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1. Introduction

The Bank of England Electronic Data Submission (BEEDS) portal is an online application that manages formal regulatory and statistical data submissions between PRA-authorized firms and the Bank of England. The portal enables firms to complete and submit all data submissions online. Firms can also view the information held about them by the Bank of England and keep it up to date.

This guide explains the processes you should follow to submit your data, manage users and update firm details. The guide is structured in a way that presents processes followed in the same way by all collections first. Where a collection has additional processes or information, these can be found in the Appendices.

Please ensure you read the full guide and your relevant appendix before using the system.

a. Bank of England contact details

Please refer to your collections **appendix** to find your Bank of England contact details.

2. General user information

a. Account Practices

BEEDS portal accounts are automatically made inactive if the user does not log in for 120 days. It is therefore recommended that users regularly login to the BEEDS portal to ensure that their account remains active. We will remind users by email after 100 days of inactivity that their account will be automatically made inactive after 120 days of inactivity.

If an account has been made inactive, users should contact their appropriate contact as specified in the collection **appendix**.

Note that the application will time out after an hour of inactivity. Entering data in fields is not considered activity so it is recommended that users regularly save forms while editing

Account Maintenance

It is the responsibility of the Principal User to ensure that regular housekeeping of user accounts is carried out. If a user no longer requires access to BEEDS, their account should be deactivated. (Please note users can be reactivated if required as per **Section 7**).

View all users:

- Navigate to Manage Users > View/Edit User
- A list of all accounts associated with your firm will be displayed

Deactivate user:

- Navigate to Manage Users > View/Edit User
- Locate the user you wish to deactivate and click View/Edit
- Click Edit User Details
- Select Inactive
- Click Save

The Bank of England recommends that this process should be completed at least annually.

b. Minimum IT requirements

The recommended minimum computer requirements for using the portal are:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer version 10 or above, Firefox version 36 or above, Google Chrome version 40 or above, or Safari 7 (for OSX only) or above.
- To view returns in PDF (and printing where signatures are required) a PDF viewer is required, such as Adobe Acrobat Reader (version 8.0 or above).
- To export returns as spreadsheets Microsoft Excel 2003 or above is required. NB: the viewer application for Excel will enable forms to be exported.
- To print hard copies of returns a printer connection is required.
- The recommended screen resolution is at least 1024 x 768 or higher for optimal display.

c. Terms and conditions

We recommend that you take time to read the Terms and Conditions of the BEEDS portal before entering the site. This can be found via the following link <https://beeds.bankofengland.co.uk/Help/TermsAndConditions.html>

d. How we use your information

When you use this web portal ('BEEDS Portal'), the Bank of England ('we' or the 'Bank') collects personal data about you. This notice only covers the information you submit to us for the purpose of creating and maintaining your account.

You may receive other specific privacy notices relevant to your actions on this portal. If you are unable to locate a relevant notice or would like to find out more, you can get in touch via our website at <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/legal/privacy>.

- **Information we collect** – Through your engagement with us, the Bank collects personal data about you. This information includes your name and business contact information.
- **Why we need your personal data** - We collect your personal data to create an account for you, control user access and to be able to communicate with you. The processing of your personal data is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority of the Bank. That is, to support the financial stability of the UK
- **What we do with your personal data** - We use your data for the purposes of creating and maintaining your account. We will keep your personal data for 8 years from the point at which your account is closed.
- **Your rights** - You have a number of rights under data protection laws (for example, you have the right to ask us for a copy of the personal data the Bank holds about you. This is known as a 'Subject Access Request'. You can ask us to change how we process or deal with your personal data, and you may also have the right in some circumstances to have your personal data amended or deleted.

The complete Privacy Policy can be found on the BEEDS portal homepage. Please take time to read this before entering the site. To find out more about those rights, to make a complaint, or to contact our Data Protection Officer, please see our website at <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/legal/privacy>.

e. Cookie Policy

This website uses cookies. Cookies are used for a number of purposes, including to make some parts of a website work or work more efficiently, as well as to provide users with information on how this site is used.

By continuing to use the site, you are agreeing to our use of cookies. Read more about the individual cookies we use in our Privacy Policy, which can be found at <https://beeds.bankofengland.co.uk/Help/PrivacyPolicy.html>

f. Testing

The BEEDS portal should not be used for testing files. All files submitted through the BEEDS portal are considered a legal submission by the Bank of England.

Where possible, the Bank of England may make available a User Acceptance Testing (UAT) environment around large system change and on ad hoc occasions. Any test windows will be communicated to all BEEDS portal Principal Users.

The UAT environment is made available to allow firms to test that they can successfully generate and submit a valid file (which passes validation checks and filing rules) through BEEDS. **Please note** – the Bank of England will not review any files submitted by firms in the UAT environment.

We do not guarantee that our UAT site, or any content on it, will always be available and will not be interrupted, but provide this UAT service on a reasonable endeavours basis.

Ahead of any UAT window, login details for the UAT environment will be provided. UAT emails will be sent from 'beedsuat_donotreply'.

Live data should not be used in the UAT environment. The Bank of England may use files submitted on UAT for our own testing purposes.

g. Alternative Processing Plan (APP)

In the unlikely event of the BEEDS portal being unavailable ahead of a submission deadline, the Bank of England may decide to invoke its Alternative Processing Plan (APP). In this scenario, Principal Users may be asked to send their file submissions through secure email if their firm is yet to submit ahead of the deadline.

h. Support hours & Maintenance windows

Standard support hours are 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday. The Bank of England BEEDS team aim to reply to all queries within two working days. There may be times when this is not possible due to increased volume of queries around significant deadlines. Queries will be dealt with in priority order.

All emails should be directed to the groups under your Bank of England contact details in your collections **appendix** in the first instance.

The Bank of England periodically undertakes maintenance of the system. Users will be notified via email when the maintenance windows take place as required outside UK business working hours or significant deadlines. During this time the BEEDS portal may be unavailable and submissions may not be processed. We endeavour to provide 48 hours' notice where possible.

3. Log In

a. Before logging in

To log into the BEEDS portal, users will need the email address, phone number¹ and password associated with their account. Phones are required to receive the session security code.

b. Logging in

When a user account is first created on the application, a randomly generated password will be sent to the user via email. The portal can be accessed with the user's email address, as their username, and the password as provided.

The password must be changed when the user accesses the portal for the first time.

Passwords must contain at least one capital letter, lowercase letter, number and special character; must not contain spaces; and must be of length 8-30 characters.

When a user logs in for the first time, a screen will be displayed allowing the user to update their details. The user will also need to set security questions at this time, as directed on screen (further details in **Section E.** below).

If a user enters their login details incorrectly, a CAPTCHA code will be displayed which will need to be entered before continuing.

Users will have three attempts to log in before the account is locked, after this, the 'Forgotten Password' link can be used to unlock the account.

c. Forgotten password

To reset their password, a user can click the 'Forgotten Password' link displayed under the login fields on the BEEDS portal login page. After the user enters the displayed CAPTCHA code, email address and security questions, a link will be sent via email with instructions on how to reset your password.

d. Session security code

A session security code is required each time a user logs in to the BEEDS portal. This will be sent via SMS to the landline or preferably, mobile telephone number supplied by the user.

Note that the code is valid for ten minutes after entering the username and password. If a user does not enter the code within ten minutes, the log in process will have to be restarted.

¹ Users are advised to provide a mobile telephone number rather than a landline as the code can be difficult to understand when relayed to a landline. However if users choose to use a landline, they are reminded to utilise the repeat functionality if necessary. If the code cannot be understood, users are advised to request a new code by restarting the login process

e. Security questions

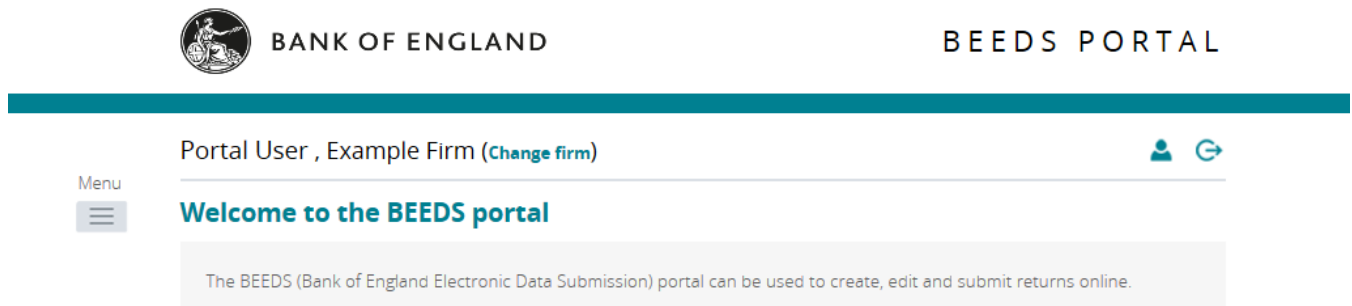
Security questions are set up when a user first logs into the BEEDS portal. Users will be required to select four questions from four separate dropdown lists of predefined questions. Questions and answers must be unique and at least four characters in length.

Security questions can be updated via 'My Details', 'Update Security Questions'.

f. Firm selection

If a user is associated with more than one firm, the BEEDS portal will display a drop down list of firms from which the user can select. Here, a 'firm' can refer to an individual entity or the group as a whole.

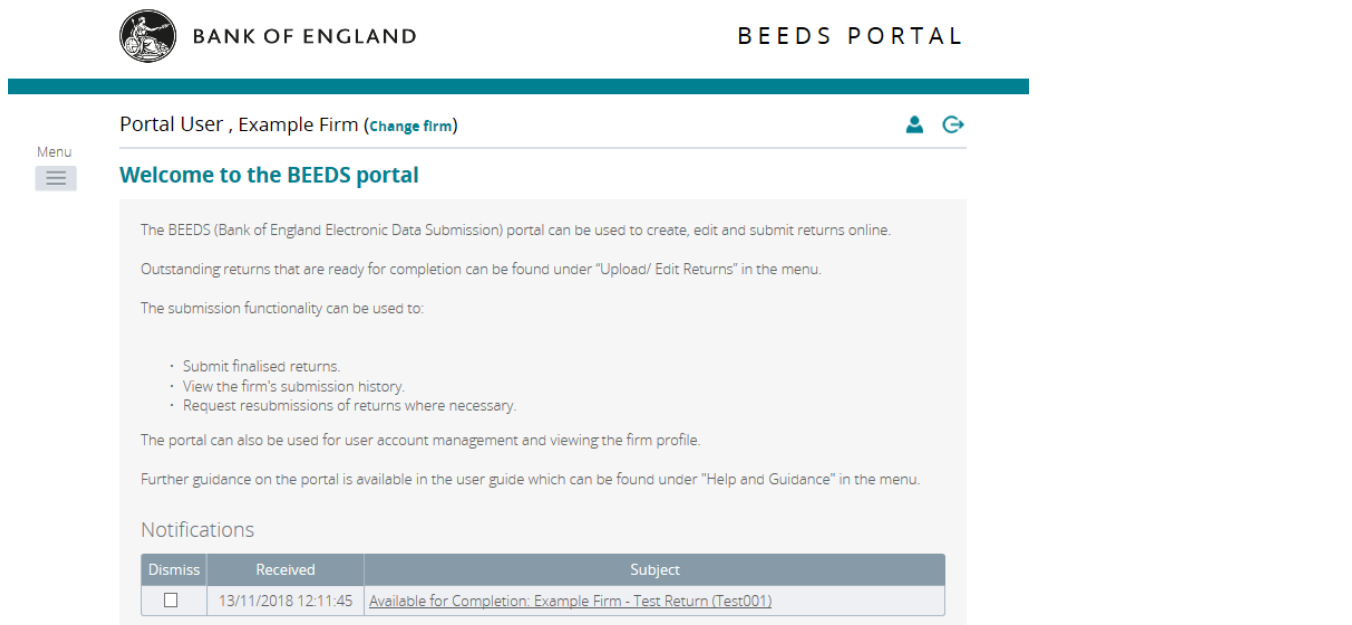
This selection can be changed once logged in by clicking 'Change firm' next to the firm name. If any issues are encountered, please email the appropriate contact as per the **appendix**.



The screenshot shows the top of the BEEDS portal. On the left is the Bank of England logo. In the center, it says "BANK OF ENGLAND". On the right, it says "BEEDS PORTAL". Below this is a teal horizontal bar. Underneath the bar, the user is identified as "Portal User , Example Firm (Change firm)" with a user icon and a refresh icon. A "Menu" button is on the left. The main heading is "Welcome to the BEEDS portal". Below this is a light grey box with the text: "The BEEDS (Bank of England Electronic Data Submission) portal can be used to create, edit and submit returns online."

g. Home screen

The home screen lists all notifications that have been emailed to the user. These can be in relation to any of the firms with which the user is associated. Notifications can be dismissed and then will not be displayed again on the home screen.



The screenshot shows the same top header as the previous image. Below the teal bar, the user profile and menu are visible. The main heading is "Welcome to the BEEDS portal". Below this is a light grey box with the following text: "The BEEDS (Bank of England Electronic Data Submission) portal can be used to create, edit and submit returns online. Outstanding returns that are ready for completion can be found under 'Upload/ Edit Returns' in the menu. The submission functionality can be used to: Submit finalised returns. View the firm's submission history. Request resubmissions of returns where necessary. The portal can also be used for user account management and viewing the firm profile. Further guidance on the portal is available in the user guide which can be found under 'Help and Guidance' in the menu." Below this is a "Notifications" section with a table:

Dismiss	Received	Subject
<input type="checkbox"/>	13/11/2018 12:11:45	Available for Completion: Example Firm - Test Return (Test001)

4. My Details

This functionality allows users to view and update their own user details.

a. View/Edit my details

To update user details, navigate to 'My Details' and click 'View/Edit My Details'.

- User details will be displayed and can be edited.
 - Note that the email address provided is the username required to log into the portal and determines where notifications are sent. The telephone number provided determines where the session security code is sent each time the user logs into the portal.
 - Your BEEDS portal password must be entered when updating your user details. Users cannot amend their email address. Contact the appropriate contact as part of the **appendix** if you wish to change your email address.
 - Exclude the '0' when using the international telephone code 44. For example, the telephone number for PRA Firm Enquiries would be formatted as '44 2034 615360'.
- Edit details as required and click 'Update'.

b. Update password

- To change the password used to log in to the portal, navigate to 'My Details' and click 'Update Password'
- Enter the current password and a new password and click 'Save'
- Passwords expire every three months. Users will be prompted to update their password on the first log in after it has expired

c. Update security questions

- To change the security questions that are associated with the account, navigate to 'My Details' and click 'Update Security Questions'
- Select four new unique questions, enter your answers and click 'Save'

5. Returns

Returns will be scheduled for release by the Bank of England and users will be notified by email when a return is available for completion. Firms are advised to look at the appendix at the end of this user guide for further information on collection specific return schedules.

Returns can be viewed under 'Upload/Edit Returns'.

Menu

Welcome to the BEEDS portal

- Home
- Upload/ Edit Returns
- Submission
- Manage Returns
- Help and Guidance
- Firm Profile
- Manage Users
- My Details
- Logout



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Portal User , Example Firm ([Change firm](#))



Upload/ Edit Returns

The returns listed below are in draft and must be completed prior to the submission due date.

To create new returns, use the "Create Return" functionality in the menu.

Return name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Status	Return end date	Due date
Test Return	APU256713	0.1		No Data	31/12/2018	31/12/2018

The 'Upload/Edit Returns' page displays a list of all available returns for completion with corresponding information such as the status of each return.

The status of a return will be one of the following:

- **No data with errors** – the file has not been uploaded or upload has been attempted but the file was invalid (file type, XBRL validation errors)
- **No data** – return has not been populated with data and is available for completion
- **Complete (with errors)** – the return has failed validation rules. These errors must be corrected before re-submission. The return may have also failed non-blocking rules which users may choose to rectify.
- **Complete (with warnings)** – file has been uploaded but it has validation errors which the firm must resolve before being accepted
- **Complete** – The returns' templates have all been completed and the return is now ready to submit.
- **Pending approval** – return has been submitted and is undergoing plausibility checks. A return will remain in this state if the firm has provided explanations for 'implausible' data, and the return requires approval by the Bank of England

- **Accepted with warnings** – file upload has passed all validation rules but has flagged non-blocking rules. File has been accepted by the Bank of England. If the user wishes to rectify these warnings they can do so by following the **request resubmission process**
- **Accepted** – return has been approved by the Bank of England

a. Submit returns

Files should only be uploaded when they are finalised and ready for legal submission. Firms should not submit files purely to test their processes. All testing of the BEEDS portal should be completed in the designated UAT environment during the windows made available from time to time.

NB: Submitted data will be removed from the BEEDS portal after 28 days. If prior to this window, the return is assigned an 'Accepted' or 'Declined' state, the data will be removed sooner. The data will still be available for supervisory purposes on the Bank of England's internal systems.

Returns will either be submitted automatically or will need to be manually submitted depending on which type of return you are submitting. The following sections detail the process for both submission methods, and details of which submission method applies to each return type can be found in the collections **appendix**.

i. Manual submissions

- To populate a return with data, click 'Upload Data' as shown below, then click 'Browse' to select a file to upload.
- Allowed file types are shown on the Upload Data page. To speed up the upload process it is recommended that files greater than 10Mb are compressed using the standard .zip format. No other compression formats are currently accepted
- Any sections of the form that are invalid will keep the return still 'In Draft'. The sections invalid will be illustrated with a pencil icon and you will be able to view these validation errors by going in to the section and clicking 'Validate & Save'.
- **BEEDS is a secure portal. Therefore, please refrain from uploading password protected documents.** A progress indicator will be displayed when uploading a file

Portal User , Example Firm ([Change firm](#))

Menu

Upload/ Edit Returns

Select a template to complete. Templates can be partially completed and saved in draft for later completion.

Once all templates are completed and validated, the return can be submitted using the "Submit Return" functionality under the "Submission" menu.

KEY						
Form set	Folder	Repeatable Folder	Form	Add template	Complete	In Draft
						No Data - Mandatory

Test Return Status: No Data

	SII Reporting SII R	Upload Data
	S.01.01.01	

File type checks

Only the files mentioned (zipped or unzipped) will be accepted and users will be informed immediately if a file fails this check. Click the delete icon on the right to remove the file and then upload a file of the correct format.

To view the templates in a return, click on the return's name as shown above.



Submission process


To submit a return, ensure all mandatory templates in the return have been validated

- Navigate to 'Submission' and click 'Submit Return'
- All returns ready for submission will be displayed
- Click 'Submit' and confirm the submission
- Additional validation checks will now be run on the return. If any errors are encountered, these will be displayed on screen and can be rectified by editing the return. The application will update the return status and send an automated acknowledgement email to the user detailing the outcome

ii. Automatic submissions

- To populate a return with data, click 'Upload Data' as shown below, then click 'Browse' to select a file to upload.
- Allowed file types are shown on the Upload Data page. To speed up the upload process it is recommended that files greater than 10Mb are compressed using the standard .zip format. No other compression formats are currently accepted
- **BEEDS is a secure portal. Therefore, please refrain from uploading password protected documents.**
- A progress indicator will be displayed when uploading a file









Portal User , Example Firm ([Change firm](#))  

Menu 



Upload/ Edit Returns

Select a template to complete. Templates can be partially completed and saved in draft for later completion.

Once all templates are completed and validated, the return can be submitted using the "Submit Return" functionality under the "Submission" menu.

KEY	
	
	
	
	
Form set	Folder
Repeatable Folder	Form
Add template	Complete
In Draft	No Data - Mandatory

Test Return Status: No Data

	SII Reporting SIIR	Upload Data
	S.01.01.01	

File type checks

Only the files mentioned (zipped or unzipped) will be accepted and users will be informed immediately if a file fails this check. Click the delete icon on the right to remove the file and then upload a file of the correct format.

Submission process

No further action is required as the return, if valid, will be processed and distributed in BEEDS.

If invalid, the return will remain in Upload/Edit Returns where you will be able to submit again, and users will receive an email advising that the file has failed validation checks.

Validation rule checks

Files that are of the correct file type that are accepted for processing will be checked for validation rules. This check can take a few minutes depending on the size of the uploaded file.

If errors are found, the user will receive an email notification and the errors will be available to view in 'Upload/Edit Returns' by clicking on the error icon.

To upload a corrected file, click on the return name and then 'Upload Data' and 'Browse' as before.

When special characters are present in your .xbrl file, these should be escaped appropriately e.g. '&' should be replaced by '&'

b. Request Resubmissions

This functionality enables users to alert the Bank of England of a mistake in a previously submitted return that requires correcting. All requests for resubmission will be automatically granted.

- To request a resubmission, navigate to the 'Submission' menu and click 'Request Resubmission'
 - All previously submitted returns will be displayed by year
- Click the 'Request Resubmission' link related to the return that requires correcting

Portal User , Example Firm ([Change firm](#))

Menu

Request Resubmission

Select a return to request a resubmission.

All requests to resubmit a return will be automatically granted and the return will appear under "Upload/ Edit Returns" where it can be edited before resubmission.

Showing returns from:

Return name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Return end date	Due date	Action
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Test Return	Test001	1.0	qrs	31/12/2018	31/12/2018	Request Resubmission

- Details of the resubmission request are displayed

- Select the most appropriate 'Reasons for resubmission' from the dropdown list, fill in the field with any additional relevant information and specify any changes since the previous version. Then click 'Send Request'. You may also wish to upload a supporting document by selecting the 'Browse' button
 - Click 'Confirm' to proceed with the request

c. Ad Hoc Returns

Ad hoc returns, for example 'Amend Principal User', can be created by firm users with the appropriate permissions. The returns must then be submitted manually after completion, as detailed above. Users will not be notified when a return is available for completion as these can be created by the user at any time.

The status of an ad hoc return will be one of five:



- No data** – information has not been entered or uploaded
- In draft** – information has been entered or uploaded but there are mandatory fields outstanding
- Complete** – all mandatory fields have been completed and the return is ready to submit to the Bank of England
- Pending approval** – information has been submitted and is being reviewed by the Bank of England
- Accepted** – information has been accepted by the Bank of England


For instructions on the create, complete, submit and resubmit return processes for the ad hoc returns, please refer to the above instructions in this section along with the manual submission process.

d. View Submission History

This functionality allows users to review all returns that have been previously submitted.

- To view submitted returns, navigate to the 'Submission' menu and click 'Submission History'.
 - All previously submitted returns will be displayed and filtering fields can be used to search for a return.
- Click on the return name to view the most recent version and click on the revision number to see a list of submitted versions as shown below.


Portal User , Example Firm ([Change firm](#))  

Menu 

Submission History

Select a submission to view

Showing returns from: ▼

Return name	Reference	Revision	Categories	Submitted date	Status	Return end date
<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>		<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>
Test Return	Test001	1.0	qrs	13/11/2018	Pending Approval 	31/12/2018

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6. Help and Guidance

This functionality allows users to access useful information relating to their data submitted through the BEEDS portal.

- To access a file, click 'Help and Guidance' on the portal menu
 - The application will display the document explorer
- Files can be found by drilling down the folder path in Portal Documents and selecting the relevant folder
- Select a file and click on the green download icon

7. Firm Profile

This functionality allows users to view profile information held by the Bank of England about their firm.

- Navigate to 'Firm Profile'
 - The application will display a list of all profile sections and these can be viewed by clicking on them
- The profile should be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure the information is kept up to date. If any information is outdated the firm should advise their appropriate contact as named in the **appendices**
- The principal user details of a firm can be changed by creating an ad hoc 'Amend Principal User' return under 'Manage Returns'.
 - The return will need to be completed under 'Upload/Edit Returns' and then submitted under 'Submission'. More detailed information can be found in the **Complete Ad Hoc Returns** section of this guide
- Formal notification of changes should also be made as usual to the FCA as appropriate

8. Manage Users

Each firm has one nominated principal user who may wish to create additional users to assist with editing or submitting returns. Newly created users can be assigned a role which defines the level of access the user will have. Only principal users have access to manage additional user accounts.

All firm users are responsible for any account they are provided with by the Bank of England to access BEEDS portal. Regular audits should be undertaken by firms of all user accounts, roles and use of the application.

The Bank of England recognises the need for alternative contacts and therefore strongly encourages firms to create additional users. Principal Users are responsible for creating additional users on the BEEDS portal. Additional users are important so that firms can respond in a timely way to questions raised by the Bank of England related to firms' regulatory returns.

a. Create users

- To create a new user, the Principal User must;
 - navigate to 'Manage Users' and click 'Create User'
 - Enter the details of the new user and select from the roles listed

- Exclude the '0' when using the international telephone code 44. For example, the telephone number for PRA Firm Enquiries would be formatted as '44 2034 615360'.
- Users can be assigned more than one role if required.
 - It is recommended that all users are assigned the 'Create Amend Principal User' role
- Click 'Create'.
 - The user details will be displayed and can be edited by clicking 'Edit'
- The new user will receive an email with a randomly generated password which can be used to access the portal

NB: Each firm can have a maximum of ten active users, i.e. one Principal User and nine additional users.

b. View / Edit users

This functionality allows the Principal User to view and edit other users with access to their firm. A Principal User can also deactivate other users by changing their activation status to 'Inactive'.

- To view all firm users, navigate to 'Manage Users' and click on 'View/Edit User'
- Click the 'View/Edit' button corresponding to a user
 - User details will be displayed
- To edit these details click 'Edit'
 - User details will be displayed and can be edited
- Update name, contact details, permissions and activation status where required, and then click 'Save'
 - Updated user details will be displayed

NB: Email addresses cannot be changed. Contact the appropriate contact as per your collection in the appendices if you wish to amend an email address for an additional user.

c. Reactivating users

To reactivate an account;

- Contact the Bank of England as per the **appendix** requesting your account to be reactivated.
- Once the Bank of England confirms that your account has been reactivated, the principal user of your firm will need to add you as a new user as per **7a.** above.
- Then use the forgotten password process to reset your account and gain access to the BEEDS Portal.

9. FAQ's

9.1 What should I do if I have not received login details?

Ensure that the principal user has entered your email address correctly and continue the forgotten password process. If this does not work, please contact the appropriate contact as per the **appendix**.

If you have still not received login details, you should contact as per the **appendix**.

9.2 What should I do if I cannot log in?

If you have forgotten your username, it is the email address associated with your account. This can be viewed by the principal user under 'Manage Users'.

If you have forgotten your password, you can select 'Forgotten Password' on the BEEDS portal login page and a link will be emailed to you with instructions on how to reset your password.

If you continue to face issues, contact the appropriate contact as per the **appendix**.

9.3 How do I set up additional users?

Each firm has only one principal user account. The principal user can set up additional users under 'Manage Users', 'Create User'.

9.4 Can the principal user be changed?

To change the principal user, an 'Amend Principal User' return should be created under 'Manage Returns', 'Create Return'. The return will need to be completed under 'Upload/Edit Returns' and then submitted under 'Submission'. This will create a request that will have to be approved by a nominated user from the firm.

9.5 How do I change a user's contact details?

The principal user can change the name or contact details of another user under 'Manage Users', 'View/Edit Users' by selecting the View/Edit link beside the user. The details will then be displayed which can be updated by clicking 'Edit'.

Your own details can be updated under 'My Details', 'View/Edit My Details'.

For email address changes please refer to your contact as per the **appendix**.

9.6 How do I change the contact details of a reporting entity?

The contact details of a firm can be changed by creating an 'amend principal user' return under 'Manage Returns', 'Create Return'. The return will need to be completed under 'Upload/Edit Returns' and then submitted under 'Submission'.

Other firm details used for data collection purposes can be changed through submitting ad hoc returns. Formal notification of changes should also be made as usual to the FCA.

9.7 What should I do if I have not received confirmation of submission?

If you have not received a notification after submitting a return, check the status of the return. Your collections appropriate contact should be contacted if you have not received an expected email.

9.8 How do I request a resubmission?

To request a Resubmission, navigate to 'Submission', 'Request Resubmission', select the 'Request Resubmission' link beside a return. Approval will be granted automatically through the portal for Solvency II returns.

9.9 What should I do if I do not understand an error message?

A screenshot of an error message can be sent to your collections data validation contact as per the appendices for clarification.

9.10 From which email address will notifications be sent?

Users will receive automated emails from 'beeds_donotreply'

NB: Emails regarding the UAT environment will come from 'beedsuat_donotreply'. These inboxes are not monitored so users should not reply to any automated emails.

9.11 How do I check the version of my browser?

Refer to the 'Resources' section on the BEEDS portal where you will be able to find instructions on how to view the version of your browser. Also refer to the **Minimum IT Requirements**.

9.12 How do I change the firm profile section?

The contact details of a firm can be changed by creating an 'Amend Principal User' return under 'Manage Returns', 'Create Return'. The return will need to be completed under 'Upload/Edit Returns' and then submitted under 'Submission'. Formal notification of changes should also be made as usual to the FCA.

9.13 Does BEEDS support machine to machine transfer?

The BEEDS portal does not currently support machine to machine transfer. All XBRL file uploads can only be made in the BEEDS portal.

10. Glossary

Term	Definition
Additional user	These users are created by Principal users with access to submit returns
Alternative Processing Plan (APP)	In the unlikely scenario that the BEEDS portal is unavailable ahead of the submission deadline, principal users may be asked to submit via secure email as the alternative process
BEEDS	Bank of England Electronic Data Submission
EIOPA	European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority
Entry point	A schema in the applicable taxonomy that selects the appropriate group of filing requirements from the taxonomy and is referenced by the XBRL instance. E.g. ARS, ARG
FCA	Financial Conduct Authority
Filing	A filing is the information that is transmitted to an NCA for receipt, validation and acceptance. NB: a filing is conveyed in a single XBRL instance document.
Firm	A 'firm' can refer to an individual entity or the group as a whole
Firm user	A user role assigned to portal users that are regarding new PRA authorisations
Plausibility checks	PRA defined rules use for quality checking, looking for data that seems implausible in the context of other data. Firms may be required to provide an explanation for implausible data or to resubmit data if figures are found to be incorrect.
Principal user	Each firm has one nominated principal user who can create and manage additional Users and have access to submit returns
RDG	Regulatory Data Group (Bank of England)
Return	A submission of data to the Bank of England
Template	A (usually tabular) visible representation of a set of data points, typically identified with/as a single reporting unit.
UAT	User Acceptance Testing BEEDS environment
XBRL	eXtensible Business Reporting Language
XML	eXtensible Markup Language

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a. Buy to Let

i. Contact details

- For queries relating to validation or plausibility errors, contact the Regulatory Data Group: BTL@bankofengland.co.uk
- For all other queries relating to the BEEDS portal, contact Data Collection Team: BEEDSQueries@bankofengland.co.uk | 020 3461 5360
- For enquiries that do not relate to the BEEDS portal, firms should liaise with their usual Bank of England contact.
- Formal notification of changes to firm details should be made as usual to the FCA.

ii. Return types and corresponding submission methods

- Buy to Let 1 – Automatic
- Buy to Let 2 – Automatic
- Buy to Let 3 – Automatic
- Amend Principal User – Manual

iii. User roles

Role	Description
Buy-to-Let Principal User	Full ability to submit against the Buy-to-Let collection with additional ability to manage additional users.
Buy-to-Let Additional User	Ability to submit against the Buy-to-Let collection.
Create Amend Principal User	Access to create and submit an 'Amend Principal User' return to request a change in the firm's principal user.

iv. Additional information

The XML template for Buy to Let reporting, along with the validation rules are available to download from the [Bank of England website](#).

b. Capital+

i. Contact details

- For queries relating to validation or plausibility errors, contact the Regulatory Data Group: CapitalData@bankofengland.co.uk
- For all other queries relating to the BEEDS portal, contact Data Collection Team: BEEDSQueries@bankofengland.co.uk | 020 3461 5360
- For enquiries that do not relate to the BEEDS portal, firms should liaise with their usual Bank of England contact.
- Formal notification of changes to firm details should be made as usual to the FCA.

ii. Return types and corresponding submission methods

- Capital + – Automatic
- Amend Principal User – Manual

iii. User roles

Role	Description
Capital+ Principal User	Full ability to submit against the Capital+ collection with additional ability to manage additional users.
Capital+ Additional User	Ability to submit against the Capital+ collection.
Create Amend Principal User	Access to create and submit an 'Amend Principal User' return to request a change in the firm's principal user.

c. Central Securities Depositories Regulation

i. Contact details

- For queries relating to validation or plausibility errors, contact tm goihe Financial Market Infrastructure Directorate: InternalisedSettlement-Enquiries@bankofengland.gsi.gov.uk
- For all other queries relating to the BEEDS portal, contact Data Collection Team: BEEDSQueries@bankofengland.co.uk | 020 3461 5360
- For enquiries that do not relate to the BEEDS portal, firms should liaise with their usual Bank of England contact.

ii. Return types and corresponding submission methods

- CSDR – Automatic
- Amend Principal User – Manual

iii. User roles

Role	Description
CSDR Principal User	Full ability to submit against the CSDR collection with additional ability to manage additional users.
CSDR Additional User	Ability to submit against the CSDR collection.
Create Amend Principal User	Access to create and submit an 'Amend Principal User' return to request a change in the firm's principal user.

iv. Additional information

For assistance with reporting the CSDR returns please find the [ESMA Settlement Homepage](#).

The Bank of England is in the process of creating additional support documentation explaining the ESMA validation rules, to further assist firms with their CSDR submissions within the BEEDS Portal.

d. Credit Unions

i. Contact details

- For queries relating to validation or plausibility errors, contact the Regulatory Data Group: CreditUnionReporting@bankofengland.co.uk | 020 3461 7775
- For all other queries relating to the BEEDS portal, contact Data Collection Team: BEEDSQueries@bankofengland.co.uk | 020 3461 5360
- For enquiries that do not relate to the BEEDS portal, firms should liaise with their usual Bank of England contact.
- Formal notification of changes to firm details should be made as usual to the FCA.

ii. Return types and corresponding submission methods

- Credit Union – Automatic
- Amend Principal User – Manual
- Plausibility Response Annual – Manual
- Plausibility Response Quarterly – Manual

iii. User roles

Role	Description
Credit Union Principal User	Full ability to submit against the Credit Union collection with additional ability to manage additional users.
Credit Union Additional User	Ability to submit against the Credit Union collection.
Create Amend Principal User	Access to create and submit an 'Amend Principal User' return to request a change in the firm's principal user.

iv. Additional information

Complete returns – manual entry

To complete a template by manually entering data, click on 'Edit' on each section of the return. In each section, every field marked with an asterisk must be completed. If there is no value to report in the field, please insert a '0'. When the section has been completed, click on 'Validate and Save' to mark the template as complete. To have the return ready for submission, every section of the return must be validated and saved. Data validation is not performed at this stage.

Each return is made up of template(s) which may be mandatory or optional depending on certain conditions such as type of firm or lines of business written. All mandatory templates in a return need to be validated for the return to be submitted.

The Excel template is available to download from the [Bank of England website](#). Only templates published from Tuesday 3 January 2017 will be compatible with the upload data feature.

We recommend that users click 'Show errors in new window' to aid correcting the validation errors on screen. The validation errors are also available in 'Draft Returns' if users click on the red exclamation mark. When the validation errors have been rectified, return to 'Submit Return'.

We strongly recommend that users download the return at this stage. Submitted data is removed from the BEEDS portal after submission if the return is assigned an 'Accepted' or 'Declined' state. The return cannot be downloaded after this point.

If there are plausibility checks remaining on the return, and the return is assigned a 'Pending Approval' state, the data will remain on the BEEDS portal for up to 28 days.

The data will still be available for supervisory purposes on the Bank of England's internal systems. The user will receive an email confirming this submission.

PRA plausibility checks

Plausibility response forms for annual and quarterly returns are created by the Bank of England which must then be **submitted manually** by the firm after completion. Users will be notified when this return is available for completion.

Files that pass validation checks are then checked for plausibility. PRA defined rules used for quality checking may identify reported items that seem implausible in the context of other data. If figures are thought to be implausible, an email notification will be sent immediately to inform the firm that the failures will be reviewed by the Regulatory Data Group (RDG), following which the user may be required to resubmit data or provide an explanation for implausible data.

If required, the user should complete the 'plausibility response' return under 'Upload/Edit Returns', and then submit the return under 'Submission'. More detailed information on submitting 'plausibility response' returns can be found in the '**Ad Hoc Returns**' section of this guide.

For clarification on an error message, a screenshot of the message can be sent to CreditUnionReporting@bankofengland.co.uk

Auditor's Declaration

Similarly to credit union returns, the Auditor's Declaration will be scheduled for release by the Bank of England and users will be notified when a return is available for completion. This will be created alongside a credit union return.

Acceptable file types are. csv, .doc, .docx, .jpg, .jpeg, .odp, .ods, .odt, .pdf, .ppt, .pptx, .rtf, .txt, .xls, .xlsx, .xml, .zip

e. Financial vehicle corporations return

i. Contact details

- For queries specific to Form FV reporting requirements, definitions and validations please contact Reporters_PL@bankofengland.co.uk
- For all other queries relating to the BEEDS portal, contact Data Collection Team: BEEDSQueries@bankofengland.co.uk | 020 3461 5360
- For enquiries that do not relate to the BEEDS portal, firms should liaise with their usual Bank of England contact.
- Formal notification of changes to firm details should be made as usual to the FCA.

ii. Return types and corresponding submission methods

- FV – Automatic
- Amend Principal User – Manual

iii. User roles

Role	Description
FV Principal User	Full ability to submit against the FV collection with additional ability to manage additional users.
FV Additional User	Ability to submit against the FV collection.
Create Amend Principal User	Access to create and submit an 'Amend Principal User' return to request a change in the firm's principal user.

iv. Submissions Accepted with Warnings:

If you receive an email stating your submission has been 'accepted with warnings,' this means your file has been processed but has triggered some non-blocking validation rules.

Please be aware all validation rules have initially been set to non-blocking. This is to ensure the rules function as expected in the live environment and will allow reporters to submit data should there be any unexpected issues. The Bank will, however, be treating all rules as hard validation rules and will be requesting resubmissions should these rules be breached.

If your submission breaches any non-blocking validation rules please review and resolve these errors as soon as possible, but no later than two working days after the submission deadline.

Once these validation rules have been thoroughly tested on the live environment, the Bank plan to amend these validations to be 'Blocking' and so early adherence to these rules would be advisable.

To make a correction to your data, you must request a resubmission within the BEEDS portal (see Request Resubmissions section above).

To view these warnings, login to the BEEDS portal, navigate to 'Submission History' and click the exclamation mark next to the return status. Warnings will only be available to view for 4 weeks from the date of submission.

v. Additional information

For submissions, please refer to the **Automatic submission process**

For related documentation (including XBRL taxonomy, data point model (DPM) dictionary plus validations and definitions) please see the [BEEDS webpage](#).

f. MFI holdings of securities collection

i. Contact details

- For queries specific to Form AS reporting requirements, definitions and validations please contact FormAS@bankofengland.co.uk
- For all other queries relating to the BEEDS portal, contact Data Collection Team: BEEDSQueries@bankofengland.co.uk | 020 3461 5360
- For enquiries that do not relate to the BEEDS portal, firms should liaise with their usual Bank of England contact.
- Formal notification of changes to firm details should be made as usual to the FCA.

ii. Return types and corresponding submission methods

- AS – Automatic
- Amend Principal User – Manual

iii. User roles

Role	Description
AS Principal User	Full ability to submit against the AS collection with additional ability to manage additional users.
AS Additional User	Ability to submit against the AS collection.
Create Amend Principal User	Access to create and submit an 'Amend Principal User' return to request a change in the firm's principal user.

iv. Submissions Accepted with Warnings:

If you receive an email stating your submission has been 'accepted with warnings,' this means your file has been processed but has triggered some non-blocking validation rules.

Please be aware all validation rules have initially been set to non-blocking. This is to ensure the rules function as expected in the live environment and will allow reporters to submit data should there be any unexpected issues. The Bank will, however, be treating all rules as hard validation rules and will be requesting resubmissions should these rules be breached.

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v. **Additional information**

For submissions, please refer to the **Automatic submission process**

For related documentation (including XBRL taxonomy, data point model (DPM) dictionary plus validations and definitions) please see the [BEEDS webpage](#).

g. Minimum Requirement for own funds and Eligible Liabilities (MREL)

i. Contact details

- For queries relating to validation or plausibility errors, contact the Regulatory Data Group: CapitalData@bankofengland.co.uk.
- For all other queries relating to the BEEDS portal, contact Data Collection Team: BEEDSQueries@bankofengland.co.uk | 020 3461 5360
- For enquiries that do not relate to the BEEDS portal, firms should liaise with their usual Bank of England contact.
- Formal notification of changes to firm details should be made as usual to the FCA.

ii. User roles

Role	Description
MREL Principal User	Full ability to submit against the MREL collection with additional ability to manage additional users.
MREL Additional User	Ability to submit against the MREL collection.
Create Amend Principal User	Access to create and submit an 'Amend Principal User' return to request a change in the firm's principal user.

iii. Additional Information

For submissions, please refer to the **Automatic submission process**.

h. New PRA Authorisations

i. Contact details

- For queries relating to account management or New PRA Authorisations returns, contact PRA Authorisations Department: PRA-AuthsVoPsCancellations@bankofengland.co.uk
- For all other queries relating to the BEEDS portal, contact Data Collection Team: BEEDSQueries@bankofengland.co.uk | 020 3461 5360
- For authorisation enquiries that do not relate to the BEEDS portal, firms should liaise with their usual PRA supervisory contact.
- Formal notification of changes to firm details should be made as usual to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

ii. Return types and corresponding submission methods

- New PRA Authorisation – Manual

iii. User roles

Role	Description
New Authorisation User	Full ability to submit against the New PRA Authorisation collection.

iv. Additional information

In order to improve Authorisation processes, we have now expanded the functionality of BEEDS to enable Firms to submit their New Authorisation applications via the portal.

This means that where Firms are submitting files where the total file size amounts to 25MB and above, which would previously have caused issues, it allows Firms to upload files easily. Each upload can take up to a maximum of 30 MB, with the overall total being 450MB.

The Authorisation submission functionality can be found under “Draft returns” tab. Users’ needs to select “New PRA Authorisation Application”. Please note, although these are referred to as ‘Returns’ there is no schedule or timeline associated with the submission of this information. ‘Return’ is a standard terminology used in BEEDS and when used in relation to an Authorisation application should be taken as meaning all information relating to that application, in all formats.

Existing Firm users of BEEDS will not need to change their log-on details to access the systems; they will however require additional permissions to enable submission of these returns. New users will need to request access;

- Existing Firm users that require additional permission will need to provide the email address associated with their existing BEEDS account and contact the PRA Authorisations Department using the following mailbox: PRA-AuthsVoPsCancellations@bankofengland.co.uk to request these be added for that particular Firm.

- New Firm users who require access to BEEDS to submit their authorisation application will need to contact the PRA Authorisations Department using the following mailbox: PRA-AuthsVoPsCancellations@bankofengland.co.uk to request login details to be able to access and submit the documents via the portal. Users will need to provide the following information:
 - Firm name and FRN (6 digits)
 - Forename
 - Surname
 - Email address
 - Telephone number (used to receive a session security code as part of the log in process, users find a mobile number easier)

i. Complete returns

Once available, the return can be viewed and completed under 'Upload/Edit Returns'.

- Select the return's name and the templates will be displayed.
- To complete the return, click 'Edit'

Firms must upload at least one file to BEEDS. The top right field is mandatory, shown with the '*'. All other fields are additional uploads.



Form View

New PRA Authorisation

Reporting entity name

Example Firm

Firm Reference Number (FRN)

123456

File Upload	Upload document	Upload document	Upload document
			<input type="button" value="Upload"/>
Upload document	<input type="button" value="Upload"/>	Upload document	<input type="button" value="Upload"/>
Upload document	<input type="button" value="Upload"/>	Upload document	<input type="button" value="Upload"/>
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N.B. Acceptable file types are: .csv, .doc, .docx, .pdf, .ppt, .pptx, .rtf, .txt, .xls, .xslm, .xlsx, .xml, .zip

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- Select the 'Browse' button and choose a file to upload. N.B. Acceptable file types are: .doc, .docx, .xml, .xls, .xlsx, .xslm, .ppt, .pptx, .pdf, .rtf, .txt, .csv, .zip.
- When the return is either partially or fully completed there is an option to save the modifications for later review by clicking 'Save as Draft'.
- Once all required information has been entered, the return can be validated by clicking 'Validate & Save'.
 - If no errors are found, the return status will update and the return will be ready for manual submission. Note that the return is not submitted at this point.
 - If errors are found, information on the errors and the actions required to address them will be displayed.
- If your firm requires to submit more than 15 files, please email the contact specified in this section above
- To find out more about what information to submit for the New Authorisation application, Please refer to our website page: <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/prudential-regulation/authorisations/new-firm-authorisation>

For submissions, please refer to the **Manual submission process**.

i. Non-Directive Firms

i. Contact details

- For queries relating to validation or plausibility errors, contact the Regulatory Data Group: InsuranceData@bankofengland.co.uk | 020 3461 7775
- For all other queries relating to the BEEDS portal, contact Data Collection Team: BEEDSQueries@bankofengland.co.uk | 020 3461 5360
- For enquiries that do not relate to the BEEDS portal, firms should liaise with their usual Bank of England contact.
- Formal notification of changes to firm details should be made as usual to the FCA.

ii. Return types and corresponding submission methods

- PRA Data Request – Manual
- Amend Principal User – Manual

iii. User roles

Role	Description
Non-Directive Principal User	Full ability to submit against the Non-Directives collection with additional ability to manage additional users.
Non-Directive Additional User	Ability to submit against the Non-Directives collection.
Create Amend Principal User	Access to create and submit an 'Amend Principal User' return to request a change in the firm's principal user.

j. Solvency II

i. Contact details

- For queries relating to validation or plausibility errors, contact the Regulatory Data Group: InsuranceData@bankofengland.co.uk | 020 3461 7775
- For all other queries relating to the BEEDS portal, contact Data Collection Team: BEEDSQueries@bankofengland.co.uk | 020 3461 5360
- For enquiries that do not relate to the BEEDS portal, firms should liaise with their usual Bank of England contact.
- Formal notification of changes to firm details should be made as usual to the FCA.

ii. Return types and corresponding submission methods

- Occasional Submission – Manual
- Additional Notes – Manual
- Amend principal User – Manual
- Amend Group Structure – Manual
- Non-compliance – Manual
- Amend General Details – Manual
- Request SII Special Case Template – Manual
- SII Reporting – Automatic
- PRA Data Request – Manual
- Plausibility Response Annual – Manual
- Plausibility Response Quarterly – Manual
- National Specific Templates (NST) – Automatic
- Internal Model Outputs (IMO) – Automatic
- Market Risk Sensitivities (MRS) – Automatic
- Standard Formula Reporting (SF) – Automatic

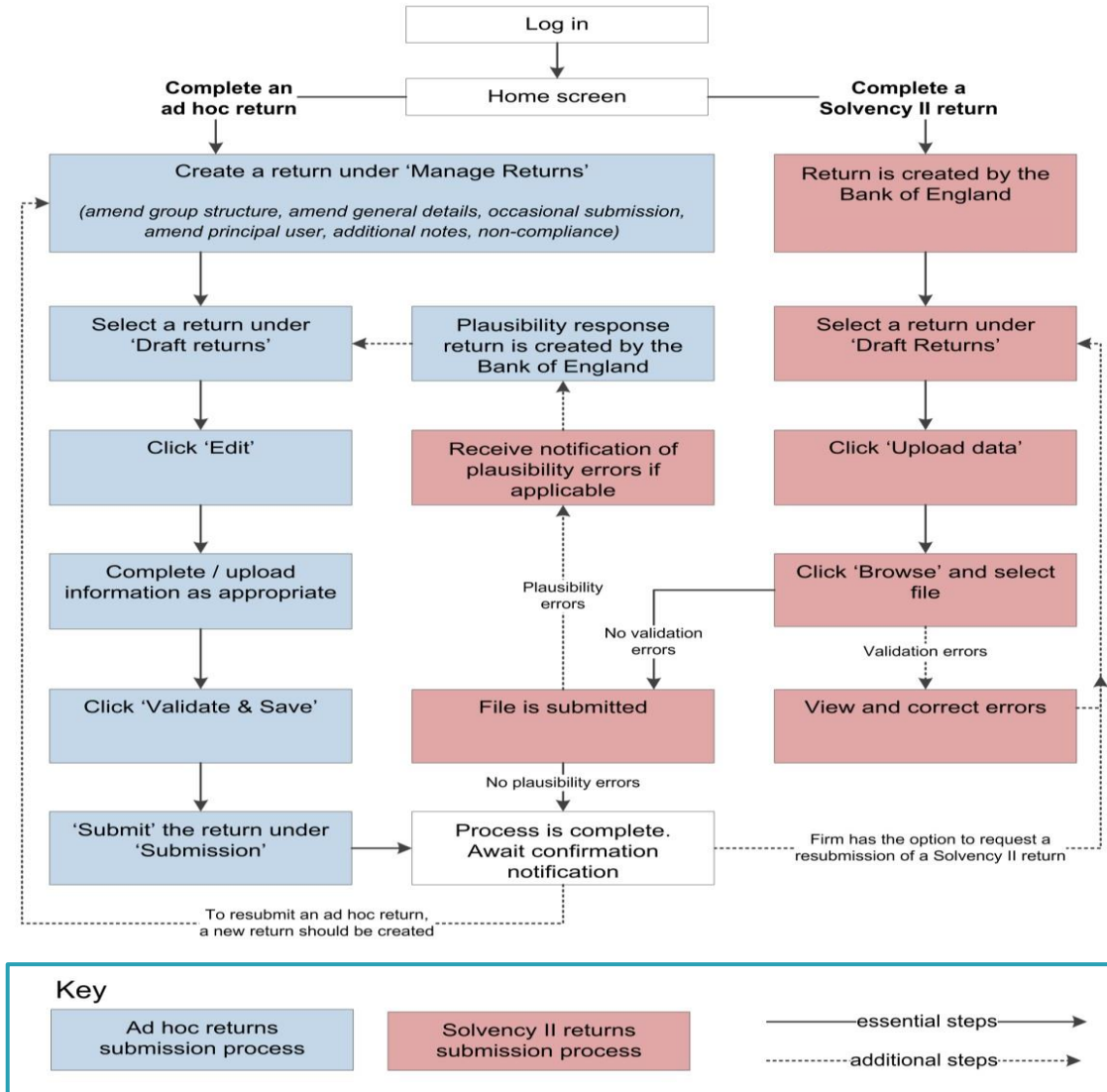
iii. User roles

Role	Description
Solvency II Principal User	Full ability to submit against the Solvency II collection with additional ability to manage additional users.
Solvency II Additional User	Ability to submit against the Solvency II collection.
Create Amend Principal User	Access to create and submit an 'Amend Principal User' return to request a change in the firm's principal user.

iv. Additional information

Overview of the submission process for Solvency II regulatory reporting

The workflow below outlines the creation, completion and submission processes for Solvency II and ad hoc returns. More detailed information on completing these returns can be found in the respective sections of this guide.




If there is further information to be provided, we recommend that an 'Additional Notes' ad-hoc return is submitted alongside a Solvency II filing.

Each return is made up of template(s) which may be mandatory or optional depending on certain conditions such as type of firm or lines of business written. All mandatory templates in a return need to be validated for the return to be submitted.

EIOPA data validation and filing rule errors

Files that are of the correct file type are accepted for processing and are checked for any EIOPA data validation and filing rule errors. This validation can take a few minutes depending on file size.

If errors are found, the user will receive an email and the errors will be available to view in the portal by clicking on the error icon  under 'Upload/Edit Returns'.

To upload a corrected file, click on the return name and then 'Upload Data' and 'Browse' as before.

NB: The Bank of England is aware that in some instances filing rule errors are displayed sequentially, some errors may not be shown until the displayed errors are resolved

Further information is available in the XBRL filing manual in the below link.

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/-/media/boe/files/prudential-regulation/regulatory-reporting/insurance/solvency-ii-xbrl-filing-manual.pdf>

PRA plausibility checks

Files that pass validation checks are then checked for plausibility. PRA defined rules used for quality checking may identify reported items that seem implausible in the context of other data. If figures are thought to be implausible, an email notification will be sent immediately to inform the firm that the failures will be reviewed by the Regulatory Data Group (RDG) staff, following which the user may be required to resubmit data or provide an explanation for implausible data.

If required, the user should complete the 'plausibility response' return under 'Upload/Edit Returns', and then submit the return under 'Submission'. More detailed information on submitting 'plausibility response' returns can be found in the '**Ad Hoc Returns**' section of this guide.

For clarification on an error message, a screenshot of the message can be sent to InsuranceData@bankofengland.co.uk

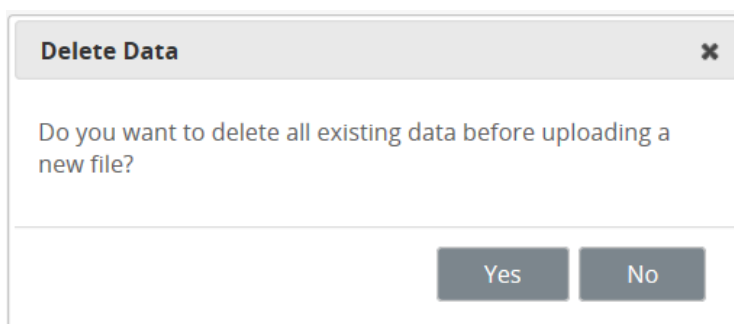
The Bank of England must send data to EIOPA four weeks after the submission deadline. The Bank aims to plausibility check as many submissions as possible by that point.

Ad hoc Solvency II submissions

All firms need to be aware of the potential use of the 'ad hoc submission' option in the basic information template {S.01.02, R0100} which will be fully functioning in the Solvency II Taxonomy 2.2.0. This will allow supervisors to request, receive and accept submissions including only specific template(s) or even selected data points.

EIOPA has foreseen at least three special cases when ad hoc submissions may be required, see section 1.6.2 of the updated [filing manual](#):

- i. Special cases foreseen in the ITS (Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2450), for example:**
- If a firm’s reinsurance strategy changes materially after the financial year end, or if the renovation of the reinsurance contracts are performed later than the reporting date and before the next financial year end, the information on templates S.30.01, S.30.02, S.30.03 and S.30.04 as appropriate shall be re-submitted when adequate
 - Insurance and reinsurance undertakings whose parent undertaking is a mixed-activity insurance holding company should report very significant intra-group transactions as soon as practicable using the relevant templates among templates S.36.01.01 to S.36.04.01 (Article 20). Firms should refer to [Policy Statement 2/15 ‘Solvency II: a new regime for insurers’](#) for further detail of the PRA’s expectations regarding the timing of such notifications.
- ii. Special cases not foreseen in the ITS, but following the general approach of Article 35 of the Solvency II Directive:**
- According to Article 35 of the Solvency II Directive (2009/138/EC): “Member States shall require insurance and reinsurance undertakings to submit to the supervisory authorities the information which is necessary for the purposes of supervision (...)”. As a result, supervisors may in particular cases require, for example, monthly submissions or submissions addressing specific issues.
- iii. Empty submissions**
- Empty submissions are reports covering only the Basic information template. Such filing could be required in order to address particular needs of a supervisor or to reflect special status of an undertaking. For example, in case of a merger between two companies in the insurance sector when a transaction is backdated, one side of the merged companies may need to resubmit Q1 and Q2 reports with no data, while the other would have to resubmit the data of the entire merged company.
 - When submitting an ad hoc submission for the purposes highlighted above, the next reporting date should be used in the submission. For example, if the firm’s reporting date is 31 March of each year and it is submitting an ad hoc submission on 15 September 2018, the reporting date should be 31 March 2019. The reporting date of any subsequent ad hoc submission in the same period must also use the same future reporting date of 31 March 2019.
- iv. NST, IMO, MRS & SF Resubmissions**
- When resubmitting any of the above return types users will be presented with the below pop up when clicking ‘Upload Data’.



Users should click ‘Yes’ every time they upload a new file against a return that had previously been submitted.

k. Bank Stress Testing

i. Contact details

- For queries relating to validation or plausibility errors, contact the STDF : PRA-SRS-RALC-RDA@bankofengland.co.uk
- For all other queries relating to the BEEDS portal, contact Data Collection Team: BEEDSQueries@bankofengland.co.uk | 020 3461 5360
- For enquiries that do not relate to the BEEDS portal, firms should liaise with their usual Bank of England contact.
- Formal notification of changes to firm details should be made as usual to the FCA.

ii. Return types and corresponding submission methods

- Banking Stress Test – Automatic
- Banking Stress Test Structured Excel – Manual
- Banking Stress Test Unstructured – Manual
- Amend Principal User – Manual

iii. User roles

Role	Description
Banking Stress Testing Principal User	Full ability to submit against the Banking Stress Testing collection with additional ability to manage additional users.
Banking Stress Testing Additional User	Ability to submit against the Banking Stress Testing collection.
Banking Stress Testing Create Ad Hoc Returns	Access to create 'Amend Principal User' return to request a change in the firm's principal user and unstructured Banking Stress Testing returns.

iv. Additional information

- Users are reminded that they are unable to edit returns they create – if users need to change anything on a return they have created users need to email BEEDSQueries@bankofengland.co.uk.
- Users cannot see a category option once they have created an unstructured return so are required to put the category in the title.
- Unstructured returns created by firms do not have a due date.
- Data is purged from the system as soon as it is accepted. It is advised users save their files locally on their PC.
- All collections must be uploaded as .zip files. For XBRL and Excel these files should only contain 1 document.
 - BEEDS will accept zipped submissions up to a maximum zipped file size of 30MB.
 - Structured and unstructured data must be submitted in separate .zip files.
 - All structured or unstructured data within each individual .zip file must relate to one specific content/category code and must be the same one as noted within the .zip file name.
 - All .zip file names must include a content/category code equating to the one scheduled to each firm via BEEDS (Excel, XBRL and Basis of Preparation submissions) or that the firm creates themselves (for other unstructured submission purposes).
 - XBRL and Excel submissions must be submitted in separate .zip files.

- No folder structures should be embedded within .zip files – data submissions should be at the root of the zip file.
- Firms should not put zipped files within other zip files.
- Structured submission naming conventions are the same as previous stress tests. For unstructured scheduled, .zip files now need to follow standardised naming conventions (but the content of said zip files don't need to)
- For unstructured returns that firms create, please ensure that the effective date is a quarter end date.
- For any files within zip files, filename should not be longer than 100 characters.
- For structured templates, firms must populate the Submission Header with the correct legal name and LEI (as per the firm profile in BEEDS) for each template submitted.
- The best way to distinguish return types between returns which potentially may have similar names is to use the return Reference, each return reference will start with either BST, BSTSE or BSTU;
 - BST = Banking Stress Testing XBRL
 - BSTSE = Banking Stress Testing Structured Excel
 - BSTU = Banking Stress testing unstructured
- More information on Stress testing can be found on The Bank of England website <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/stress-testing>.