

# Reconcile payments

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All payment advice received from Medicare, the DVA and Health Funds is displayed in the Claim Status, **Payments** tab. This information is used to reconcile invoices with payments to practitioners. The Payments tab streamlines the process by allowing you to automatically adjust bulk bill invoices for overpayments and underpayments and to void rejected items in a claim.

## Reconcile payments

Payments are reconciled using the **Reconcile Payments** button. For each invoice, a receipt will be created for the amount that was paid, and that receipt will be allocated against its invoice. If you allow the reconciliation to ignore overpayments or underpayments, the required invoice adjustments will be automatically created.

To process rejected invoices and rejected items within invoices, see [Processing rejected claims](#).

**Note:** In Zedmed v37.4.0 to avoid changes to an invoice after transmitting a claim, adjustments cannot be made to that invoice from Account Enquiry for 1 day. The Practice can increase this duration or change it to 0 to disable it in Practice details. This applies to Bulk Bill, DVA and Eclipse claims. MA Online and Tyro Easy Claim will still have the Adjustment button available.

**Note:** In Zedmed v35.2.2 and older, **MA Online** payments are shown as **Medicare Australia** with **\$0** outstanding. Bulk Billing shows as Medicare Australia with an outstanding amount. **Please ignore MA Online entries with \$0.**

**Caution:** Please do not void submitted Bulk Bill or DVA invoices unless there is an urgent need to. If you do void an invoice, it is only voided in Zedmed, and Medicare should be called to stop payment of an incorrect or invalid invoice. If you reconcile a single payment for multiple invoices, and one of those invoices was voided but paid, the reconciliation will fail for all invoices you will need to manually receipt each one. You may also need to refund Medicare if payment was made for an incorrect claim.

Recommended payment reconciliation workflow:

1. Go to Zedmed's **Management** tab.
2. Select **Claims**.  
The **Claim Status** screen will open.
3. Select the **Payments** tab.
4. Select the **Payer** using the drop-down.
5. Select the **Doctor** using the drop-down.

If you reconcile by doctor, it is easier to review what is being paid and the Banking Reconciliation Report's activity over a period totals will be available by doctor. For these reasons, we recommend reconciling by

doctor.

To see if paid claims contain rejected items before reconciling, look for a Paid amount less than the amount Outstanding.

**In Zedmed v35.3.0 and later**, Outstanding and Paid values that don't match are highlighted in pink. Double-clicking the payment opens it in the Claims tab where you can see the Overpaid, Underpaid or Rejected status and any reasons provided by Medicare. The invoices will be sorted with rejected items at the top, then underpaid and overpaid. If you click a patient their record will open for easy access to Acc Enquiry (to open the invoice) and Billing (to reinvoice).

6. Select the tick box next to **Payment ID**.

All the payments displayed will be ticked.

7. Select **Reconcile Payments**.

The **Payment Reconcile Options** dialog will open.

8. By default, the dialog will have overpayment and underpayment adjustments selected. These adjustments are made per service for Medicare bulk bill claims. If no options are selected, only payments that match their invoices will be reconciled.

The following options are available:

- **Allow Overpayment** (selected by default)- adds an adjustment to increase the invoice value to match the amount paid.
- **Adjust Underpayment** (selected by default)- adds an adjustment to discount the invoice to match the amount paid.
- **Ignore Underpayment** - will leave the balance outstanding. The practice will then need to manually adjust it.
- **Void Rejected Services** - voids any rejected items within an invoice. This is not selected by default as you may want to check the rejection's reason by looking up the payment in the Claims tab. After voiding an item, you can create an invoice for that item and re-submit the claim. To learn more, see the **Rejected claims** section of the Claims guide.

9. Select **OK**.

The payments will be receipted against their respective invoices and any adjustments will be created if selected (tick box).

When you select **Refresh**, the receipted payments will disappear if the **New** filter is selected.

**If the claim contains a voided invoice**

It will display the error 'InvoiceNotCurrent'. See the **Payments with voided invoices** guide to manually receipt the invoice/s.

**If a claim for an item in an invoice is rejected**

You will get an error advising that 'Claim for service ID' was rejected when you select OK. The reason for the rejection can be viewed in the **Claims** tab where the invoice will have the COMPLETE Status and a reason next to the item. Once you know the reason, you can take the required actions and rerun the **Reconcile Payments** with **Void Rejected** ticked to void the items. To learn more, see the Claims guide's **Rejected claims** section.

**If a claim for a full invoice is rejected**

Rejected claims for full invoices do not appear on the Payments tab and are not reflected in the Paid and

Outstanding totals. Rejected invoices go to the Claims tab and are managed there. On a regular basis, filter the invoices on the Claims tab by **Rejected**, review the reason shown, take any required actions and void the invoice using the **Void Rejected Claims** button. To learn more, see the Claims guide's **Rejected claims** section.

The screenshot displays the 'Claim Status' application window. At the top, there are buttons for 'Refresh', 'Default View', 'Expand All', 'Collapse All', 'Reconcile Payments' (highlighted with a red box), 'Manually Receipt', and 'Manually Associate Receipts'. Below these are filter fields for 'From' (9/03/2022), 'To' (1/08/2022), 'Payer' (<ALL>), 'Treating Doctor' (<ALL>), 'Show New', 'Show Received', 'Payment ID', 'Invoice No.', and 'Claim ID'. The main area is a table with columns: Payment ID, Payment Date, Status, Payer / Branch, Run Number / Doctor, Paid, Outstanding, BSB, Acc. No. / Patient, Account Name, Remittance ID, and Trans. ID. A dialog box titled 'Payment Reconciliation Options' is open, containing checkboxes for 'Allow Overpayment', 'Adjust Underpayment', 'Ignore Underpayment', and 'Void Rejected Services', each with a brief description of its function. A red callout bubble with the text 'Zedmed v35.3 and later' points to the 'Outstanding' column. At the bottom of the dialog, 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are visible, with 'OK' highlighted by a red box. At the bottom of the main window, there are 'Print Report', 'Show Report', and 'Close' buttons.

## Managing the information shown

All unreceipted payments received over the past week are shown by default. The menu options allow you to include receipted payments, to filter the results by payer and doctor, and to locate a specific payment or invoice. You can expand a payment to view the invoices the payment is for, and how the dollar amount is split across those invoices.

### Claim Payment Status Detail report

To help staff communicate key information, Zedmed v35.3.3 adds **Print Report** and **Show Report** buttons to the Payments tab so you can view or print the information displayed on the screen. To adjust what is included, use the options shown below under the Payment tab options, select **Refresh** then open the report.

### To find a specific payment

Enter the Payment ID, Claim ID or Invoice No into the fields provided and click Refresh. No filter selection will stop matches to the ID or No. from being shown.

### Claims Status (top) menu

The following options are available:

- **Refresh** - updates the listed invoices after selecting a filter, for example, a date range or doctor.
- **Default View** - resets the tab to show all submitted invoices for the past 7 days.
- **Expand / Collapse all** - expands or collapses all listed payments.

## Payments tab options

The following selections are available and require a **Refresh**:

- **From & To** - used to display payments within the selected date range based on the date the claims were paid.
- **Payer** - used to show only the selected Payer's payment. For a payer to be shown, a payment needs to have been received by that payer, and the name used is the name provided by the payer.
- **Treating Doctor** - used to show only the selected doctor's invoices.
- **New** (default)- is selected to show payments that have not been reconciled.
- **Received** - can be ticked and refreshed to show invoices that have been reconciled.

## Understanding the payments shown

The payment information is taken from the information provided by the payer.

The following columns display details:

- **Payment ID** shows all payments by ID, which can be expanded to show each invoice included in the payment.
- **Status > New** means the payment has not been reconciled. When it has, it will change to **Status > Received (Receipt number)**. The **Received** tickbox must be selected to show reconciled payments. Select **Refresh** to show change to the selection.
- **Payer / Branch** shows the name of the payer.
- **Paid** shows how much was paid by the payer, and expanding the Payment ID will show the amount paid for each invoice.
- **Outstanding** shows the \$ value of the invoices the payment is for and, if you expanded the payment, the value of each invoice. An outstanding amount does not mean Medicare has not paid, it means the invoices for that payment have not been reconciled, and the value shows the value of the invoices, which may or may not match the payment received for each invoice.
- **Acc No / Patient** shows the account the payment was made to and, when expanded, the patient each invoice is for.
- **Pink highlights** show payments, where the amount paid, does not equal the amount outstanding. Double-clicking the payment ID will display the invoices using the Claims tab and show any rejected (unpaid) items and include reasons provided by Medicare.
- **Print Report** and **Show Report** buttons allow you to view or print the information displayed on the tab.

Payment ID	Payment Date	Status	Payer / Branch	Run Number / Doctor	Paid	Outstanding	BSB	Acc. No. / Patient	Account Name	Remittance ID	Trans. ID
20253	25/02/2022	New	Department of Veterans Affairs	481	\$45.00	\$40.95	062290	*****6789	DR FULLER		DVA--2022-02
20241	25/02/2022	New	Medicare Australia	783	\$39.10	\$36.30	062290	*****6789	DR FULLER		BB--2022-02
Inv. 11223			MED	Igor Fuller	\$39.10	\$36.30			Gregory, Isabelle		
20242	25/02/2022	New	Medicare Australia	783	\$234.95	\$222.50	062290	*****6789	DR EASON		BB--2022-02
Inv. 11228			MED	Augustus Eason	\$119.55	\$113.20			Bates, Bridgid		
Inv. 11225			MED	Augustus Eason	\$115.40	\$109.30			Markell, Dylan		
20254	28/02/2022	New	Medicare Australia	784	\$39.10	\$36.30	062290	*****6789	DR EASON		BB--2022-02
Inv. 11233			MED	Augustus Eason	\$39.10	\$36.30			Bates, Bridgid		

## Reconciling video

This 20-minute recording explains how to use the Claims and Payments tabs in Zedmed v35 to reconcile payments. The version used is Zedmed v35.2.2, and the newer version referred to in the video is v35.3.0.

The guides referred to at the end are:

- <https://help.zedmed.com.au/help/review-claims>
- <https://help.zedmed.com.au/help/reconcile-payments>

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