

# Sage X3 HR and Payroll

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# 1.0 Pay Plan Patch

#### 1.1 Pay plan patch content

- Updated statutory totals
- Updated statutory headings
- Updated statutory variables

## 1.2 Update patch path

#### 1.2.1 Totals, Headings and Variables

Access: Development > Utilities > Patches > Patch integration

The file name is W\_GHA004\_2020R2\_B.dat

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## **2.0 SSNIT**

#### 2.1 Background

A client can elect to contribute SSNIT on the capped amount of GHC 25 000 for Tier 1 and Tier 2 respectively. If an employee earns more than GHC 25 000 and do not want to cap Tier 2 at GHC 25 000, they can elect to contribute their Tier 1 excess amount to Tier 2. Therefore, the user should be able to cap Tier 2 at GHC 25 000 and if he/she decides not to, the user should be able to choose if he/she want to add the excess Tier 1 contributions to Tier 2, for the contribution to be tax deductible.

#### Currently this is how the 3-Tier scheme works:

- Tier 1 is the Basic National Social Security Scheme for all workers in Ghana. It is a
  defined benefit scheme and mandatory for workers to have 13.5% contributions made
  on their behalf. SSNIT is calculated on a maximum of GHC 25 000.
- Tier 2 is a defined contributory Occupational Pension Scheme mandatory for workers with 5% contribution made on behalf of members.
- Tier 3 which includes all Provident Funds and all other Pension Funds outside Tiers I and II is a voluntary scheme.

#### New enhancements to the 3-Tier scheme:

- A user can elect to cap Tier 1 at GHC 25 000 and add the excess to Tier 2.
- A user can elect to contribute SSNIT on the capped amount of GHC 25 000 for Tier 2.

#### 2.2 Statutory Pay Plan

#### **2.2.1 Totals**

The following statutory totals were added to the pay plan:

- CONBASE E
- T1 EE EX M
- T1\_ER\_EX\_M
- T1\_EE\_EX\_Y
- T1\_ER\_EX\_Y

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## 2.2.2 Headings

The following statutory headings were added/amended:

| Heading    | Description                | Sequence |
|------------|----------------------------|----------|
| CON_TIER2L | SSNIT Tier 2 Contrib Limit | 55075    |
| CON_TIER2  | SSNIT Tier 2 Contributions | 55050    |
| CON_T1_EXC | SSNIT Tier 1 Excess Contr  | 55025    |
| TIER1_EXC  | SSNIT Tier 1 Excess        | 55010    |
| D_SSNIT_M  | SSNIT Deductible Relief    | 63350    |
| D_SSNIT_R  | SSNIT Deductible Relief    | 63400    |

#### General note:

Please refer to the pay plan extract to view the amendments made to statutory headings.

#### 2.2.3 Variables

The following statutory variables were added to the pay plan:

- CON\_LIM\_T2
- TIER1\_EXC

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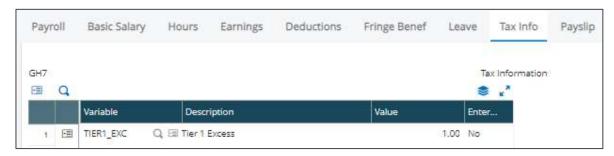
#### 2.3 Pay plan setup

#### 2.3.1 Excess Tier 1 contributions

The following setup is required to add the excess Tier 1 contributions to Tier 2:

On the employee's payslip (Tax Info tab), enter a 1 next to the variable TIER1\_EXC to indicate that the excess Tier 1 contributions should be added to Tier 2.

#### Tax Info tab:



#### Example of a payslip in January 2020

#### Payslip tab:



#### Summary:

|                                    | EE       | ER              | TOTAL    |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| SSNIT Tier Split                   | GHC      | GHC             | GHC      |
| Tier 1 - SSNIT 5%                  | 1 605,41 | 3 794,59        | 5 400,00 |
| Tier 1 max contribution            | 1 003,38 | 2 371,62        | 3 375,00 |
| Excess of Tier 1                   | 602,03   | 1 422,97        | 2 025,00 |
| Tier 2 - Occupational scheme 13.5% | 594,59   | 1 405,41        | 2 000,00 |
| Total Tier 2 incl. excess          | 1 196,62 | 2 828,38        | 4 025,00 |
| Total SSNIT Contribution           | 2 200,00 | 5 200,00        | 7 400,00 |
| Payslip amounts                    | Employee | <i>Employer</i> | Total    |

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The following totals will accumulate on the EMP Totals:

| Total      | Description                    | Value    |
|------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| TIER1_EE_M | SSNIT Tier 1 EE Contribute MTD | 1 003.38 |
| TIER1_EE_Y | SSNIT Tier 1 EE Contribute YTD | 1 003.38 |
| TIER1_ER_M | SSNIT Tier 1 ER Contribute MTD | 2 371.62 |
| TIER1_ER_Y | SSNIT Tier 1 ER Contribute YTD | 2 371.62 |
| T1_EE_EX_M | SSNIT Tier 1 EE Excess MTD     | 602.03   |
| T1_EE_EX_Y | SSNIT Tier 1 EE Excess YTD     | 602.03   |
| T1_ER_EX_M | SSNIT Tier 1 ER Excess MTD     | 1 422.97 |
| T1_ER_EX_Y | SSNIT Tier 1 ER Excess YTD     | 1 422.97 |
| TIER2_EE_M | SSNIT Tier 2 EE Contribute MTD | 594.59   |
| TIER2_EE_Y | SSNIT Tier 2 EE Contribute YTD | 594.59   |
| TIER2_ER_M | SSNIT Tier 2 ER Contribute MTD | 1 405.41 |
| TIER2_ER_Y | SSNIT Tier 2 ER Contribute YTD | 1 405.41 |

#### 2.3.2 Limit Tier 2 contributions

The following setup is required to limit Tier 2 contributions to 25 000:

On the employee's payslip (Tax Info tab), enter a 1 next to the variable CON\_LIM\_T2 to indicate that Tier 2 contributions should be limited to 25 000.

#### Tax Info tab:



Example of a payslip in January 2020

#### Payslip tab:



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# Summary:

|  | EE       | ER       | TOTAL    |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| SSNIT CONTRIBUTIONS                      | GHC      | GHC      | GHC      |
| Tier 1 - SSNIT 5%                        | 802,70   | 1 897,30 | 2 700,00 |
| Tier 1 max contribution                  | 1 003,38 | 2 371,62 | 3 375,00 |
| Tier 2 - Occupational scheme 13.5%       | 297,30   | 702,70   | 1 000,00 |
| Tier 2 max contribution                  | 371,62   | 878,38   | 1 250,00 |
| Total SSNIT Contribution based on 25 000 | 1 375,00 | 3 250,00 | 4 625,00 |

The following totals will accumulate on the EMP Totals:

| Total      | Description                    | Value    |
|------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| TIER1_EE_M | SSNIT Tier 1 EE Contribute MTD | 1 003.38 |
| TIER1_EE_Y | SSNIT Tier 1 EE Contribute YTD | 1 003.38 |
| TIER1_ER_M | SSNIT Tier 1 ER Contribute MTD | 2 371.62 |
| TIER1_ER_Y | SSNIT Tier 1 ER Contribute YTD | 2 371.62 |
| TIER2_EE_M | SSNIT Tier 2 EE Contribute MTD | 371.62   |
| TIER2_EE_Y | SSNIT Tier 2 EE Contribute YTD | 371.62   |
| TIER2_ER_M | SSNIT Tier 2 ER Contribute MTD | 878.38   |
| TIER2_ER_Y | SSNIT Tier 2 ER Contribute YTD | 878.38   |

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# 3.0 Statutory Reports

#### 3.1 Background

Previously the option was added to exclude all company contributions (CC's) for SSNIT on the DT0107a as per the instruction from the GRA as all users should have the option to include all CC's. However, by excluding the CC's it seems as if the employees were overtaxed as the cash emoluments are lesser on the report than what was used in the tax calculation.

Enhancements were also made to the monthly statutory reports to accommodate the new statutory totals added to the payplan where the user elects to contribute the excess Tier 1 contribution towards Tier 2.

#### 3.1.1 SSNIT Report

The following two SSNIT reports were enhanced to include the new statutory totals added for excess Tier 1 contributions:

- GH-SSNIT
- GH-SSNIT-T2

#### 3.1.2 DT0107 PAYE Deductions Summary

The total cash emolument field on the DT0107 report now uses the payplan total TXEARN\_MTD plus TX\_CC\_MTD. The total cash emoluments tie back with the total of column 14 in the DT0107a Employer's monthly tax deductions schedule. Total cash emoluments are the sum of all taxable cash income paid to the employee taxed according to normal tax rates. This includes the excess bonus and the overtime earning of a non-junior employee. Total cash emoluments exclude the overtime of a qualifying junior employee, the bonus which is within 15% of the employee's annual basic salary and any fringe benefits.

#### 3.1.3 DT0107a Tax Deduction Schedule

The DT0107a report now includes the new payplan totals added to calculate the excess Tier 1 SSNIT contributions. A new report parameter was added to include only employee and employer contributions exceeding 16.5% of salary/assessable income and Non-Tier3 pension/provident company contributions. Therefore, when running the report, the user now has the option to exclude all taxable company contributions in column 8, 9 and include only the excess tier 3 contributions and Non-Tier 3 pension/provident company contributions in Cash Allowance (column 10).

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#### Access: Reports > Prints/group > Legal Reports



#### General note:

The amended DT0108 report and DT0108a report with the new parameter added will be included in a future release in 2020.

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