

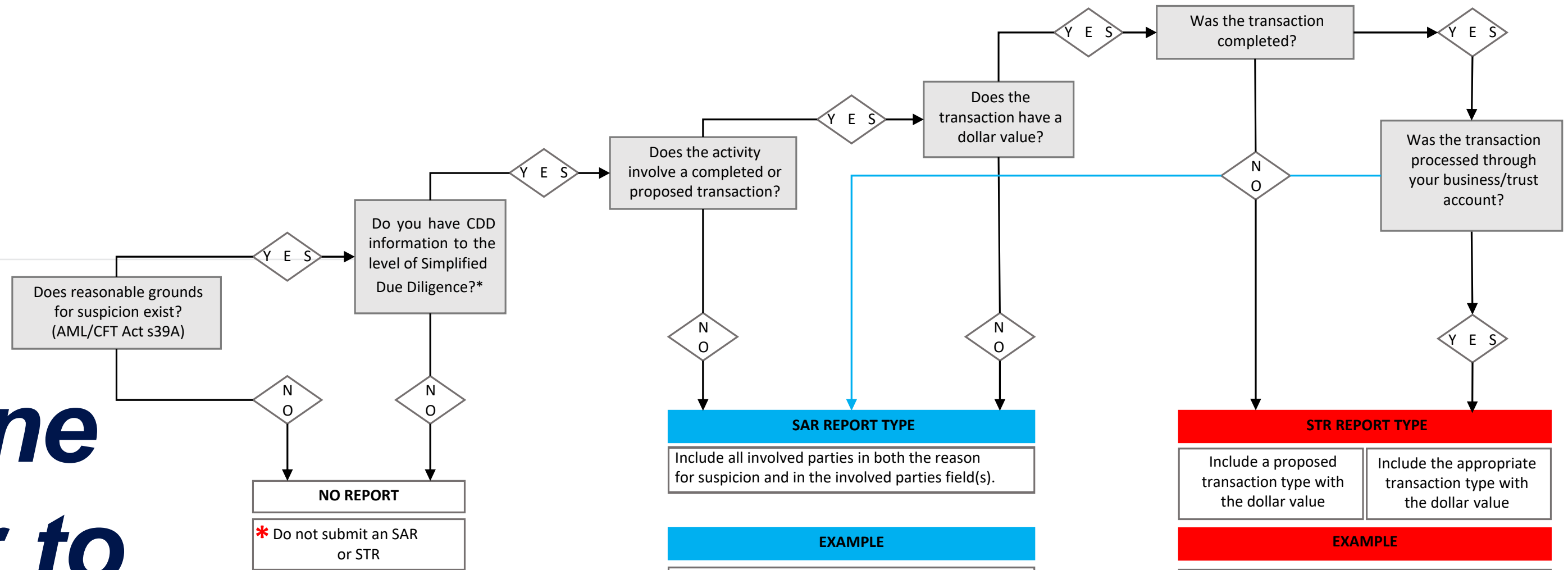
Guidance Document

WEB REPORTING: SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTS (SARs)

Financial Intelligence Unit

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How to determine whether to use the SAR or STR Form



This should be used as a guide to determine whether the information you hold is sufficient to ensure all parties involved are captured in the report. If you hold less information than required for Simplified Due Diligence, but still have other information that could be used to identify involved parties please contact the FIU via the goAML message-board.

SAR REPORT TYPE

Include all involved parties in both the reason for suspicion and in the involved parties field(s).

EXAMPLE

An individual visits the office of a reporting entity and wants to deposit cash in to the account of a customer or client of the reporting entity.

The individual places a large bag on the counter, and tells the employee the bag contains the cash they want to deposit. The amount is not provided. The individual refuses to provide CDD information on request and the reporting entity does not accept the cash deposit.

Submit a SAR.

STR REPORT TYPE

Include a proposed transaction type with the dollar value	Include the appropriate transaction type with the dollar value
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EXAMPLE

An individual visits the office of a reporting entity and wants to deposit \$15,000 cash to the account of a customer or client of the reporting entity.

The employee notices the cash has a distinctive smell and is crumpled and dirty.

The individual provides CDD information upon request, and the reporting entity accepts the cash deposit.

Submit a STR with the appropriate transaction type

OR

The individual refuses to provide CDD information on request and the reporting entity does not accept the cash deposit.

Submit a STR with a proposed transaction type.

Interpreting this Document

Note you will need to use Chrome, Firefox, or Microsoft Edge as Explorer is no longer supported as a web browser.

This document contains screen-shots of the goAML system when completing a Suspicious Activity Report online.

Fields marked in red must be completed, as they are required by regulations and/or the goAML system.

Please include any other information that is available to you in applicable fields.

Additional guidance can be found in the resource library by clicking on the Help tab on the navy blue task bar.

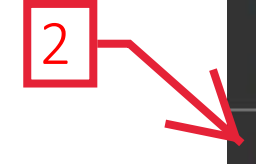
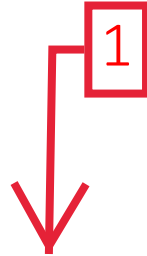
General Rules

Following these “general rules” will assist reporting entities with efficiently and effectively submitting SARs

- If you hold relevant information, please provide it, regardless of the status of the field (i.e. mandatory vs optional).
- FIU staff are unable to make corrections to SARs that have been submitted. Any issues identified will be highlighted in a rejection message accompanying the returned SAR for you to make appropriate changes and resubmit.
- “Unknown” will generally not be accepted. As per legislation, Enhanced Customer Due Diligence (EDD) must be conducted in instances where a SAR is required to be submitted. EDD requires identity verification and identification of the ‘source of wealth’, so in normal circumstances “unknown” parties and/or accounts will not be accepted.
- Spaces, dashes and additional punctuation etc. should not be included in any field, regardless of usual format conventions. Exceptions can be made where punctuation is necessary to avoid ambiguity (e.g. a flat or apartment should be reported as 9/123 Sample Street).
- Do not abbreviate words, instead provide the full word (e.g. “Ltd” should be provided as “Limited”).
- Recurring information, such as names and addresses must be reported consistently (i.e. with the exact same wording each time).
- The rules for particular fields apply across all four report types.

As this report type captures activities rather than transactions, the reporting of the parties involved does not require a role to be identified. However, the Reason for Suspicion needs to clearly outline what part each party contributes to the overall scenario

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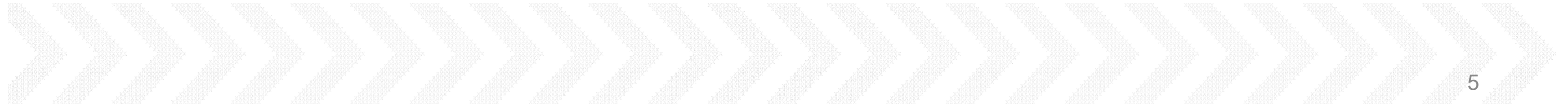
and Countering Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Reporting Finance Testing (UAT) Environment

Welcome to the New Zealand Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) online reporting facility for submission of Prescribed Transactions Reports (PTRs), Suspicious Activity Reports (STRs), and secure communication with the FIU.

This facility is available to all reporting entities as defined in Section 5 of the AML/CFT Act 2009, and Financial Institutions as defined in Section 3 of the Financial Transactions Reporting Act 1996.

Important note: Future releases may require goAML users to change their passwords every ninety (90) days. This is to help maintain system security and comply with the Protective Security Requirements (PSR). **Further information will be provided before this functionality is enabled.**

Before entering your report do you need a refresher



1
Click on the drop-down arrow.

Select a report type

 ▾ [Create Report](#)

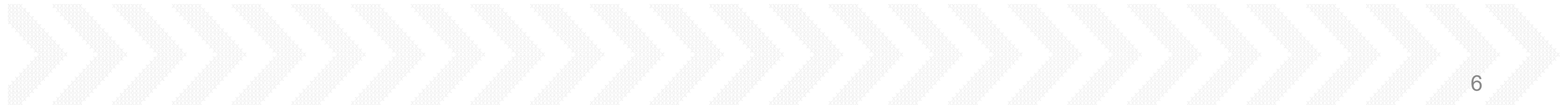
Please select a report type and click **Create Report** to continue

2
Click on 'Suspicious Activity Report'

Select a report type

- International Funds Transfer
- Large Cash Transaction
- Suspicious Activity Report**
- Suspicious Transaction Report

3
Click on 'Create Report'

[Create Report](#)

Reference numbers must be unique across all reports. We suggest using the name of the customer followed by the date.

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SAR: 757333-0-0 **Suspicious Activity Report**

Local Currency Code: **NZD** Reporting Entity: **Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)** Entity ID: **1** Report ID: **757333-0-0**

Reporting Entity Branch is required! Reporting Entity Reference is required! * Submission Date: 18/06/2021 FIU Reference:

Reason is required!

Action:

Reporting Person [Load current user](#)

Title <input type="text"/>	* First Name <input type="text"/>	* Last Name <input type="text"/>	Email <input type="text"/>
Gender <input type="text"/>	Birth Date <input type="text"/>	Nationality <input type="text"/>	Occupation <input type="text"/>
Passport Number <input type="text"/>	Passport Country <input type="text"/>		

+ DO NOT USE

At a minimum the reason for suspicion must include:

1. What happened – a detailed description of the activity (ies) that triggered your suspicion
2. What your suspicion is – A clear statement of the grounds on which your suspicion is held and
3. Why you hold the suspicion
4. Also needs to clearly outline what part each party involved contributed to the overall scenario

Branch/Address where report is being submitted from.

Reporting Entity Branch is required!

Reporting Entity Reference is required!

Reason is required!

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To save your report click the 'Floppy Disc' Icon below.

Your selected indicators should be displayed here.

You can search for and filter indicators in the search boxes below. For example if you have an activity where cash is involved, typing `cash` in the search box will filter indicators where `cash` is mentioned.

1
Click on the 'Indicators' Tab.

2
To add an indicator, click on the box next to the relevant indicator(s). You must include:
i. Your Sector Supervisor (DIA, FMA, RBNZ) and
ii. All other indicators that apply to the activity within the report.

***SECTOR SUPERVISORS**
DIA Department of Internal Affairs
FMA Financial Markets Authority
RBNZ Reserve Bank of New Zealand

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Attachments

Indicators

Activity

Indicators

DIA ✕ CDD1 ✕

<input type="checkbox"/>	Code ↑	Indicator
<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alerts	4 Alerts-FIU/Police Alerts or Requests for Information and intel related to goAML disseminations
<input type="checkbox"/>	BH1	9 Behaviour- Exhibits a lack of concern about fees and costs
<input type="checkbox"/>	BH2	10 Behaviour- Makes statements regarding illegal activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	BH3	11 Behaviour- Nervous/erratic/defensive behaviour and/or avoids contact
<input type="checkbox"/>	BH4	12 Behaviour- Questions processes and thresholds and/or indicates a desire to avoid reporting
<input type="checkbox"/>	BH5	13 Behaviour- Unwilling or unable to provide information regarding the activity/transaction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash1	le accounts, or from multiple people to one account
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash2	or wrapped in an uncommon way, or where total sum is

Remember to save your report as you go.

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Attachments

Indicators 2

Activity

Activity

Report Parties

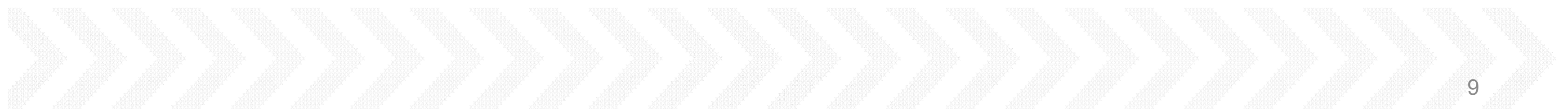
+ Account + Person + Entity

+ Goods and Services

2
Select an *Involved Party Type* by clicking on either: 'Account' 'Person' or 'Entity'

Entity= Business, Trust, etc.

1
Click on the activity tab.



In this example we have selected 'Person'. Add all the information you hold on the person. The minimum requirement is the persons first and last name and either a:

- DOB
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email address
- Identification document
- CCTV footage of the person

If you don't have this data but have other information that may identify the person (e.g. vehicle registration number) please send a query through the goAML message board.

Remember to save your report as you go.

If the involved party is 'your client' the same mandatory fields apply as the STR Report (also see Regulations).

Information provided in the 'Passport' and 'NZDL' fields above will need to be repeated in the 'Identification' tab.

If using the drop-down calendar to select the date of birth for a person, ensure you select the appropriate year.

Passport information from any country can be entered in these fields.

If a New Zealand Drivers Licence was used as identification enter here. Do not add version number.

Important: All parties mentioned in the 'Reason' field must be captured as an 'Involved Party' in the report.

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Indicators 2

Activity

+ Account + Person + Entity

Person

Significance Reason Comments

First Name is required! Middle Name Last Name is required! Date of Birth d/MM/yyyy

Gender Alias NZDL Passport Number

Passport Country Residence Nationality 1 Nationality 2

Nationality 3 IRD Number Comments

+ Employer Address

+ Employer Phone

+ Addresses

+ Email

+ Identification

+ Phones

To add another *Involved Party* click on either: 'Account' 'Person' or 'Entity'

+ Account + Person + Entity

If your report involves Goods and Services that should be captured in your report click on the green '+' icon to add this section to your report.

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Attachments

Indicators 2

Activity

- John Doe
- John Doe Limited

Name: John Doe Limited

Commercial Name: []

Url: []

Item Type: [+]

- Addresses
- Director(s)
- Phones

Art

Bonds, stocks, or other securities

Collectibles

Consumer goods (electronics, furniture, etc.)

Industrial equipment

Intellectual property rights

Jewellery, precious metals, precious stones

Other

Other financial instrument not listed

Purchase into company

Real estate

Services

Vehicle

Weapon

Person

Entity

Incorporation Country Code: []

Incorporation Legal Form: []

Business: []

Incorporation Date: d/MM/yyyy

Enter details of the Goods and/or Services here.

Click on the appropriate 'Item Type' from the drop-down list.

Item Type is required!

Presently Registered To: []

Estimated Value: []

currency Code: []

Size: []

Registration Number: []

Identification Number: []

Description: []

Status Code: []

Size UOM: []

Comments: []

Previously Registered To: []

Disposed Value: []

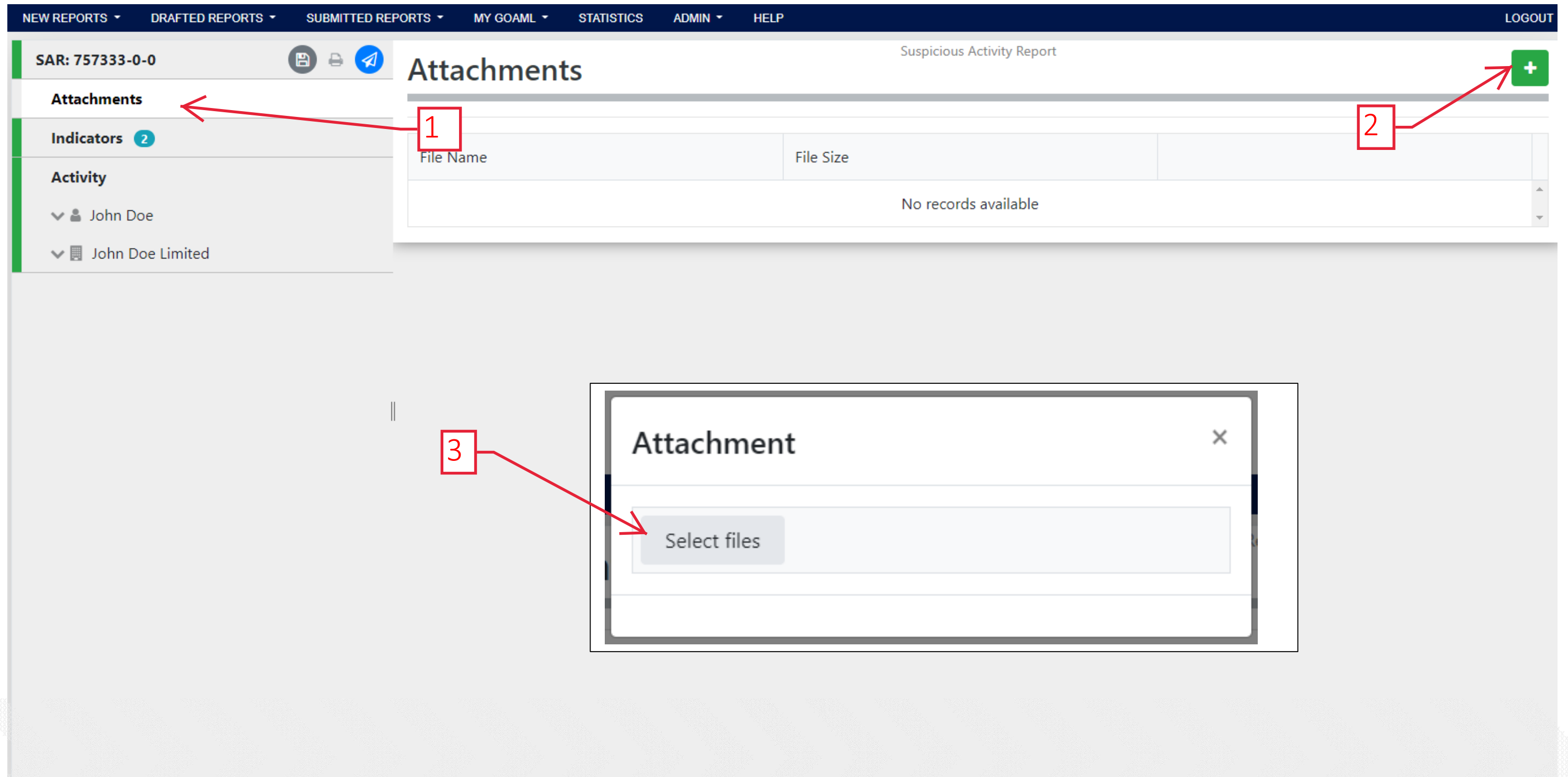
Registration Date: d/MM/yyyy

Status Comments: []

+ Address

To add any attachments (i.e. copies of identification, CCTV stills, statements etc) to your report do the following:

1. Click on 'Attachments' tab in the Navigation Panel
2. Click on the green '+' icon and the 'Attachment' pop-up will display.
3. Click 'Select Files' and select the appropriate documents and then click 'Upload'



The screenshot displays the 'Attachments' section of a 'Suspicious Activity Report' (SAR: 757333-0-0). The navigation panel on the left shows 'Attachments' selected. The main content area features a table with columns for 'File Name' and 'File Size', currently showing 'No records available'. A green '+' icon in the top right corner of the table area is highlighted with a red box and labeled '2'. A red arrow points from this icon to a pop-up dialog titled 'Attachment' which contains a 'Select files' button, also highlighted with a red box and labeled '3'. Another red arrow labeled '1' points to the 'Attachments' tab in the navigation panel.

Once all involved parties have been captured in the report and all mandatory fields have been completed your Navigation Panel should turn green and the submit button will turn blue. Prior to submitting we recommend you preview your report by clicking on the printer icon.

1
Click the printer icon to open another tab to preview and print/save the report before submitting it.

Expand All ↗ Collapse All ↘ Print 🖨️ **Click here to print.**




Suspicious Activity Report (SAR)

Report ID: 757333-0-0 Reporting Entity: Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) Local Currency Code: NZD Submitted On:

2
Click expand all to view the entire report (if the preview field isn't highlighted & does not open, click on 'Save' then preview)

Please preview all reports prior to submitting them, to ensure that all required fields are completed correctly. You may wish to have a work colleague peer review your report. If you identify amendments that need to be made following the review of your report close this browser tab and make the amendments/additions

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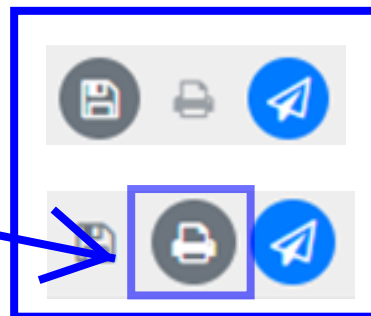
Attachments

Indicators 2

Activity

- John Doe
- John Doe Limited

In order to preview your report the printer icon must be highlighted grey. To make the printer icon grey you may need to click the save icon first.



NOTE: Icons in the Navigation Panel highlighted grey indicate the action is available to use, but is not mandatory. However some grey icons need to be clicked before another icon can be used.

To save an Electronic Copy of your report do the following:

- 1. Select 'Save as PDF' from drop down menu then**
- 2. Click 'Save' and save the PDF in your business secure compliance records folder.**

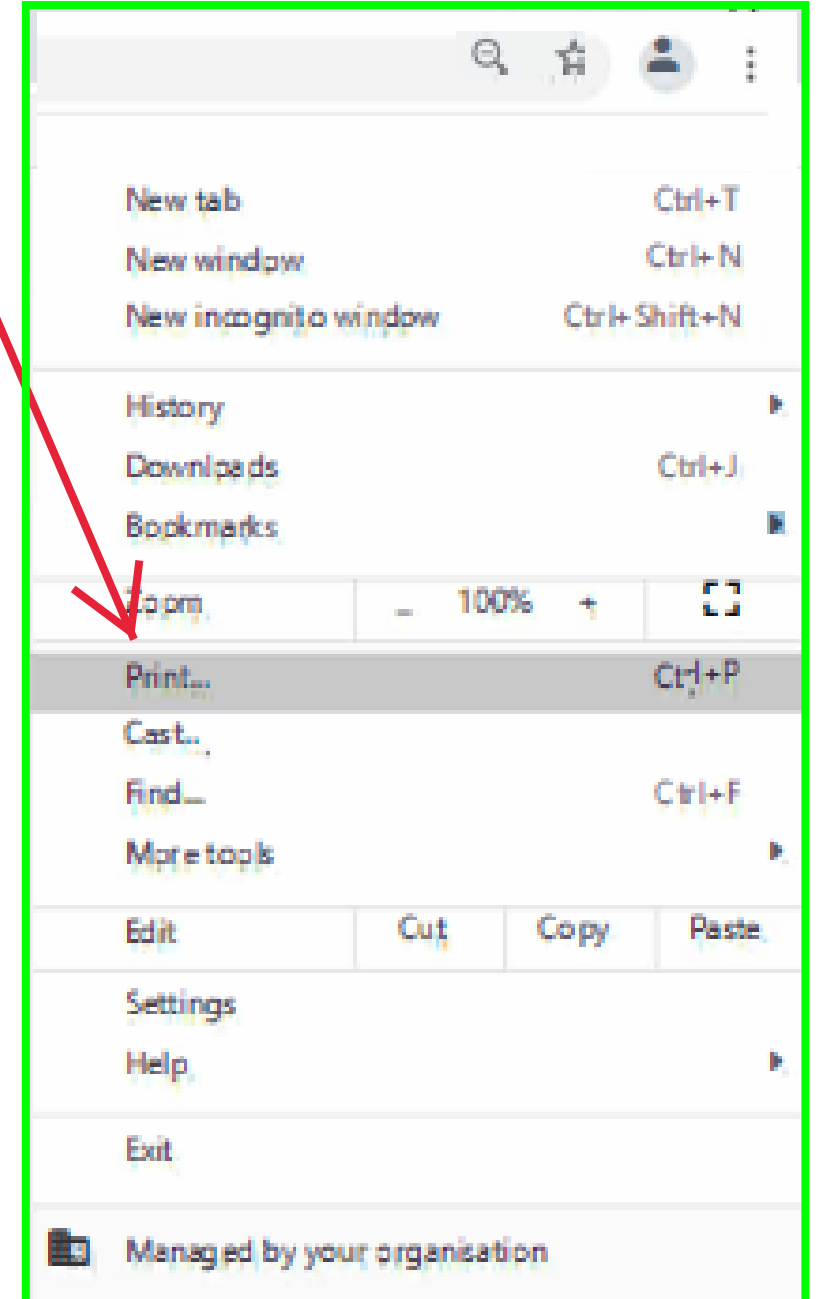
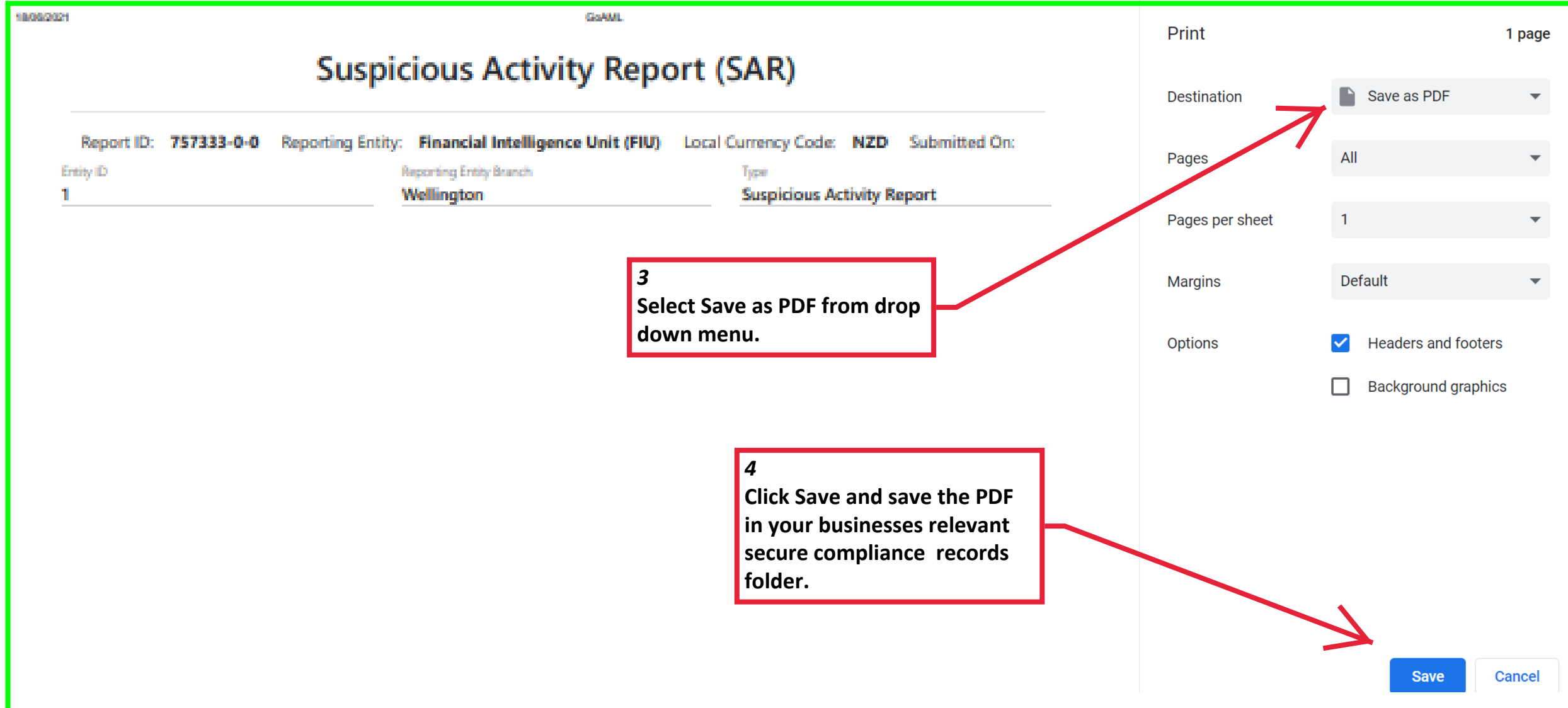
Once saved you can close the preview tab.

1
Example is done in Google Chrome: Click triple dots to reveal drop down menu.

2
Click Print in the Drop Down Menu

3
Select Save as PDF from drop down menu.




4
Click Save and save the PDF in your businesses relevant secure compliance records folder.



Submit your Report. If the submit button is not blue you cannot submit your report, check the Navigation Panel for any tabs that are red.
If still experiencing issues refer to the 'Problem Solving and Trouble Shooting' guidance document in the 'Resource Library'

Click on the blue button to submit your report.

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+ Employer Phone


+ Addresses

+ Email

+ Identification

+ Phones

Entity  

Significance	Reason	Comments	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Name	Incorporation Number	Incorporation Country Code	Incorporation Legal Form
John Doe Limited	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value=""/>
Commercial Name	Email	Business	Incorporation Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="d/MM/yyyy"/> 
Url	Comments		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		

+ Addresses

+ Director(s)

+ Phones