# Version 3.6.4 Client Release Notes

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**NOTE:** Please read the changes made to the in-program security with regards to accessing both Purchasing and Receipts.
Overview
Version 3.6.4 represents an exciting new release of Automation Premium Client. This version introduces MyAutoConnect and local roadside assistance issuing functionality plus a host of additions that we are sure will assist you in the day to day operation of your business. 3.6.4 is the first release of a two-part update, the second code set with even more enhancements is due for distribution in March 2019. Please ensure you read these notes fully to ensure you get a real handle on how the new features will assist you in getting better results from using Automation Premium.

MyAutoConnect
Introduction: MyAutoConnect allows you to connect with your client directly via smart devices, your main terminal and online job card. The MyAutoConnect system allows for the automation of many communications such as service reminders, registration renewal and roadside assistance expiry / renewal.

You have the added ability to send instant promotions, estimates and quotations directly to your client’s smart device. MyAutoConnect has the option to include roadside assistance in the marketing mix with easy access allowing you to truly deliver on the peace of mind motoring promise.

Brand awareness is backed by point of sale brochures and an information web site www.myautoconnect.com.au

We have created an online instruction manual that gives you a total overview of the product from setup to operation to view these pages please go to https://www.myautoconnect.com.au/dealer/help further information for users considering using MyAutoConnect go to https://www.myautoconnect.com.au/dealer

MyAutoConnect can only be used by clients that host their data on our cloud server, so if you are looking at introducing this initiative to your client base and still store your data locally you will need to transfer via the local server transfer option. MyAutoConnect is designed to truly partner your clients into the servicing / repair process. Once installed we are confident that offering this feature to your clients you will be servicing their needs better and as such create more sales.

Roadside Assistance
Overview: Microbase have been offering Roadside Assistance to Automation users for over 20 years, during that period of time we have always offered only 6 months cover which in the past covered a vehicle for the standard servicing cycle. As you well know times have changed and repairers are now faced with much longer intervals between servicing so we to have adjusted to the market and are now offering extended periods of cover. Our users will as of January 2019 be able for offer their clients membership for a 6, 9- or 12-month period.

We have also negotiated a totally new arrangement with our service provider that extends the cover benefits. These include unlimited emergency callouts and an increase in the payout for lockouts to $77.00.

Microbase as of January 2019 will cease using surface mail to send client membership. Instead we will be delivering an issue at point of sale, via email or SMS and MyAutoConnect. Please read the following instructions on how these changes will affect roadside assistance issues as of January 1st.

Services, Setup: To be able to issue roadside assistance to your clients you must first contact Microbase requesting your records are queried for new issues. We will talk you through the local setup and log your requests on our CDM server to start issuing roadside assistance for your site further information on cover and costs can be accessed from https://www.myautoconnect.com.au/dealer/roadside-assistance and https://www.myautoconnect.com.au/rsa

The new issuing method allows you to choose the length of cover by flagging a service or placing one of the roadside assistance issue services onto the job card.

Services, Editing For RSA Issue: Go to the top of screen select services, scroll or use the search field to locate the service you wish to edit for issuing roadside assistance. Point and double click on the service record to open the service form. You will see an option trigger RSA followed by a field with a drop-down menu containing the 6/9/12 month period selection, click on the button to the right of this field then point and double click on your selection, which will now populate the field.
Above is the automatic method for setting up roadside assistance issue, each time you place a service that is set to issue roadside assistance (trigger set to true).

**Manual RSA Issue:** Automation has 3 x pre-set services in the service listing, adding any of these to the job card will initialise roadside assistance membership. These are setup to issue cover for the period you require.

To Issue roadside assistance manually, from the job card select services, highlight the period you wish to cover by selecting one of the entries above, complete with OK (F12).

Sites that were issuing roadside assistance prior for 6 months all services that were triggered to issue RSA will now be set by default to 6 months so if you wish to extend the cover for any of these you will need to edit cover from the service form. It is also suggested that if you were previously using a service with the code RSAISS1 or RSA1 that you open the service form and select inactive so you no longer see this entry in your service listing. In future simply use the new services we have provided.
to issue roadside assistance cover.

**Job Close, Issuing RSA:** There are now 4 issuing methods, print, SMS, email and MyAutoConnect as you close the job card you will see the choices displayed on the job update screen.

![RSA Issue](image)

If your customer is already registered to receive communications via MyAutoConnect the MyAc option is flagged by default, you can choose to notify the client that he / she is now covered via any or all options. If you choose to print a membership form will be printed, this can be folded in three (like an A4 being inserted into a DL envelope) and handed to the client. Depending on whether you print in monochrome or colour this will of course determine the final appearance of the membership.
Your Vehicle is now covered 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Commitment to quality service is the key.

Our automotive service centre is committed to providing you the best possible service. Service that extends past our front door and is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. With this cover, you have access to over 1,000 service units nationally.

For assistance, please call: 1800 062 222

RSA Cover Viewing & Reprinting:

RSA cover is recorded on the vehicle form and can viewed by selecting the servicing tab and the send / Print RSA Issue option, to notify your customer you can select a single or multiple methods.

Prefered Customer Nationwide Roadside Assistance Cover

Customer: Mr Dave Beecroft

Vehicle Make/Model: MERCEDES 250C

Registration: VEH789

Cover Valid From: 11/12/18 to: 11/6/19

You can alternately email cover by selecting the email option, your client will receive a separate email titled RSA issue from <your site name>. The final method is SMS, your client will receive an SMS including membership details and a link to the terms and conditions of cover https://www.myautoconnect.com.au/rsa.

RSA Cover Viewing & Reprinting: RSA cover is recorded on the vehicle form and can viewed by selecting the servicing tab and the send / Print RSA Issue option, to notify your customer you can select a single or multiple methods.
These details are also displayed in the vehicle listing.

If you wish to reprint a RSA membership you will need to go to the client list point and double click on the record, select the tasks tab, you will see a list of the various communications send to the client. Point and double click on the RSA issue entry.

This action will open the note form, from there to view the membership you simply select the folder icon situated to the right of the contact method form. The file can be viewed from your PDF reader and printed or emailed from there.
Note: We replicate records to our service providers server every 24 hours, however please allow 48 hours for validation, this lead time ensures the record is recorded on Australia Wide Assists server.

Diary Screen

Loan Cars: You can now see the status of all loan cars from the diary screen these fall into three categories, loan, allocated and overdue.

Status is colour coded in the body of the diary according the top legend.

Job Status: The colour coding displayed on the timeline has now been extended to the job column.

Allocated Time Display: Version 3.6.4 now combines non chargeable time into the daily totals available from the technicians labour allocation view.

Service Adviser Filter: The diary screen now allows you to select a list of jobs allocated to a specific service adviser, click on
the service adviser option button at the top of screen. Point and double click on the adviser name and only the jobs allocated to that adviser are displayed.

![Service adviser options](image)

**Reports**

**Date Selection:** The selection has now been expanded to show all options

![Date selection options](image)

**Service History:** Report has been corrected to show service date kilometres not the current kilometre reading

**Job Card**

**Address:** If the physical address differs from the billing address Automation will print the physical address.

**Closing, Logging Off Technicians:** If a technician is logged onto a job when the close process is initiated you are warned and can log him off automatically during the close procedure.

![Technician logging off](image)

To log a technician off simply select the yes option from the display.
**Closing Technician, Job Card:** When a technician closes a job when logged onto Automation the name is retained in the top left-hand side of the job card.

**Emailing:** We now display a prompt when selecting to email from the job card

**Job Card, Printing:** New selection from the print menu print 1st. Page only

**Checklists:** Can now be emailed with the invoice by selecting the option available from the job update form.

Checklists can also be emailed with a message to the customer at anytime during the repair / servicing process. To activate this option, select checklists from the bottom of the job card screen. Selecting the email button displays a note box, enter your message, finalise and your email is sent. Your message will be in the body of the email with checklists as a PDF attachment.

**Purchasing**

**Reporting:** In any report accessing stock levels required Automation will now take into consideration the allocated quantities as no longer available and will add these values to stock required.

**Recurring Bills & Journals:** Now has a select all option in the list, to activate simply select the checkbox located in the header.
Client Listing

SMS: Version 3.6.4 introduces a SMS option available from the bottom of the list, to SMS a client simply highlight the record from the client list select SMS, choose your message or free type and send.

Security

Two options have been added to the user profile, receipts and purchasing on selection all access to any of these functions will be blocked by default, to allow access simply tick the checkbox against either Purchasing and/or Receipts.

Payroll

Comments Field: The comments field containing text that prints on the payroll form has been expanded to 2,000 characters.

Payroll PDF: For privacy reasons we now delete emailed PDF’s from C:\Automation Client\PDF – If you need to recreate a transaction this can be done by accessing the record from payroll.

Receipts

Automation no longer enforces the selection of a credit card type when processing receipts.

Marketing

Additional Filters: Version 3.6.4 gives you access to two additional filter when querying your data for marketing purposes, clients without mobile number and clients without email addresses. These filters will assist when sending communications such as service reminders via SMS to those with mobile numbers and then selecting clients without mobile numbers to email the communication.
Tasks

**Tasks, Online:** The online task list has been updated to include filters and display more information making it easier to locate the message you wish to view.

**Administration**

Version 3.6.4 introduces the ability to make unused records inactive for clients, vehicles, suppliers and parts with no activity since a selected date. This option allows you to manage these lists so you only see active records, inactive records can of course be made active at any time by opening the relevant form and removing the inactive flag option.

To access this feature, go to Admin / Update Lists, you will see that there are four list selections, individual or multiple filters can be selected.
Select the lists you wish to update, move over to the date field click on the button and choose your cut off date from the calendar. To complete the function, select process, a progress bar will now move across the screen giving you a totalisation of the records moved to inactive.