to you with your personal ROS access number. This number will enable you to proceed to step 2.

Step 2: Apply for your Digital Certificate

Employers should apply for a full digital certificate. As stated above, agents acting on behalf of an employer will require access to the "Global Mobility" functionality to access the eSARP portal. More information on this is available in the TDM <u>Guidelines for Agents or Advisors acting on behalf of taxpayers</u>.

Step 3: Retrieve your Digital Certificate

Download and save the digital certificate to your device.

More information on how to register for ROS is available at www.revenue.ie/en/online-services/support/ros-help/index.aspx or by contacting the ROS Helpdesk on 01 738 3699.

Accessing the eSARP Portal using ROS

Log into ROS and go to the 'Other Services' section in the 'My Services' area of ROS. The eSARP portal can be launched from here by clicking on 'eSARP'.

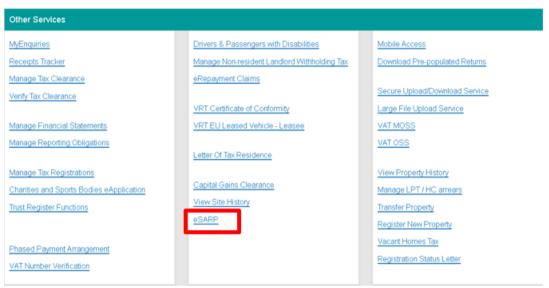


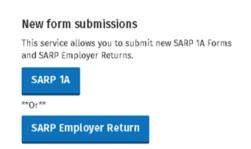
Figure 1: ROS – Other Services screen

On launching the eSARP portal you will be presented with the following options:

- Submit new Form SARP 1A or SARP Employer Returns
- Manage previous submissions
 - To check the status of your previously submitted form(s)
 - To view or edit previously submitted SARP 1A forms or SARP Employer Returns
 - To complete applications that were partially saved, but not submitted

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Manage previous submissions

You can check the status of your previously submitted application(s) and view the details here. This option can also be used in certain circumstances to edit your applications and complete applications that were partially saved, but not certified and submitted.

Manage previous submissions

Figure 2: Welcome Screen

Part 2 - Completing the Online Form SARP 1A Information Relating to Relevant Employee

In this section enter the following details in respect of the relevant employee:

1. PPSN of the relevant employee:

Enter the Personal Public Service Number (PPSN) of the relevant employee. The PPSN is a mandatory requirement and where a PPSN is not available please contact 'Client Identity Services' in the <u>Department of Social Protection</u> directly on 071 967 2616, or by email at <u>cis@welfare.ie</u>. Please note that a PPSN containing "W" as a second letter is not acceptable and a new number must be obtained. A new PPSN can be obtained by contacting Client Identity Services in the Department of Social Protection at the number provided above.

PPSN not available

Please tick this box if you do not have the PPSN of the relevant employee.

You can still complete and submit the Form SARP 1A without the PPSN, however, it will not be considered certified in accordance with section 825C(2AA)(f) Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 until the PPSN has been added to the Form SARP 1A and the form is successfully 'Certified and Submitted' to Revenue through ROS.

 ← Back □ Relevant employee 	Form SARP 1A			
Relevant employee	Certification by employer under Sec Relief under the Special Assignee R		onsolidation Act 1997	
□ Employer in State	All questions on this form must be	completed.		
□ Relevant employee arrival	PPSN of relevant employee: i			
□ Relevant employee employment	PPSN not available			
 Summary, certify and submit 	Please enter the name and address	of the relevant employee	(include Eircode, if known): (i	
	Forename		Surname	
	Address 1		Address 2	

Figure 3: Relevant Employee screen 1

- 2. Relevant employee's name
- 3. Relevant employee's address in the State
- 4. Relevant employee's nationality
- 5. The country where the relevant employee was a full-time employee prior to their arrival in the State
- 6. Relevant employee's job title



Figure 4: Relevant Employee screen 2

Relevant Employer Details

In this section enter details in respect of the relevant employer where the relevant employee was employed full time prior to their arrival in the State.

- 1. Relevant employer's name
- 2. Relevant employer's address

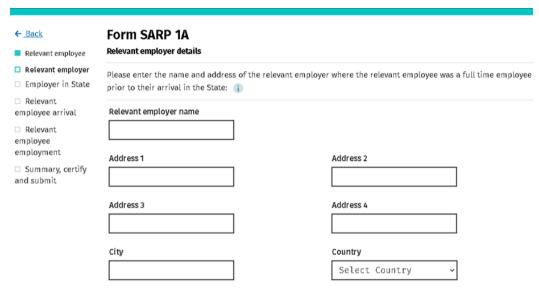


Figure 5: Relevant Employer screen 1

- 3. Confirm by ticking Yes or No, that the relevant employee was a full-time employee of the relevant employer for a minimum period of 6 months prior to their arrival in the State.
- 5. Confirm by ticking Yes or No, that the relevant employee performed duties of employment for the relevant employer, outside the State, for a minimum period of 6 months prior to their arrival in the State.

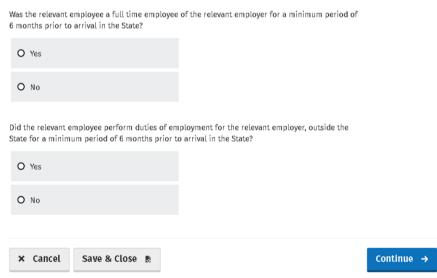


Figure 6: Relevant Employer screen 2

Employer in State Details

In this section enter details in respect of the employer in the State for whom the relevant employee performs their duties of employment.

- 1. Name of the employer in State (This field will be prepopulated)
- 2. Address of the employer in State (This field will be prepopulated)

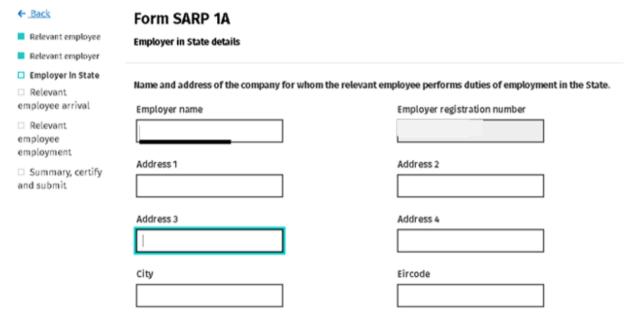


Figure 7: Employer in State screen 1

- 3. HR contact name
- 4. HR contact address
- 5. HR contact phone number
- 6. HR contact email address
- 7. If the HR contact cannot be contacted at the employer's address in the State, please provide a separate address.

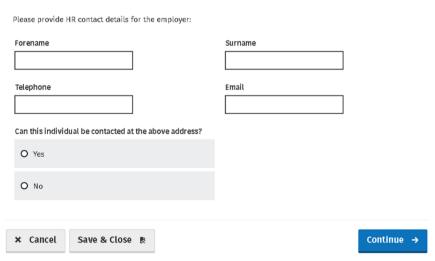


Figure 8: Employer in State screen 2

Relevant Employee Arrival Details

In this section enter details in respect of the relevant employee's arrival in the State and residency intention.

- 1. Date relevant employee arrived in the State
- 2. Date relevant employee first performed duties of employment in the State

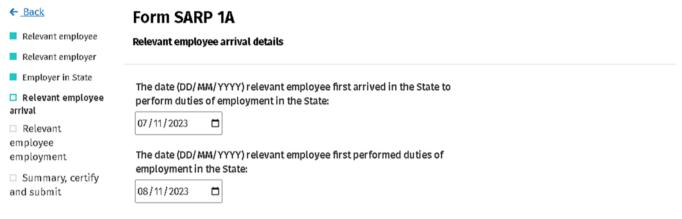


Figure 9: Relevant Employee Arrival screen 1

- 3. Indicate if relevant employee will be resident in year of arrival
- 4. Indicate if relevant employee will elect to be resident in year of arrival

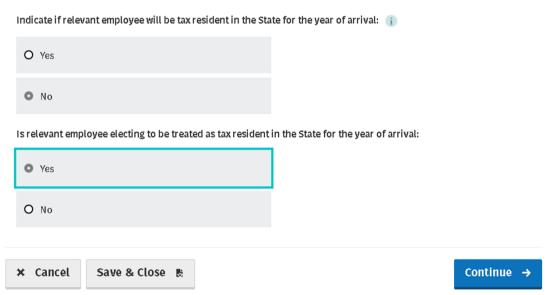


Figure 10: Relevant Employee Arrival screen 2

Relevant Employee Employment Details

In this section enter details in respect of the relevant employee's employment in the State.

- 1. The expected duration of the employment in the State
- 2. Indicate if the relevant income will be €100,000 or more (or the annualised equivalent)
- 3. Confirm if you wish for SARP relief to be granted by non-deduction through PAYE system

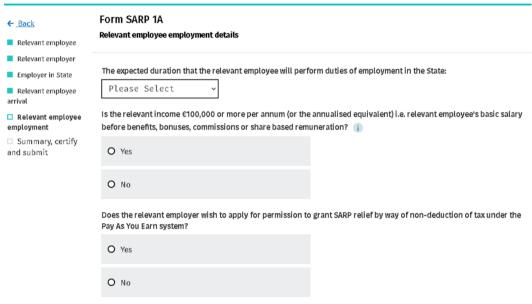


Figure 11: Relevant Employee Employment screen 1

Summary, Certify and Submit

This section will display the summary of details entered on the SARP 1A and give an opportunity to edit these details.

- 1. Employer details
- 2. Employee details

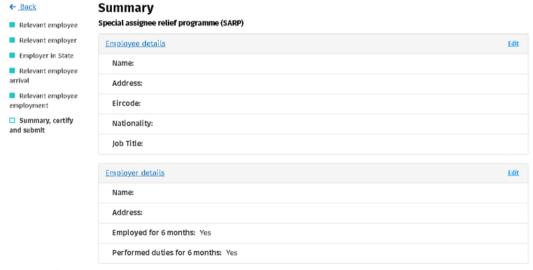


Figure 12: Summary screen 1

- 3. Employer in State details
- 4. Employee arrival details
- 5. Employer employment details

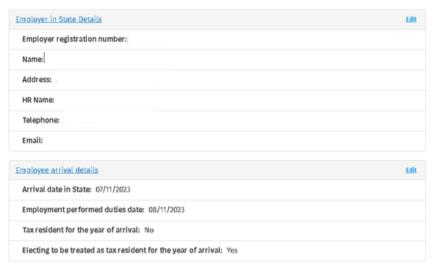


Figure 13: Summary screen 2

Please note if you do not have the PPSN of the relevant employee you can still complete and submit the Form SARP 1A. However, it will not be considered certified in accordance with s825C(2AA)(f) Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

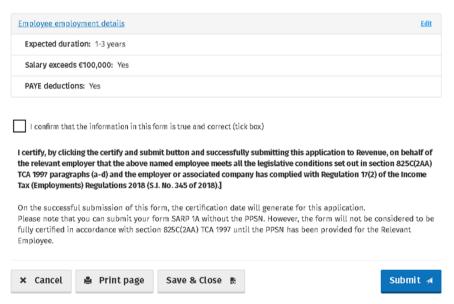


Figure 14: Summary screen 3

When the PPSN of the relevant employee has been included on the form, you will then have the option to 'Certify and Submit' the form. Note the different options to submit the form from the above image (Figure 14) to the image at Figure 15 on the next page.

Employee empl	oyment details			<u>Edit</u>	
Expected dura	ation: 1-3 years				
Salary exceed	ls €100,000: Yes				
PAYE deduction	ons: Yes				
I certify, by clich the relevant em TCA 1997 paragr Tax (Employmer	I confirm that the information in this form is true and correct (tick box) I certify, by clicking the certify and submit button and successfully submitting this application to Revenue, on behalf of the relevant employer that the above named employee meets all the legislative conditions set out in section 825C(2AA) TCA 1997 paragraphs (a-d) and the employer or associated company has complied with Regulation 17(2) of the Income Tax (Employments) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 345 of 2018).] On the successful submission of this form, the certification date will generate for this application.				
* Cancel	Print page	Save & Close 🗎		Certify & Submit 🦼	

Figure 15: Summary screen 4

Before clicking the 'Certify and Submit' button. A user has the option to print the Summary screen to create a paper record of the form for their own records. The printout allows the user to have the Summary screen signed and dated. Please note that signing and dating a print out of the Summary screen does not constitute the certification of the SARP 1A in accordance with section 825C(2AA)(f) TCA 1997. The printed document contains wording confirming this. This wording is shown in Figure 16 below.

s	signed:
0	Date:
T le	This document is solely for the employer/agents records. A certification for the purposes of section 825C(2AA)(f) FCA 1997 does not occur when this document is signed by the employer or associated entity. To meet this egislative requirement, the online SARP 1A eform must be fully completed, Certified and Submitted and confirmation obtained stating this process has been completed successfully.

Figure 16: SARP 1A Print Screen Wording

When you click the 'Certify and Submit' button, you will receive a message informing you that the form has been successfully submitted to Revenue and the certification date is now available to view on the Summary screen.

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Thank you!

You have successfully submitted this Form SARP 1A. The certification date for this application can now be viewed on the Summary screen.

× SARP home

Figure 17: SARP 1A Successful Submission screen

The certification date can be viewed on the Summary screen as shown below in Figure 18.



the relevant employer that the above named employee meets all the legislative conditions set out in section 825C(2AA) TCA 1997 paragraphs (a-d) and the employer or associated company has complied with Regulation 17(2) of the Income Tax (Employments) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 345 of 2018).]

On the successful submission of this form, the certification date will generate for this application.

Certified Date: 17/11/2023



Figure 18: SARP 1A Certification Date Summary screen

Part 3 - Completing the SARP Employer Return

Return Tax Year Selection

To facilitate employers with a large number of employees that have availed of SARP relief, the SARP Employer Return can be completed in two different ways.

- 1. By manually entering the details of each employee on the return
- 2. By uploading a CSV template with all of the employee details.

On the home screen of the SARP Employer Return, select 'here' as shown in the image below, to download the CSV template.

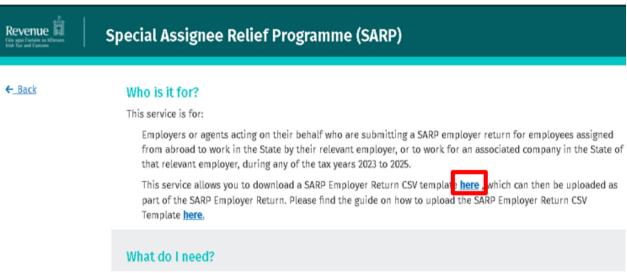


Figure 19: SARP Employer Return Home screen 1

When you click on the link titled 'here', you are brought to the screen shown at Figure 20. Select the year for the SARP Employer Return that you wish to complete. Then click 'Download CSV'. When the CSV Template has downloaded, select 'SARP Home'.

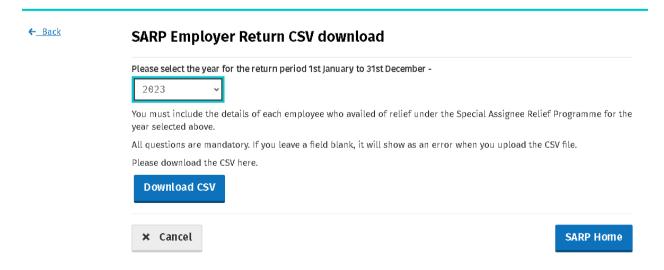


Figure 20: SARP Employer Return CSV Download screen

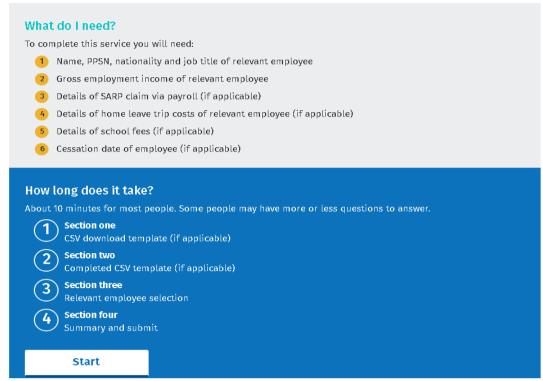


Figure 21: SARP Employer Return Home screen 2

- 1. Select the year for the return period
- 2. Upload completed CSV template (if applicable)

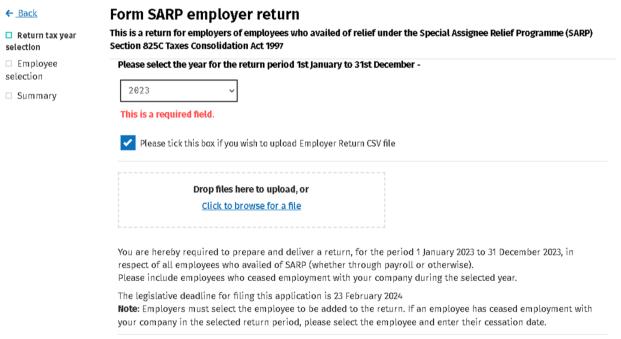


Figure 22: SARP Employer Return Filing Year and CSV Upload Screen

- 3. Enter the increase in the number of employees as a result of SARP
- 4. Enter the number of employees retained as a result of SARP

Increase in the number of employees in the company as a result of the operation of SARP relief*		
Number of employees retained by the company as a result of the operation of SARP relief* * Do not include any employee who availed of SARP relief.		
★ Cancel Save & Close ▶	Continue →	

Figure 23: SARP Employer Return Filing Year and CSV Upload screen 2

Employee Selection

This section will show all relevant employees that have been approved to claim SARP relief as per Revenue records. An approved relevant employee can be added to the return by selecting 'Add to return'.

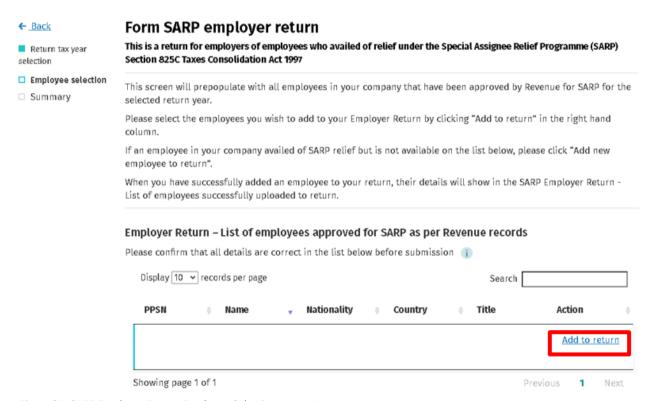


Figure 24: SARP Employer Return Employee Selection screen 1

If an employee has been approved to claim SARP relief but has not appeared on the prepopulated list as per Revenue records, the relevant employee can be added by selecting 'Add new employee to return'.

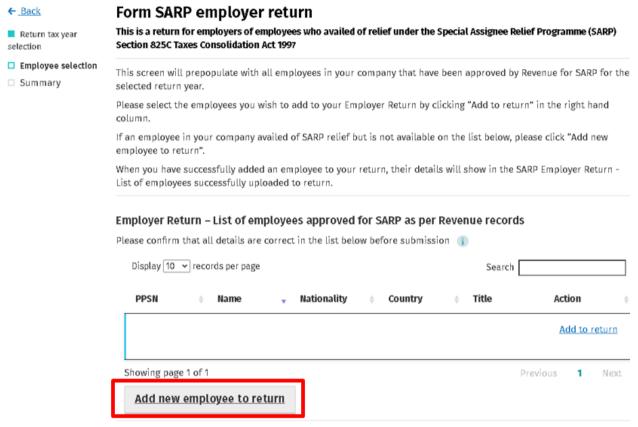


Figure 25: SARP Employer Return Employee Selection screen 2

After selecting 'Add to return' or 'Add new employee to return', you will then need to enter the following details for the relevant employee:

- 1. PPSN, name, job title, nationality. Note a field may already be prepopulated if the employee has already been approved by Revenue.
- 2. Tick if this is the first year the employee availed of this relief. If not, please select the number of years that relevant employee has claimed SARP
- 3. Enter income from employment before the deduction of SARP relief

Form SARP employer return Employee detaits All fields are mandatory Please select 'add to return' when you have answered all of the questions for this employee. PPSN Employee name Job title Nationality This is the first year employee availed of relief under SARP If not the 1st, state which year relief being claimed 2nd-5th Gross income from the employment before the deduction of SARP relief (less amounts contributed to pension and amounts not assessed to tax in the state)?

Figure 26: SARP Employer Return Employee Details screen 1

- 4. Confirm by clicking Yes or No, if SARP relief has been claimed through payroll
- 5. Confirm by clicking Yes or No, if a tax equalisation arrangement applied to this employment
- 6. Confirm by clicking Yes or No, if relevant employee availed of any allowable expenses under section 825C TCA 1997
- 7. Confirm by clicking Yes or No,if relevant employee ceased employment in the return period

Was SARP relief claimed through payroll?
O Yes
● No
Did a tax equalisation arrangement apply to the employment income?
O Yes
No
Did this employee avail of any allowable expenses under s825C TCA 1997 this year?
O Yes
• No
Did this employee cease their employment with your company in the period this return relates to? 1
O Yes
• No

Figure 27: SARP Employer Return Employee Details screen 2

Based on the answers provided you may be required to answer additional questions.

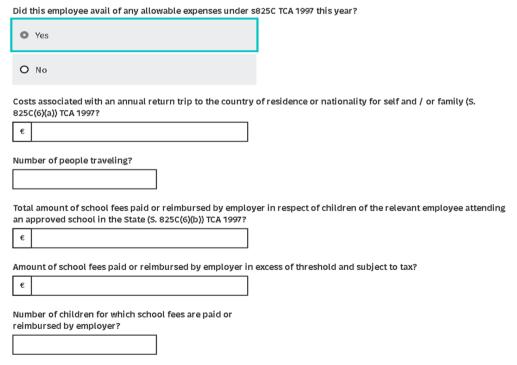


Figure 28: SARP Employer Return Employee Details screen 3

When all the information has been entered for the relevant employee, click 'Add to return'.

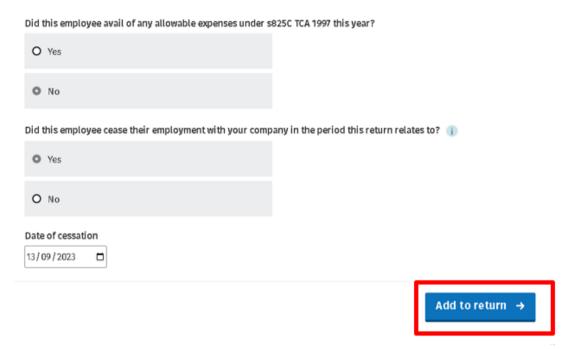


Figure 29: SARP Employer Return Employee Details screen 4

When a relevant employee has been successfully added to the SARP Employer Return, they will move from the "List of employees approved for SARP as per Revenue records" section to the "List of employees successfully uploaded to return" section.

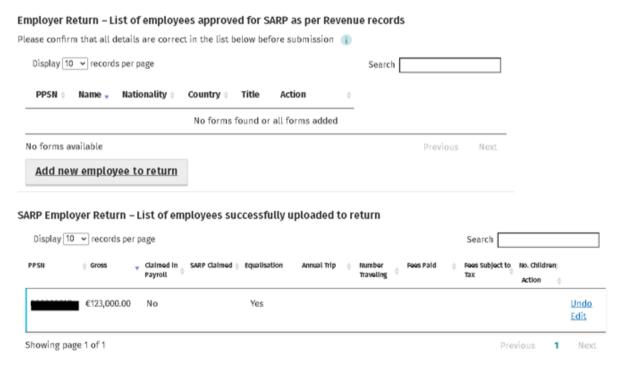


Figure 30: SARP Employer Return List of Employees Successfully Uploaded to Return

When you have finished adding employees to the SARP Employer Return. Click 'Continue'.

Summary Screen

This section will display the summary of details entered on the SARP Employer Return and give an opportunity to edit these details.

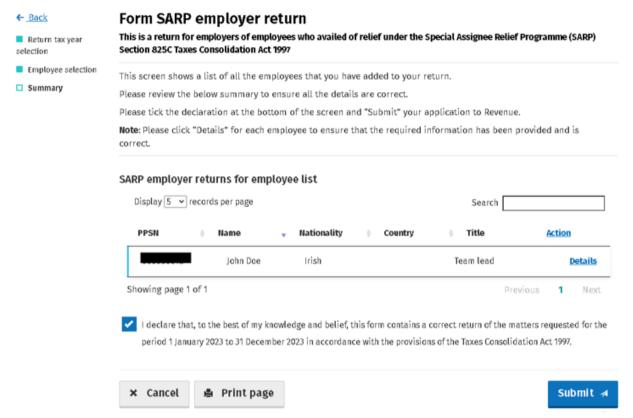


Figure 31: SARP Employer Return Summary screen

When you click the Submit button, you will receive a message informing you that the return has been successfully submitted to Revenue.



Figure 32: SARP Employer Return Submission screen

Part 4 - Managing your Submissions

If you have previously submitted a Form SARP 1A or SARP Employer Return to Revenue through the eSARP portal, you can view the status of these forms and make changes where necessary. These submissions can be viewed when you click on 'Manage previous submissions' on the eSARP home screen. You will then be brought to the screen shown in Figure 33.

Special Assignee Relief Programme (SARP) **Manage Submissions** This screen allows you to view and edit SARP submissions. Display 10 v records per page Search Action Form Employee PPSN **Employer Reg** Name Status Employer Return Submitted Edit or View SARP 1A Certified View SARP 1A Certified View SARP 1A Certified View Showing page 1 of 1 Previous Next

Figure 33: Manage Previous Submissions screen

Depending on the form you have submitted and the stage it is at, a different status will show in the status column. The different statuses and what they mean are shown in the below table.

Form Status Table

Form Name	Status	Status Description	Available Functions
SARP 1A	Pending	The SARP1A has been saved prior to submission.	View, Edit
SARP 1A	Submitted	The SARP1A has been submitted without a PPSN and is not considered certified in accordance with section 825C(2AA)	View, Edit

		Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.	
SARP 1A	Certified	The SARP 1A has been successfully submitted and certified to Revenue in accordance with section 825C(2AA) Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.	View
SARP 1A	Approved	The SARP 1A has been approved by Revenue.	View
SARP 1A	Rejected	The SARP 1A has been rejected by Revenue.	View
SARP Employer Return	Pending	The SARP Employer Return has been saved prior to submission.	View, Edit
SARP Employer Return	Submitted	The SARP Employer Return has been successfully submitted to Revenue.	View, Edit
SARP Employer Return	Reviewed	The SARP Employer Return has been reviewed and accepted by Revenue.	View, Edit

Table 1: SARP Form Status

Appendix A

SARP Employer Return CSV Template Guide

The below table provides:

- 1. Guidance on the text used in each column heading on the SARP Employer Return CSV template
- 2. Details of the full text of the related question the column refers to; and,
- 3. The expected input type for each column.

The CSV will prepopulate the first 5 columns (highlighted in yellow below) with the details of any employee that has had a Form SARP 1A submitted to and approved by Revenue that is still within the allowable 5 years of SARP relief.

If an individual's name, nationality, or job title have changed since the original Form SARP 1A submission, please update the relevant column.

Once the CSV template has been completed, you can upload the CSV via the eSARP portal. Please note that on the successful submission of a SARP Employer Return with a valid CSV upload, the option for further CSV uploads will no longer be available and any further updates can only be made on the relevant SARP Employer Return screens.

Note: If the SARP Employer Return has been partially saved with a CSV template upload and an updated CSV template is uploaded, the original CSV template will be overwritten and the most recent CSV template will be used for the SARP Employer Return.

CSV column heading	Related question	Expected input type
PPSN	Employee 's PPSN	Valid PPSN
NAME	Employee's name	alphabetic
NATIONALITY	Employee's nationality	alphabetic
COUNTRY	The country in which the employee	alphabetic
	worked for the employer prior to his	
	or her first arrival in the State	
JOB TITLE	Job title and brief description of the	alphabetic
	role of the employee while availing	
	of SARP relief	
GROSS PAYMENT	Gross income from the employment	Euro amount
	before deduction of SARP relief (less	
	amounts contributed to pension and	
	amounts not assessed to tax in the	
	State)	
FIRST YEAR OF RELIEF	1st year employee availed of relief	Yes/No
	under SARP	If "No" is input, then the question
		below is required
YEAR OF RELIEF IF NOT FIRST	If not the 1st, state which year relief	Numeric
	being claimed 2nd - 5th	
RELIEF CLAIMED THROUGH PAYROLL	Was SARP relief claimed through	Yes/No
	payroll?	
AMOUNT CLAIMED	Please state the amount of SARP	Euro amount
	relief claimed.	
TAX EQUALISATION POLICY (Y/N)	Did a tax equalisation arrangement	Yes/No

	apply to the employment income?	
ALLOWABLE EXPENSES UNDER \$825C	Did this employee avail of any	Yes/No
TCA 1997 (Y/N)	allowable expenses under s.825C	If "Yes" is input, then the questions
	TCA 1997 this year?	below are required
ANNUAL TRIP COST	Costs associated with an annual	Euro amount
	return trip to the country of	
	residence or nationality for self and	
	/ or family (s.825C(6)(a)) TCA 1997.	
NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAVELLING	Number of people traveling	Numeric
SCHOOL FEES PAID	Total amount of school fees paid or	Euro amount
	reimbursed by employer in respect	
	of children of the relevant employee	
	attending an approved school in the	
	State (S. 825C(6)(b)) TCA 1997.	
SCHOOL FEES PAID IN EXCESS	Amount of school fees paid or	Euro amount
	reimbursed by employer in excess of	
	threshold and subject to tax	
NUMBER OF CHILDREN	Number of children for which school	Numeric
	fees are paid or reimbursed by	
	employer	
DID EMPLOYEE CEASE DURING	Did this employee cease their	Yes/No
PERIOD THIS RETURN RELATES TO	employment with your company in	If "Yes" is input, then the question
(Y/N)	the period this return relates to?	below is required
DATE OF CESSATION	Date of cessation	Date