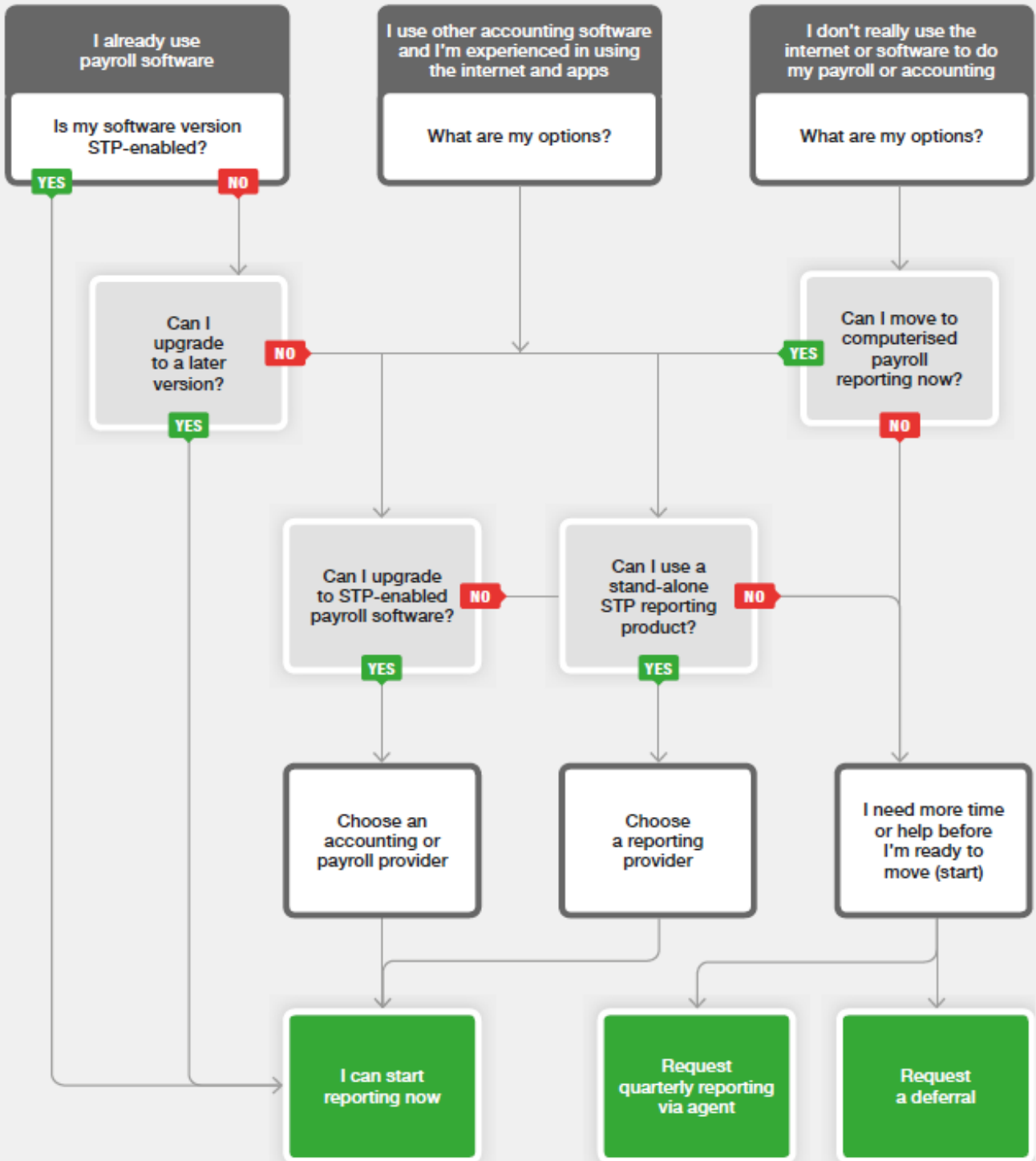


Single Touch Payroll

- myGov records will now be provided with payroll information pre-filled
- This information replaces payment summaries, which are no longer necessary
- The information contained in a payment summary will be provided in an 'income statement'
- Of the 730,000 employers in Australia with 19 or less employees, a large proportion are micro employers (between one and four employees)
- Two thirds of these do not use a payroll software product
- The first 12 months will be a transition period, with predominantly no penalties
- Low or no cost software is available, as well as STP apps being developed for mobile devices
- There is an option for businesses to report quarterly, through a registered tax agent or BAS agent, for the first two years
- The new Online services for agents will give access exemption request forms, requests to report quarterly through an agent, request to allow a recurring delay in reporting and more
- A three-month buffer period is provided upfront, so employers that start reporting via STP by 30 September have no need to apply for additional time
- If after that there's still more time needed, a request for an extension will need to be made
- Businesses can also request deferrals and exemptions through the ATO's telephone service
- Special arrangements have been put in place for closely-held payees
- Since no regular pay event, closely-held entities can report quarterly an estimate of salary and tax amounts, and true these up at the end of the year
- These special arrangements only apply to closely-held payees, and are not bound by the time limit of two years set for reporting through an agent (can be ongoing)
- Employers who are late making SG payments, or are not making them, will be much more visible
- There is a one-off requirement to provide the ATO with a "software ID" before reporting with STP
- Should an employer start reporting via STP this financial year, there will be no need to supply payment summaries to employees for 2018-19

STP decision tree: How am I going to report?



Conditions apply

YOU MUST ENGAGE WITH THE ATO ON ONE OF THESE OPTIONS BY NO LATER THAN 30 SEPTEMBER 2019.

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