

Earnie

Getting Started Guide



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Section 1: Getting Started

This quick start guide is designed to get you started with **Earnie Payroll** and help you through setting up and starting to use the program. Please take time to look through our Demonstration Data (Riverside Hospital) and plan your own set up carefully so that you get the most out of the program and your own information.

For a more detailed instruction, we have a number of other solutions to help you get the most out of the program and use the advanced features not discussed in this guide.

Training

There is no substitute for personalised one-to-one training. We have a number of Farmplan trainers around the country and we can arrange for someone, who is local to you, to visit you for a half or full day at your business. We would recommend that two half-day sessions are always more effective than one whole day as learning a new computer program takes a lot of concentration. The ideal solution is one half day session to plan the initial setup and to get you going, followed up with another half day a few weeks later to answer your questions.

If you prefer you can come to our offices in Ross on Wye, Herefordshire or we can 'log' onto your computer remotely and talk you through the training via the phone.

Help Notes

Every screen within the program has a **Help** feature; you can access this by clicking F1 on your keyboard whilst on any screen within Earnie.

Clicking on this button will take you to detailed instructions of exactly what you should be entering on this screen. For a more detailed view of the **Help** text go to the menu option: **Help** – **EARNIE Help**.

Farmplan Support Line

We have a dedicated customer support line on **01594 545022**. We are available from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, by a number of experienced staff who can talk you through any queries that you may have about the program. Please have your customer number to hand before you call.

Alternatively, email us with your question and customer number to support@farmplan.co.uk and we will respond as soon as possible. Our email box is checked regularly throughout the working day.

Farmplan Website

www.farmplan.co.uk

Keep an eye on our website for news and answers to frequently asked questions.

Section 2: Installation Instructions

*Windows™ 8 and Windows™ 10

•	The option to download the latest version of the Earnie Payroll program can be found under Business & accounts in the Support section of the Farmplan website (www.farmplan.co.uk). You will need your Farmplan customer number to hand.	
•	Click on Download and follow the on screen instructions.	
	The exact procedure will vary according to the version of Windows and browser that you use but just follow the instructions on the screen. You will download a file called Farmplan.exe, supplied by Iris Group Ltd (who write Earnie), which should then be Run .	
•	If Windows SmartScreen (a warning message) appears to block the installation, click on More Information and then Run Anyway .	
•	A black box will appear on your screen during the installation. Ignore it – it will disappear when the installation is complete.	
•	When the installation is complete, you will see a confirmation message. Click on OK . Please ensure you reboot your PC; you can now use the program.	

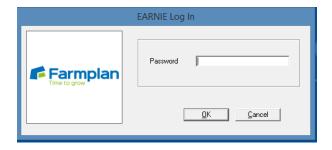
If you have any problems installing the program or if installing on a **network** and sharing data please contact support for further assistance.

Section 3: Logging in and Licencing

Logging in for the first time

When you first open the program, you will see the **EARNIE Log in** screen.

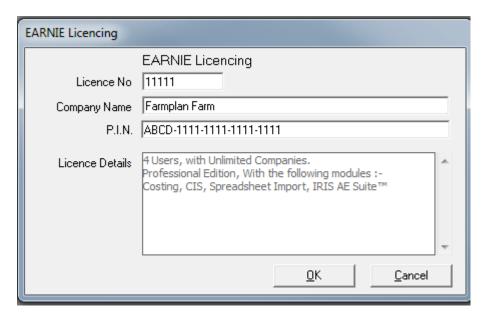
If this is the first time that you have used the program just click **OK**



If this is a new installation, you will be prompted to enter your Licence Details.

Licence the program

Fill in the Licence No, Company Name and PIN as they appear on your licence. Your Licence Details will then be shown.



Click **OK** and allow the program to close.

IMPORTANT – Please keep your Licence Details safe and only give them to authorised users.

Logging in after Licencing

From now on, when you enter the program, you will see one of the following, depending on your licence.

Either:



For Name, type INTEX. Leave Password blank and click OK.

Or:



If this option appears, leave blank and click **OK**.

Password security for GDPR

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is an EU regulation in which the European Parliament, European Council and European Commission have strengthened and unified data protection for living individuals. GDPR came into effect on 25th May 2018.

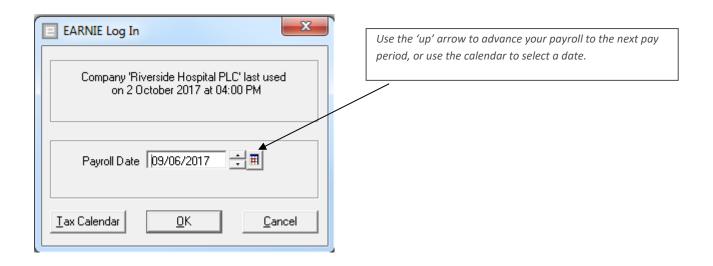
To assist you with this, when a default username / password is detected at login, the payroll software will inform you that default passwords are not secure and offer you the chance to change it.

If you choose to change your password, the payroll software will display a screen enabling you to do so.

You can go to the option **File – Alter Password** to set up or change a password if not prompted.

Payroll Date

Once logged in, you will be asked to confirm the date of the next payroll. If this is the first time that you are using the program, it will not yet be relevant so click **OK** to continue.



Section 4: The Home Page

The **Home Page** provides you with easy navigation through the program.

From the **Home Page** click on any of the options from the **Side Bar** to be taken to the relevant section of the program.



Alternatively, use the Tool Bar at the top of the screen. This Tool Bar can be customised – see **EARNIE Help** - chapter 18 for more details.

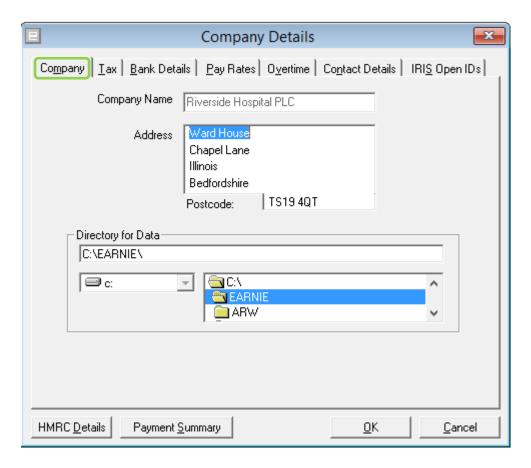


Section 5: Setting up a Company

To create your Payroll Company, take the option **Company – Create New Company**. You will then need to complete some basic details about your business.

Company Tab

Complete the company contact details:

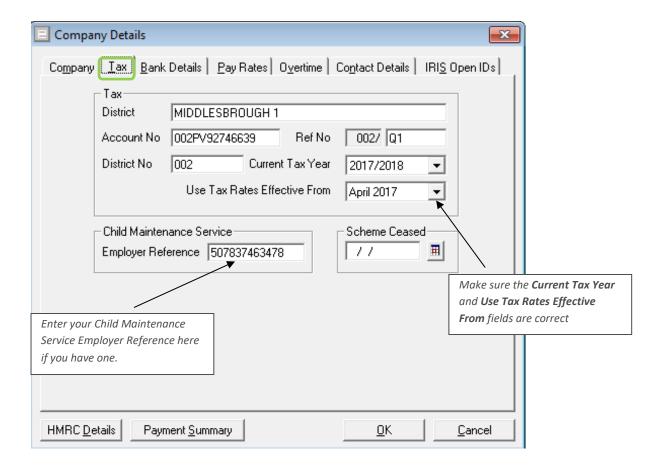


Tax Tab

In order to submit details to HMRC, you will need to identify your business.

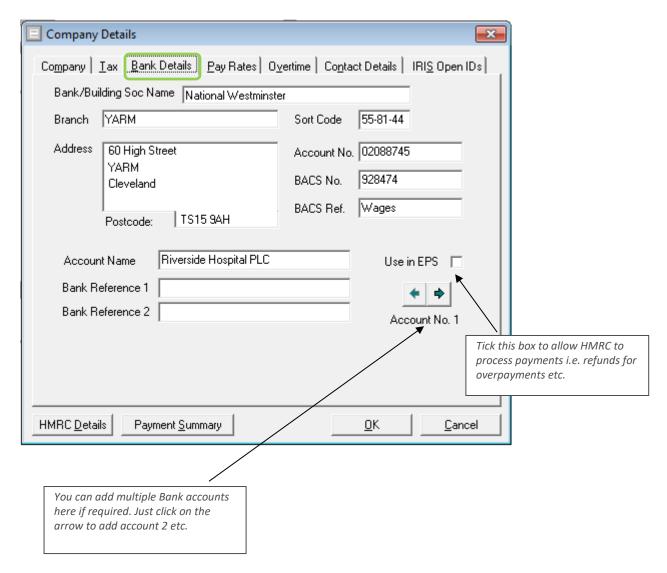
Tax District, **Account Number** (PAYE Accounts Office Reference), **PAYE Ref No** and **District No** are mandatory. They can be found on any correspondence from HMRC e.g. the P30B 'Paying Electronically'.

This information will also be available if you log onto your HMRC PAYE account.



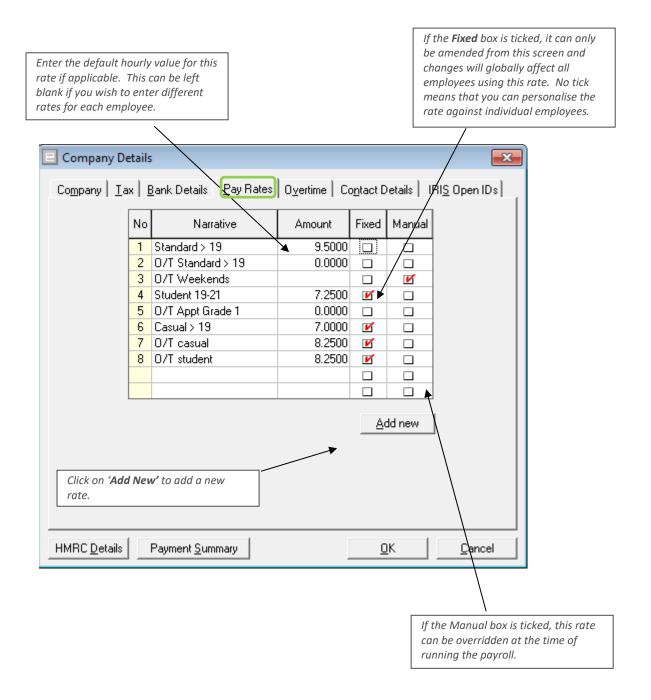
Bank Details Tab

If you pay your employees electronically, the program will need to know your bank details.



Pay Rates

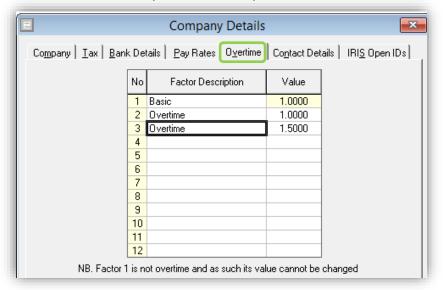
If your employees are paid an hourly rate or for piecework, each rate will need to be set up with a **Narrative**.



Rates can be allocated to each employee within the Employee Record Card (Employee – Alter Current Employee).

Overtime Tab

If you pay overtime based on multiples of particular rates, for example time and a half (1.5), enter a Factor Description and multiplication factors under Value and click **OK.**



Contact Details Tab

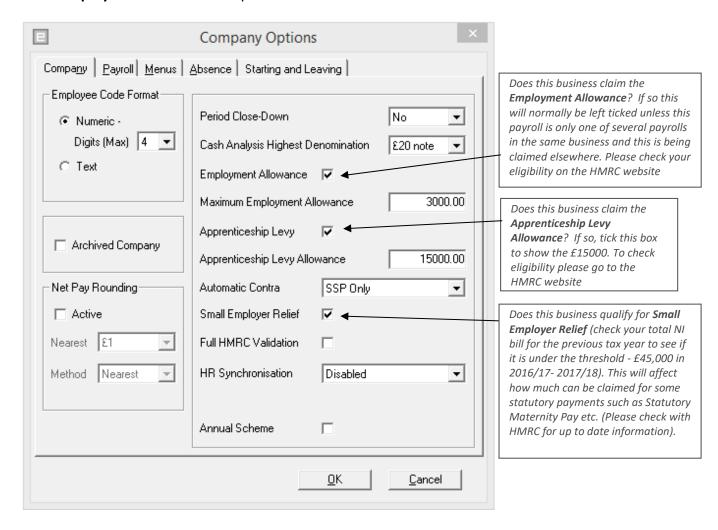
Complete the contact details of the person responsible for dealing with HMRC if they differ from the business, for example in the case of a payroll bureau.



You do not need to enter information into the **IRIS Open IDs** tab at this stage. This is for more advanced use requiring multiple log-ins for OpenEnrol (as part of the Auto Enrolment module).

Company Options

The Menu **Company – Alter Company Options** allows you to set the behaviour of the program when being used. It is unlikely that you will need to change most of the default settings however, you should check the **Employment Allowance**, **Apprenticeship Levy** and **Small Employer Relief** boxes if required.



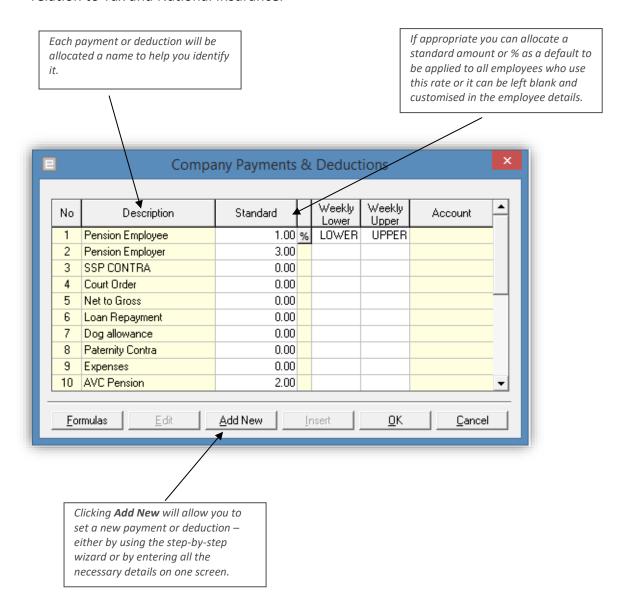
You may also wish to enable a warning to ensure that your pay rates do not fall below the current National Minimum and Living Wage – see the **Company - Alter Company Options - Payroll** Tab.

Full details of the other options can be found in Help (press F1).

Alter Payments / Deductions

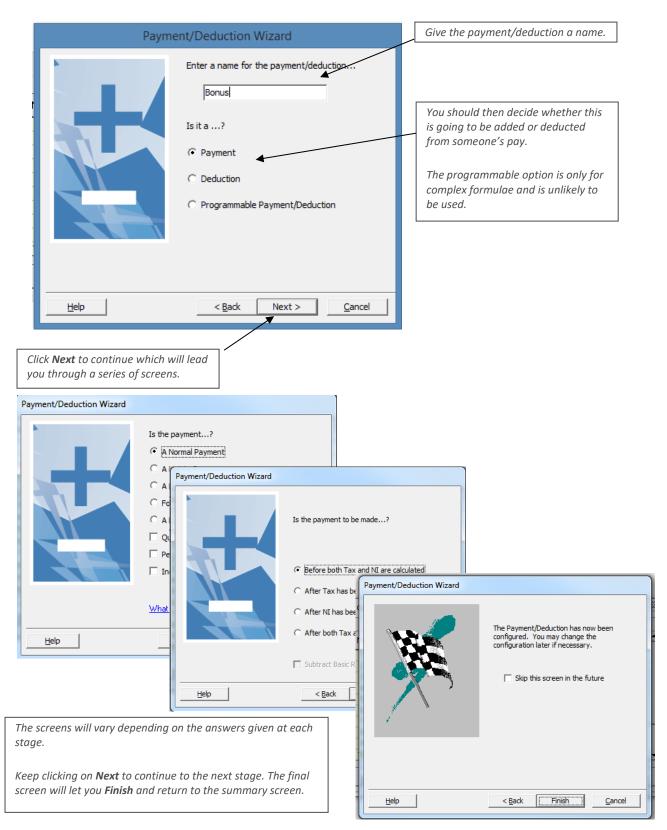
In addition to basic salaries or hourly rates, you may have additional payments such as reimbursed expenses, a bonus, pension contributions etc. or deductions such as loans, court orders, pensions etc.

To add payments or deductions, select **Company** - **Alter Payments/Deductions**. This option will allow you to set up payments and deductions and specify how they should be treated in relation to Tax and National Insurance.



Payments / Deductions - Wizard

The Company Payments & Deductions wizard is made up of a series of screens. Examples of various types of payments and deductions can be found in **Help.**

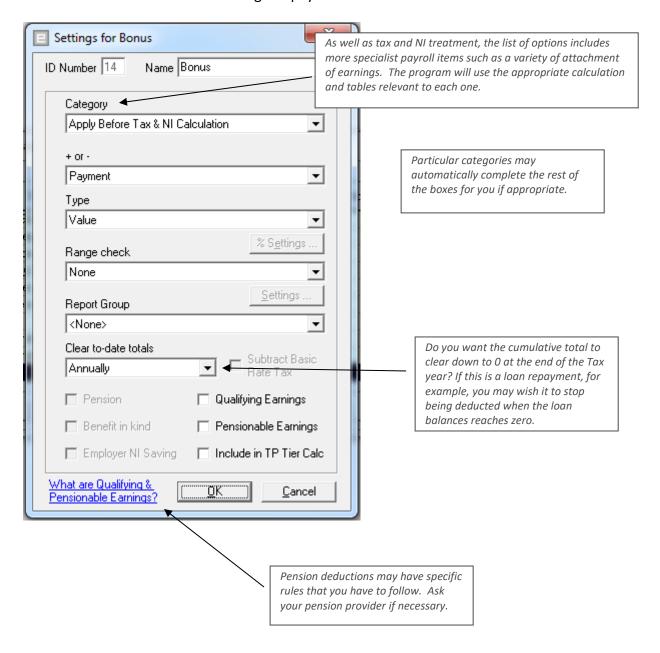


Payments / Deductions - Edit

If you need to edit an existing payment or deduction, highlight it in the summary list and click on **Edit**.

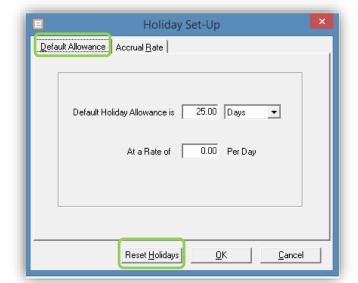
You may also prefer to set up new payments and deductions like this, i.e. without the wizard

The exact payment or deduction for each employee can be personalised in their employee record card or at the time of running the payroll.



Holiday Set Up

From the Company menu, select Holiday Set up



Once in the set up screen enter the Default Holiday Allowance for all employees and the daily rate.

If necessary individual holiday allowance and rates can be edited in the employee record card.

Press F1 for more help on setting up Holidays or Accrual Rates.

Reset Holidays

This will reset all remaining holidays at the end of the holiday year and put it

back to the default settings – you will be given the chance to carry forward remaining holiday if required.

Once **Default Holiday Allowance** is allocated to the employee, you can then record any absence, including holiday in the **Employee** menu – **Absence Diary** during or before their payroll run so the absence is shown in the relevant pay period.

Configure Departments

Employees can be allocated to a department for the purpose of reporting.

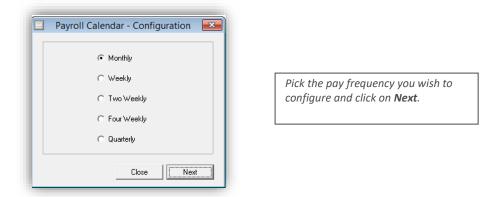
Select **Company** from the tool bar and choose **Configure Departments**.

Click **Add New** and enter the name of the department. You can also enter notes and location if you wish.

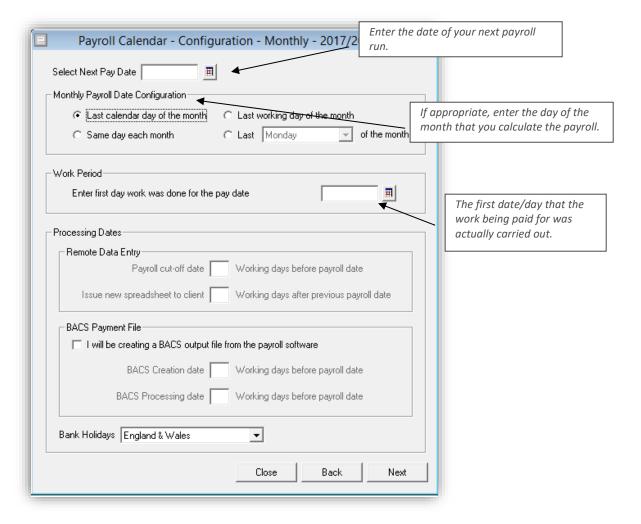


Payroll Calendar

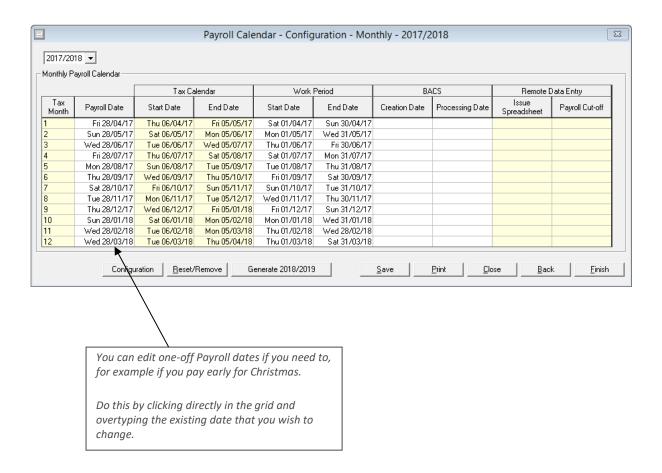
The Payroll Calendar allows you to define the start and end date for work period in the year. It is used for Statutory Maternity Pay, Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay to calculate the correct weeks to be paid in the payroll run. It is also used when calculating Auto enrolment pension deductions.



If you are editing an existing frequency click on the **Configuration** button at the bottom of the summary screen.



Once you have entered these basic details in the **Configuration** screen, start and end dates for each period will automatically populate to the end of the year. Dates must be sequential.



Section 6: Employee Details

Add New Employee

From the Employee menu - Add New Employee

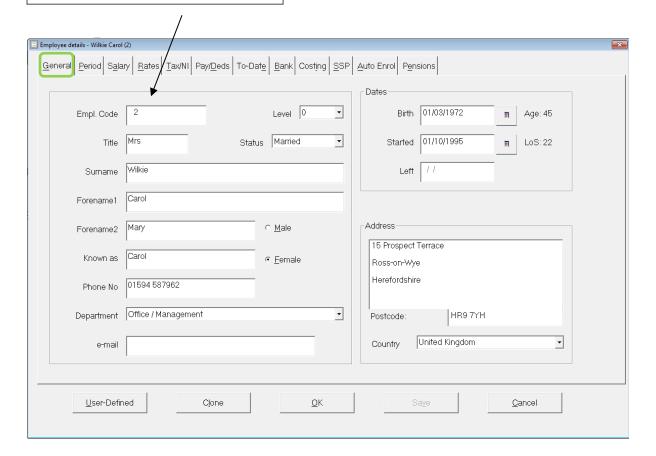
You may get the message - **Do you want to use a Template?** – For the first employee click **No** and work your way through the tabs displayed to enter the employee information. Templates may be used subsequently to copy the details of an existing employee or you can use a pre-defined template with default options.

General Tab

Fill in the basic details of the employee.

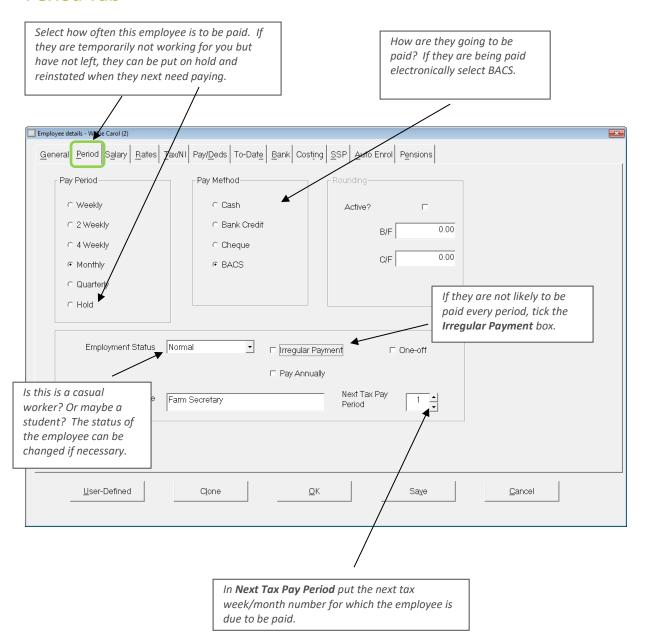
If boxes are highlighted in yellow, they are mandatory and must be completed before the record can be saved.

Employee Code is normally numeric and will be automatically generated. However, it can be overwritten and the format can be changed in **Company – Alter Company Options**.



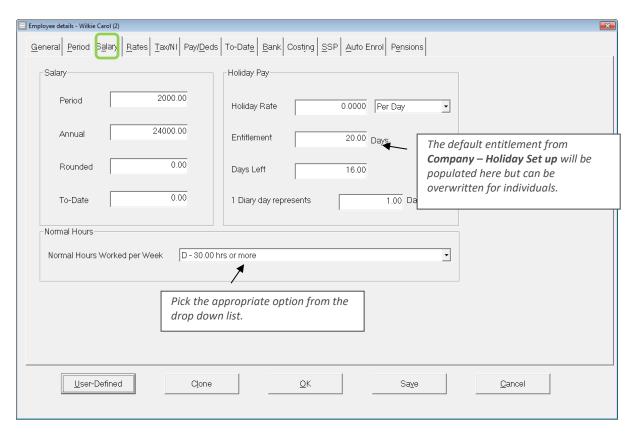
When this screen is complete move onto the **Period** tab.

Period Tab



Salary Tab

If the employee is paid a salary each period, put the figure in either the **Period** or **Annual** Salary fields. Hourly rates will be added at the next stage.



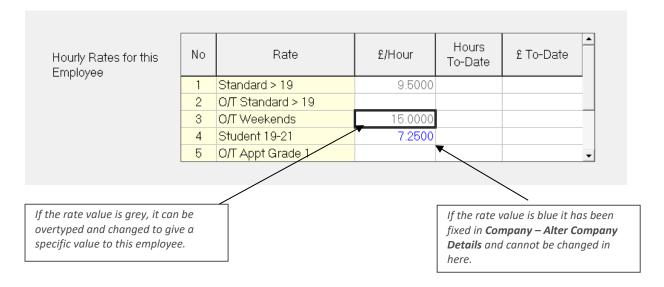
Days Left are automatically calculated by the program. Use the option under the menu **Employee – Absence Diary** to enter holiday dates. This information will show up when you run the payroll for that date.

Remember to enter the remaining balance in **Days Left** if you are setting up partway through your holiday year.

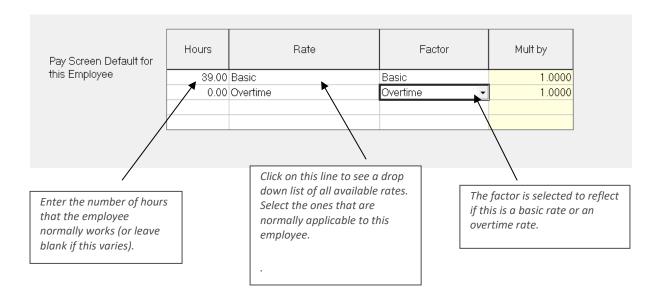
Rates Tab

This screen is only available once you have pay rates set up within the **Company** menu – **Alter Company Details**. If you do not pay on an hourly rate, you can ignore this tab.

This screen is divided into 2 sections. The top half lists <u>all</u> available rates and their values, along with a cumulative record of how many hours this employee has worked this year on that rate.

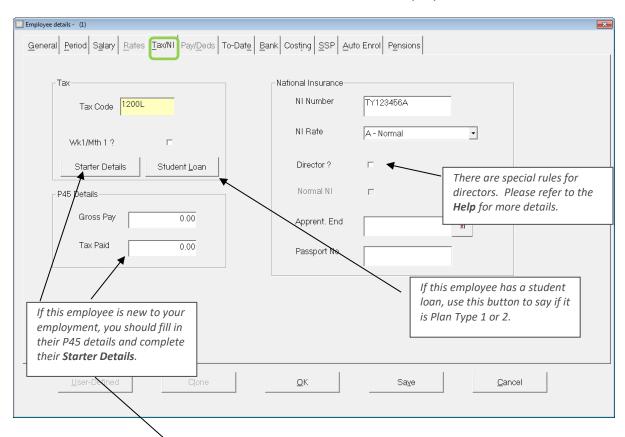


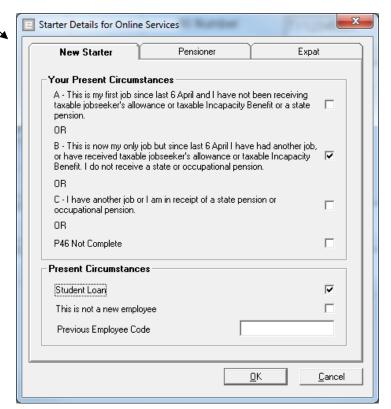
The bottom half of the screen shows the rates applied to an individual employee. Additional rates can also be selected at the time of running the payroll if required.



Tax/NI Tab

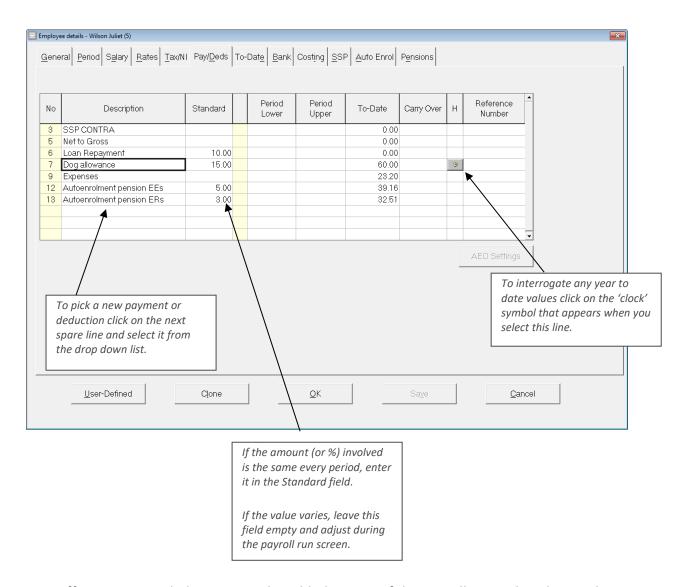
Enter the Tax Code and National Insurance details for this employee.





Pay/Deds Tab

Payments and Deductions are payslip items that are additional to the Salary and Hourly rates. They are created in **Company – Alter Payments / Deductions**.



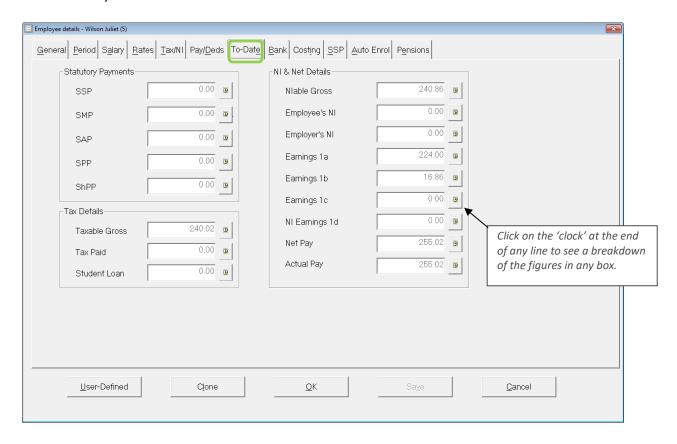
One-off payments or deductions can be added as part of the payroll run rather than in this screen.

To-Date Tab

This screen shows the employee's to date totals for each category so far this year.

If you are starting to use the software at the beginning of a new tax year, you should make no entries on this card.

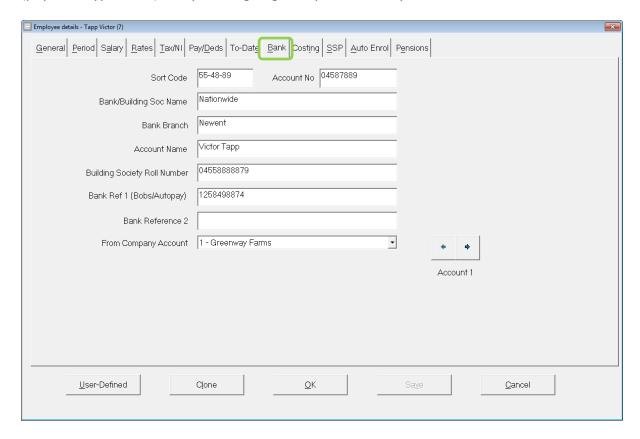
If this is a new starter, this screen will automatically be populated with their P45 details from the Tax/NI tab.



If you are starting to use Earnie part way through a tax year, we recommend that you contact Farmplan support on 01594 545022 for guidance to ensure that you are entering the correct figures on this screen.

Bank Tab

Complete the employee's bank details on this card if the employee is paid electronically (payment type BACS) and you are going to export a file to your bank from Earnie.

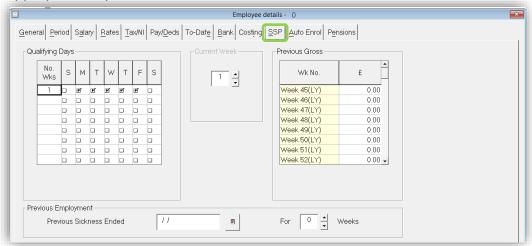


Costing Tab

If you are setting up a new payroll it is unlikely that you will need to enter anything on this tab. It is only used if you have account groups set up and you wish to export your payroll to an accounts package for analysis.

SSP Tab

This tab is to record an employee's usual working days for SSP purposes, tick the appropriate days.



You can also enter the details of any previous sickness in an earlier employment during this payroll year.

Auto Enrol Tab & Pensions Tab

*Both of these tabs are for use with the **Auto Enrolment Suite** and do not need completing at this stage, <u>unless you have this module</u>.

Use the Guides that are available in the **Pension** menu for further help to set up the AE Module correctly before your staging date. If your staging date has passed, please call Farmplan Support on 01594 545022 for further assistance.

*The majority of fields on the **Employee Details - Auto Enrol** and **Pensions** tabs will be populated via the **Auto Enrolment** feature during the payroll run.

Section 7: Running the Payroll

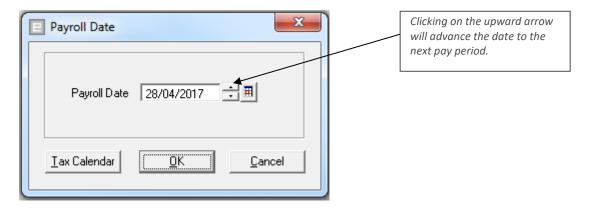
Once you have completed the set up you are ready to run your first payroll. We recommend you run it in parallel with your existing system for a few periods to ensure everything has been entered correctly and is calculating as expected.

IMPORTANT

Before you go any further, please ensure you take a copy of your data using **File** – **Backup** (see page 41). Backups should be taken after every payroll and kept away from your computer to safeguard your data.

Setting the Payroll Date

Every time you go into the program, it will ask you to set the current payroll date. **It is essential that the payroll date is the date the employees are paid**, not the date they are paid up to. Please check the <u>HMRC website</u> for guidance.



You can also access this date screen from the Tool bar by clicking on this icon:



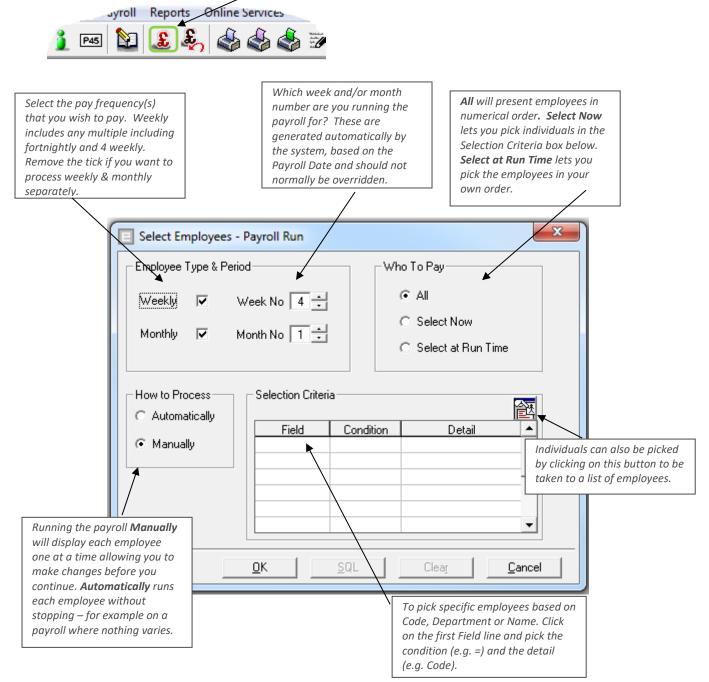
The bottom of the Home Page will show you the last time you ran a payroll and the pay period that it covered.

Pay Date: 28/04/2017 | Last Payroll - Week: 4 Month: 1 | Tax Year: 2017/18 | RTI Enabled

Payroll Run - Employee Selection

You can choose to start a payroll run by selecting **Payroll** on the Menu bar followed by **Do/Redo Payroll**.

Alternatively click on this icon on the Tool Bar:

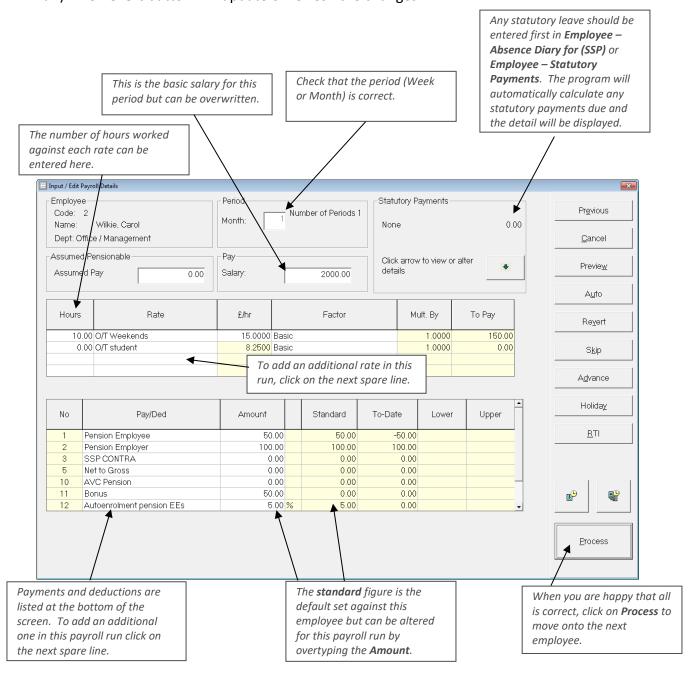


Re-run Payroll - The payroll for the <u>current</u> period can be rerun for all employees or individuals to make any amendments using the same option. This can be done for this period as often as you need until the <u>next</u> period is run.

Payroll Run - Completing the Payslip

Pay details already entered against the employee record card in **Employee – Alter Current Employee** are presented as defaults during the payroll run.

Changes to this payroll run can be made to any white boxes. Yellow boxes are fixed and cannot be changed. Permanent changes to the defaults for this employee should be made in **Employee – Alter Current Employee** (this can be accessed while you are still in the payroll run). The **Revert** button will update or refresh the changes.



To view the full payslip details whilst running the payroll, click on **Preview**.

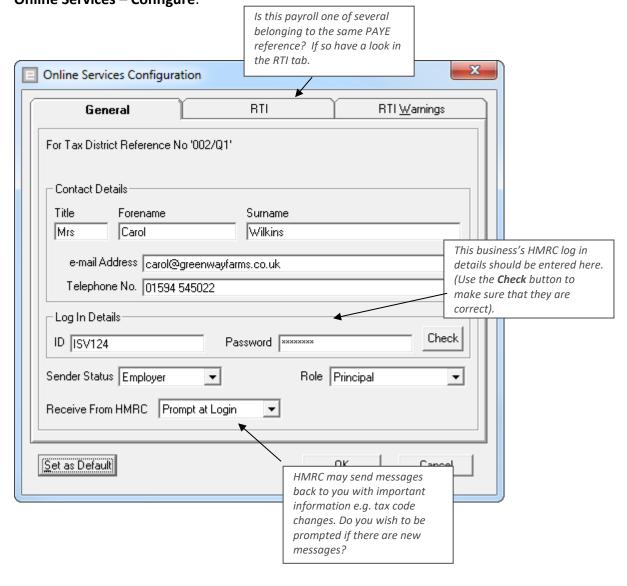
Section 8: Real Time Information (RTI)

All payroll details must be submitted to HMRC electronically <u>on or before</u> the day that employees are paid via a **Full Payment Submission (FPS)**. Additional details may also need to be submitted at the end of the payroll month via an **Employer Payment Summary (EPS)**.

The following notes are only a brief overview of RTI. There is a detailed guide on RTI that can be found in **Online Services – RTI Guide** that we strongly recommend that you read before making your first submission.

Online Services Configuration

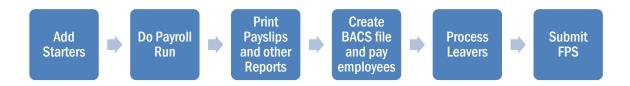
Make sure that you have entered your HMRC log in and contact details so that Earnie knows how to communicate with the Government Gateway on your behalf. This can be done in **Online Services – Configure**.



Full Payment Submission

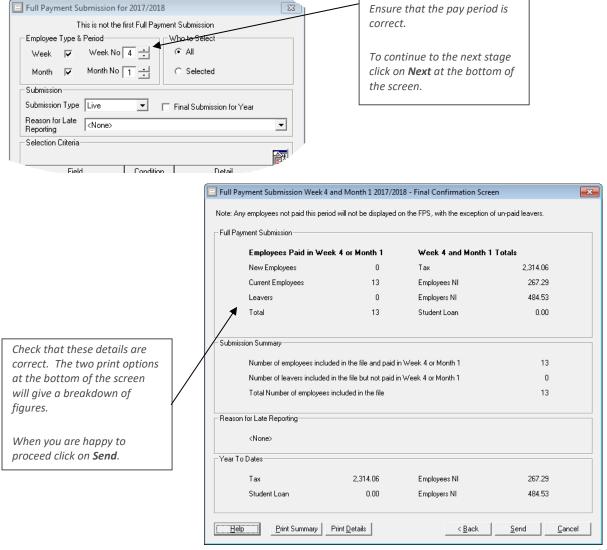
Following every payroll run you need to send a **Full Payment Submission** to HMRC via the Government Gateway. It should be sent for <u>every payroll</u> on or before payday.

We recommend the following as a payroll process:



Once you are happy that you have completed the payroll run, including taking a backup of your data (see page 41), you are ready to submit the FPS.

Go to **Online Services – Send Full Payment Submission**. The first time that you do this you will asked if this is the business's first submission or whether you have made previous ones using a different system.



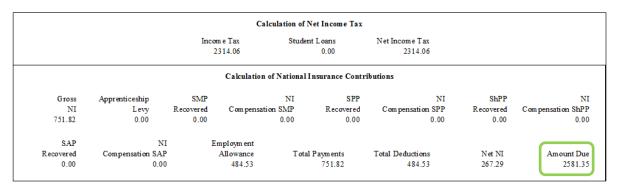
Month End Procedure

To calculate how much money is due to HMRC at the end of the month, you should produce the Month End Report which is found in **Reports – Month end Summary**.



The month end summary will give you a list of all employees with their Taxable Pay, Tax, and NI etc.

At the bottom of the report it will tell you how much is due to be paid to HMRC.



If you have no statutory deductions calculated this month then HMRC will already know this from the Tax and NI on the Full Payment Submissions that you have made during the month and you need take no further action.

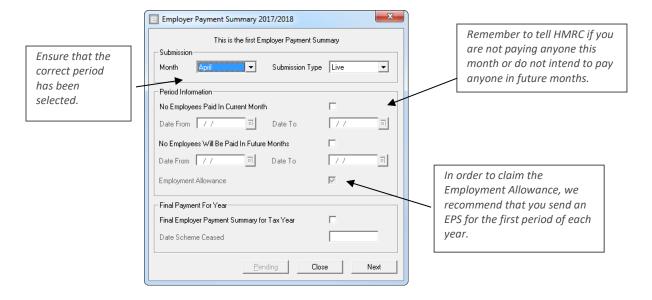
However, if the program has calculated an amount of SMP, SPP etc. compensation based on the whole period's figures, then you will need to make an additional submission called an **Employer Payment Summary (EPS)** at the end of the month. This will tell HMRC why the amount due is different from the amount based on the **Full Payment Submissions** that they have already received. (See Page 386).

Upon printing the **Month End Summary**, answer **Yes** to the question **Do you want to perform month end processing?** This will update the required reports. You will also be asked if you wish to send your online Employer Payment Summary to HMRC.

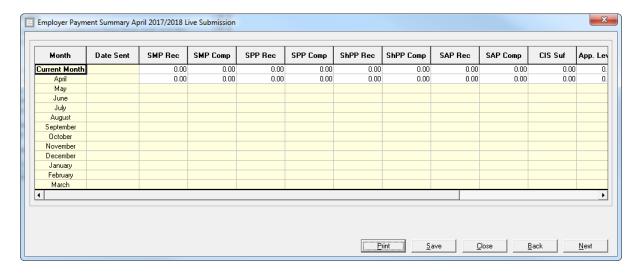
Employer Payment Summary – EPS

You need to do an **Employer Payment Summary** when there are changes to the payment that HMRC are expecting based on your Full Payment Submissions for the month. For example, if you are paying an employee Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP) you will have reduced your payment to HMRC by the SMP Recovered amount – see **Month End Summary**.

An EPS should also be sent if this is the first time that you have used Earnie, the first period in each year or if there are no employees to be paid this month.



The relevant boxes will be populated if the program has calculated any additional details on this payroll. However, you may need to overtype the figures on the **Current Month** line if you are adding in details, such as SMP compensation, from a related payroll.



If you are happy with the summary shown, click on **Next** and then **Send**.

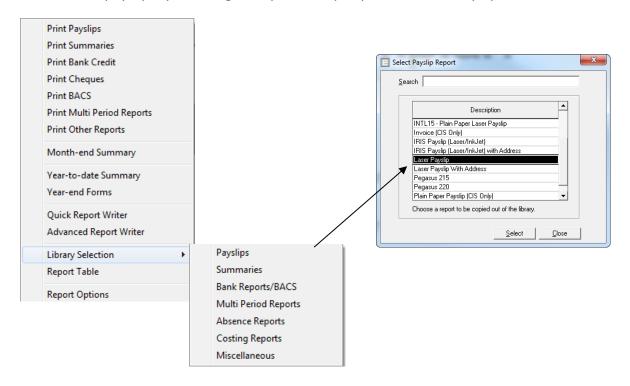
Section 9: Reporting

Earnie has an extensive range of reports that can be found in the **Reports** menu.

Initially you will find that there are some default reports in each option as a standard. You will need to choose the exact reports that you would like to use from the **Library Selection**.

Library Selection – Selecting reports

This contains all available reports in a variety of formats. For example, there are several variations of payslip layout using both plain and pre-printed stationery options.



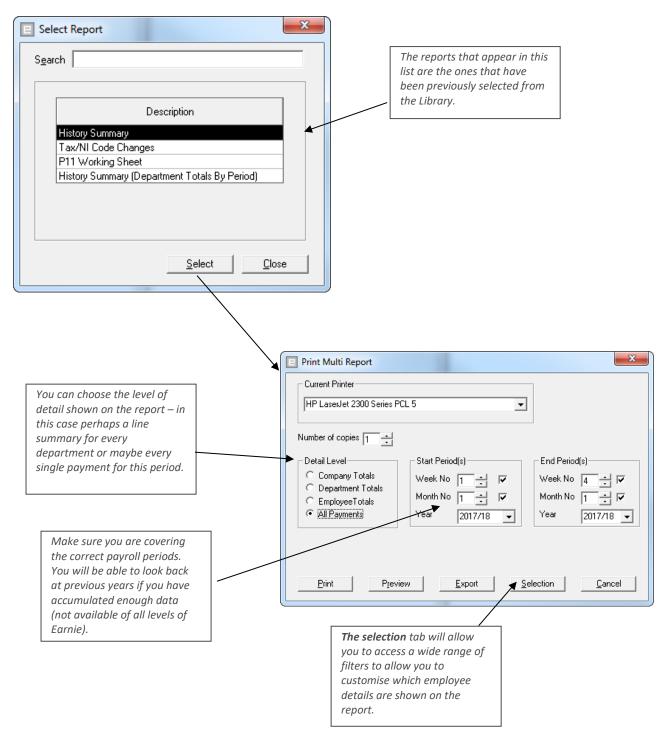
Highlight the payslip layout(s) (for example) that you want to use click on **Select**. Once selected it will then appear under the main **Print Payslips** menu option. You can add as many as you like. If you pick one that you subsequently decide is not for you, go to the **Report Table** option where you will be able to remove it from your list.

Bank Reports/BACS – if you intend to pay your employees electronically by creating a file from Earnie, remember to select the correct Bank Report from the Library. Printing or previewing this report (Print BACS) will automatically create the required file in your Earnie folder on your computer – probably c:\earnie. Please contact us for more details on 01594 545022.

Printing Reports

Any reports installed from the Library are now available to print.

Go to **Reports** and select the appropriate option. Highlight the report that you wish to produce and click on **Select**.



Reports can be printed, previewed on screen or exported to a range of applications.

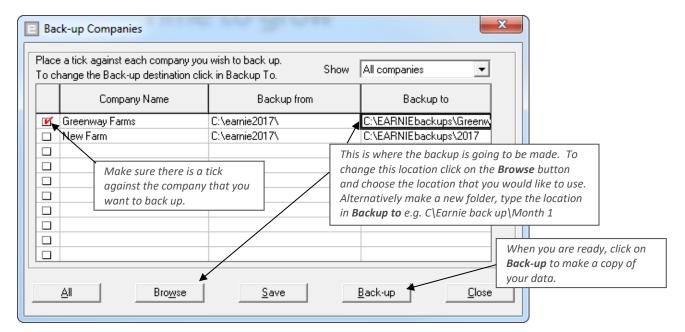
Section 10: Back-Up Company Data

For the security of your data, it is essential that you back it up after every payroll run. Although the information is saved within the computer, it is potentially vulnerable because if the computer was to break down, even if only through a temporary power failure, that information may be irretrievably lost or damaged.

Back-up Company Data

This option allows you to make a copy of your data to be stored – either on your computer or on a removable device such as an external drive or memory stick.

Take the option File - Back-up & Restore - Back-up Company Data.



Back-ups to Removable Devices - Whilst backups on the C: drive (the hard disk on your computer) are useful for every day back-ups, they could be lost or damaged if something happened to your machine. For that reason, we recommend that you backup to a removable device, which can be stored away from your computer.

Ensure you plug the device into your computer before you go into the **Backup** option and it will appear when you go to **Browse** you may see something like **Removable Disk E:**

Rotation of Back-ups – It is advisable to keep a minimum of two back-ups at different stages on different sources. We suggest making sub-folders for every payroll so you have backups at different stages in time. Accidents will happen, so ALWAYS BACK-UP YOUR DATA AFTER EACH PAYROLL RUN!

(NEVER just, rely on one backup, for example a single memory stick, which could get lost or broken).



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