

P46(Car) Testing

The recent 2012-13 Expenses & Benefits update to VSIPS/TPVS, introduced the facility to utilise dates from the respective tax year in which a return is being submitted.

Usually, a test submission is validated against the date on which the submission was made and therefore, any date sensitive rules would use "today" as that date. If, however, a valid XML date/time value is provided by the application in the GovTalk envelope's <Timestamp> element in the <ChannelRouting> structure, then the validation engine will set the date (and time) to this value and perform any date sensitive validations as if this was the real date (and time).

For example: to test whether a <DateFirstAvailable> of 14 July 2013 is valid, the <Timestamp> value should be set to a date after the 14 July 2013 but still within the 2013-14 tax year (eg 2013-10-05T12:00:00).

Please note that the live service will not support this mechanism and any value in the <Timestamp> element will be ignored.