

EBSR NEWSLETTER – Issue no. 7

EBSR Statistics – To End of May 2010

1 *Bus Service Registrations*

In previous newsletters it has been difficult to present the statistics in a way that clearly differentiates between all licensed operators and those that operate registered services. Thanks to a detailed analysis of their data by VOSA it is now possible to identify operators of local bus services and their registrations more clearly. As a result there is now a clearer picture of the impact of EBSR.

There are more than 9,000 licensed PSV operators in England, Scotland & Wales. Of these 2,387 operate registered services and together they hold about 22,500 registrations.

Fig 1 –Registrations by Type at end of May 2010

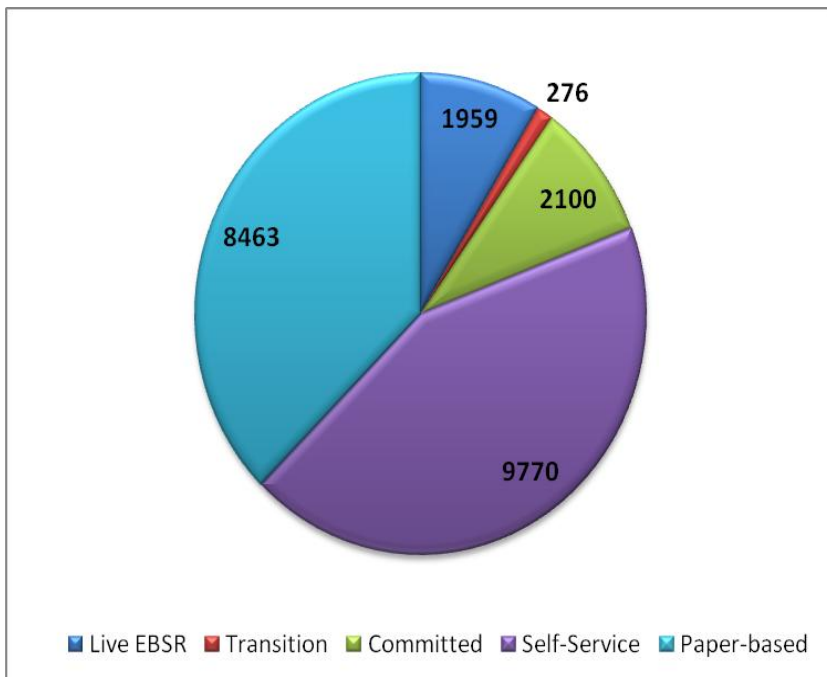
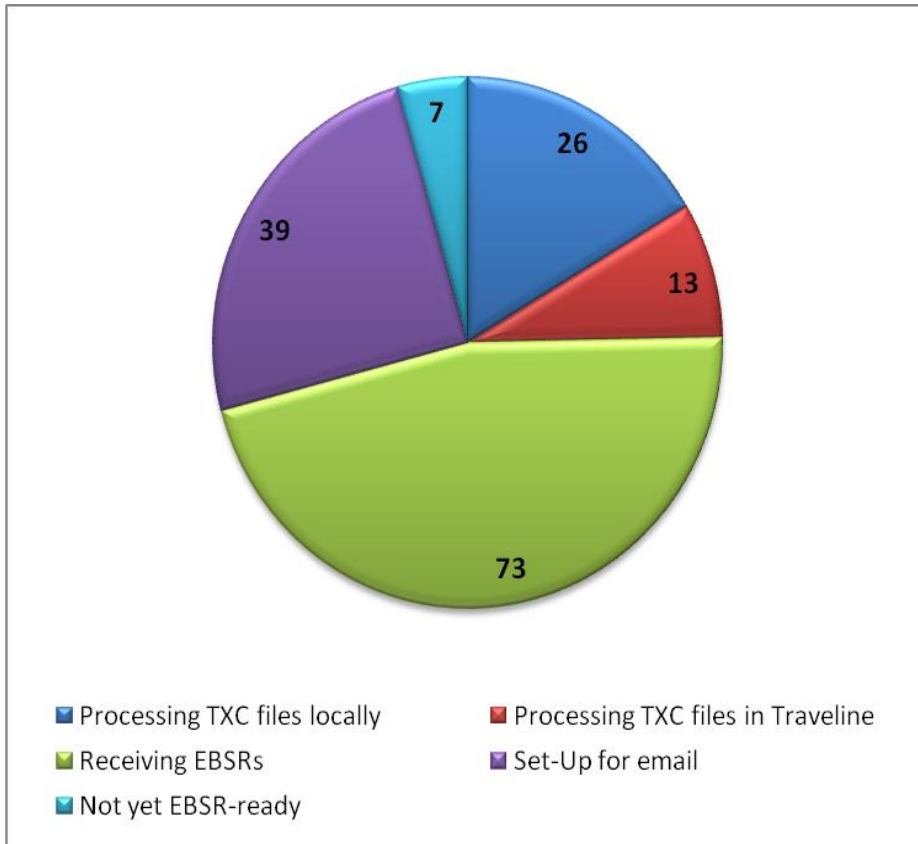


Figure 1 shows the numbers of bus service registrations in different categories at the end of May 2010. There are currently 1,959 live EBSR registrations at VOSA. A further 276 registrations are in the process of conversion from paper to EBSR. Consequently, almost 10% of registrations are already in electronic format, or in the process of switching to electronic.

In addition, operators committed to switching to EBSR, but who have not yet begun the process of transition account for a further 2,100 registrations. Once these have made the switch to EBSR, almost 20% of registrations will be in electronic form.

Since the launch of EBSR, VOSA have successfully handled 7,644 electronic registrations for services. This total includes EBSRs submitted during the data refresh process when VOSA often receive more than one EBSR per registration.

Fig 2 – Local Authorities and EBSR



2 Local Authority Take-up

As illustrated in fig 2, there are now 99 local authorities receiving EBSRs; 39 others have registered with VOSA in anticipation of receiving EBSRs. A growing number of authorities (26) are directly importing EBSR data into their local database system to take full advantage of the benefits of electronic data transfer. In addition, third parties such as traveline, are directly importing data into their systems for a further 13 Authorities

At the end of 2008 there were only 38 Authorities receiving EBSRs, so there has been a significant increase in the numbers involved in EBSR since that time.

If your Authority has not yet registered to receive EBSRs you can do so by emailing VOSA at ebstr@vosa.gov.uk. You will need to set up a dedicated email address in the format ebstr@localauthorityname.gov.uk. Details of any electronic registrations submitted for your area will then be sent to this address for you to collect.

3 The Impact of EBSR

Table 1 below compares the split between EBSR and paper registrations received by VOSA during July & November 2009 with those received in May 2010.

In July 2009 the split was about 10% EBSR, 90% paper. In November 2009 and in May 2010 there was a significant proportion received in the form of EBSRs with the split changing to approx. 20% EBSR and 80% paper. A number of additional EBSRs were also received in each period as part of the transition process from paper to electronic.

Table 1 – Registrations Received by VOSA

	July 2009		November 2009		May 2010	
	Electronic	Paper	Electronic	Paper	Electronic	Paper
New Registrations	33	454	28	184	23	179
Variations	158	1,206	124	446	150	433
Cancellations	30	412	31	116	27	125
Total	221	2,072	183	746	200	737
	10%	90%	20%	80%	21%	79%
EBSR Transition Registrations	138		146		42	

4 Regional Impact of EBSR

Table 2 below provides a summary of the EBSRs that have been submitted to the different VOSA Traffic Areas since the introduction of EBSR. A number of EBSRs may need to be submitted for a single registration during data refresh, which explains the differences between these totals and those above. It is notable that some Traffic Areas now receive significant numbers of registrations in EBSR format, where operators have made the switchover.

Table 2 – Total EBSRs Submitted in Traffic Areas

Traffic Area	“O” Licences submitting EBSRs			Total Registrations Submitted during “refresh” period			Total Registrations submitted since “go live”		
	July 2009	Nov 2009	May 2010	July 2009	Nov 2009	May 2010	July 2009	Nov 2009	May 2010
Eastern	6	6	7	424	478	594	275	380	577
North East	8	9	9	488	626	674	144	230	420
North West	2	6	8	368	466	934	176	265	455
Scotland	5	6	6	1174	1365	1412	102	279	451
South East & Met	4	5	5	214	438	439	17	30	84
Wales	6	6	7	256	257	290	58	97	112
Western	8	10	10	482	829	836	112	193	322
West Midlands	1	1	1	18	44	44	0	0	0
TOTAL	40	49	53	3424	4503	5223	884	1474	2421

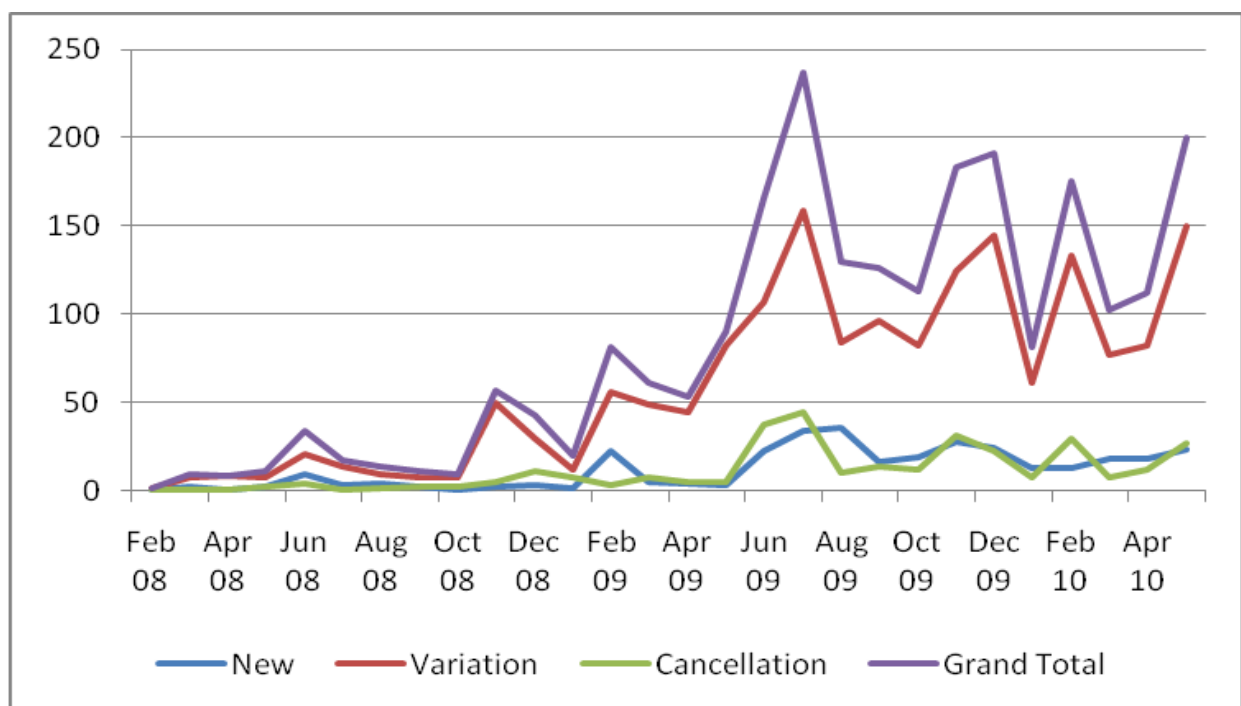
At the end of July 2009 a total of 4,308 EBSRs had been submitted to VOSA. By the end of November 2009 it had risen to 5,977 and it now stands at 7,644 at the end of May 2010.

This table also illustrates the number of "O" Licences involved with EBSR in each of these areas and the trend since July 2009. In most Traffic Areas there has been an increase in the number of operators involved in EBSR.

5 EBSR Trends 2008/2009

Figure 4 below illustrates the growing use of EBSR amongst operators. It shows the number of EBSRs which were submitted in each month since the beginning of 2008 and clearly illustrates the significant growth in take-up that has happened in 2009.

Figure 4 – Monthly EBSR Submissions Feb 2008 – May 2010



This analysis helps to reinforce the points made above about the growing impact of EBSR and its gradual extension into different parts of the country. EBSR has now gone live in every Traffic Area apart from the West Midlands.

6 Further Information

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