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1. Executive summary

This annual update of the MCS Financial Statements adds the latest effective MCS presentation and disclosure requirements from the **2026-2027 MCS Standards** and the **latest SCOA** changes to your MCS Caseware file.

At the time of the release National Treasury has not yet made the updated version of the Excel AFS available for 2026-2027. Caseware Africa is actively engaging with the relevant stakeholders. Once the version is available, we will release an updated version.

This update coincides with the full market release of **Caseware Working Papers (Version 2026.00.058)** and **Connector (Version 2026.00.03**).

2. MCS 2026.12.01

2.1. Update to align Caseview AFS to the prescribe format "20262027 Specimen issued June 2026":

For the Caseview AFS to align to this latest version of the MCS prescribe format the following sections are updated:

2.1.1. Statement of financial position

- Rename "Voted funds receivable" to "Revenue Fund receivables" added a new line item for Voted funds receivable.
- Rename related mapping number.

2.1.2. Statement of changes in net assets

- Added a new line item "Other specify" in Recoverable revenue section .

2.1.3. Accounting policies

The following accounting policies were updated to align to the latest specimen:

- Basis of preparation
- Department revenue
- Other expenditure
- Finance leases
- Prepayments and advances

2.1.4. Notes to the financial statements

- Goods and services
  - Update sort order of rows in table
- Loans
  - Added a new line for Interest in Analysis of balance table
- Contingent liabilities and contingent assets
  - Show "Intergovernmental contingent liabilities" is now shown separately from "Contingent liability".
- Lease commitments
  - Update references to MCS Standard
  - Update descriptions of totals
  - Update guidance
  - Add new section for Lease and sublease payments expensed
  - Update Finance lease section
  - New table for Value of assets
  - New table for Contingent rent expensed

    - New table for Future lease sublease payment expected to be received under non-cancellable sublease.
    - New table for Contingent rent received
- Public private partnerships
    - Update whole note with new format
- Provisions
    - Add new table for Intergovernmental provisions
- Movable tangible capital assets
    - Update reference to MCS Standard
    - Update table for movable tangible capital assets under construction
- Immovable tangible capital assets
    - Add total to table for Immovable tangible capital assets under investigation
- Principle-agent arrangement
    - Update references to MCS Standard
    - Add additional guidance
- Changes in accounting estimates and Changes in accounting policies
    - Update references to MCS Standard
    - Remove out of date content
- Transfers of functions and mergers
    - Update references to MCS Standard
    - Update row description for "Revenue Fund Receivables"
- Statement of conditional grants and other transfers paid to the provinces
    - Update name of note
    - Update headings of table
- Departure from the MCS
    - Add a new note for Departure from the MCS.

2.1.5. Annexures

The following annexures are updated:

- Annexure 5
    - Add new table for Contingent liabilities
- Annexure 13
    - Add new annexure for Analysis of Public Private Partnerships

2.2. Excel AFS for 2026-2027

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2.3. Update to SCOA

Update automap of SCOA to version **"Chart of Accounts - SCOA COR 6 03 25 26 31 December 2025"**.

3. Caseware Working Papers 2026.00.058

3.1. Executive summary

This details the full features and other improvements for the Caseware Working Papers releases in 2026.00.058

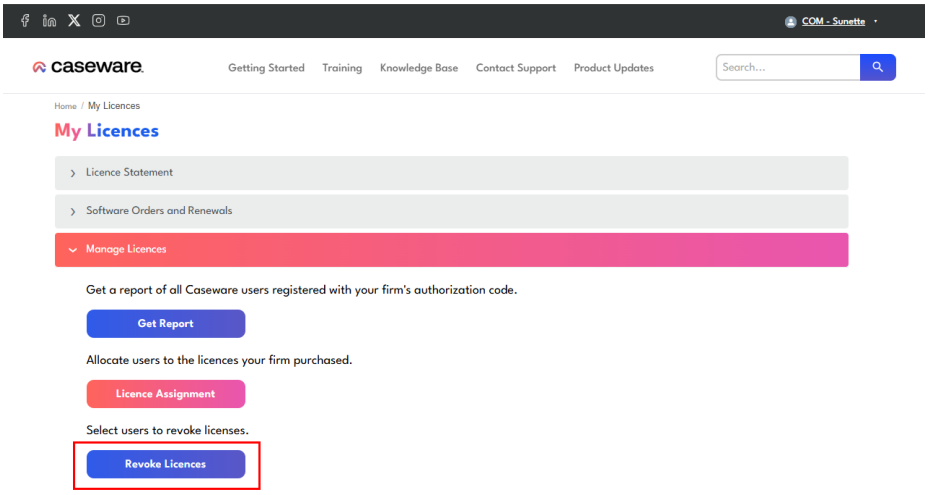
3.2. Caseware Working Papers 2026

The following describes the features and fixes included in Working Papers 2026 and related products, as published in Caseware's official documentation.

3.2.1. Features

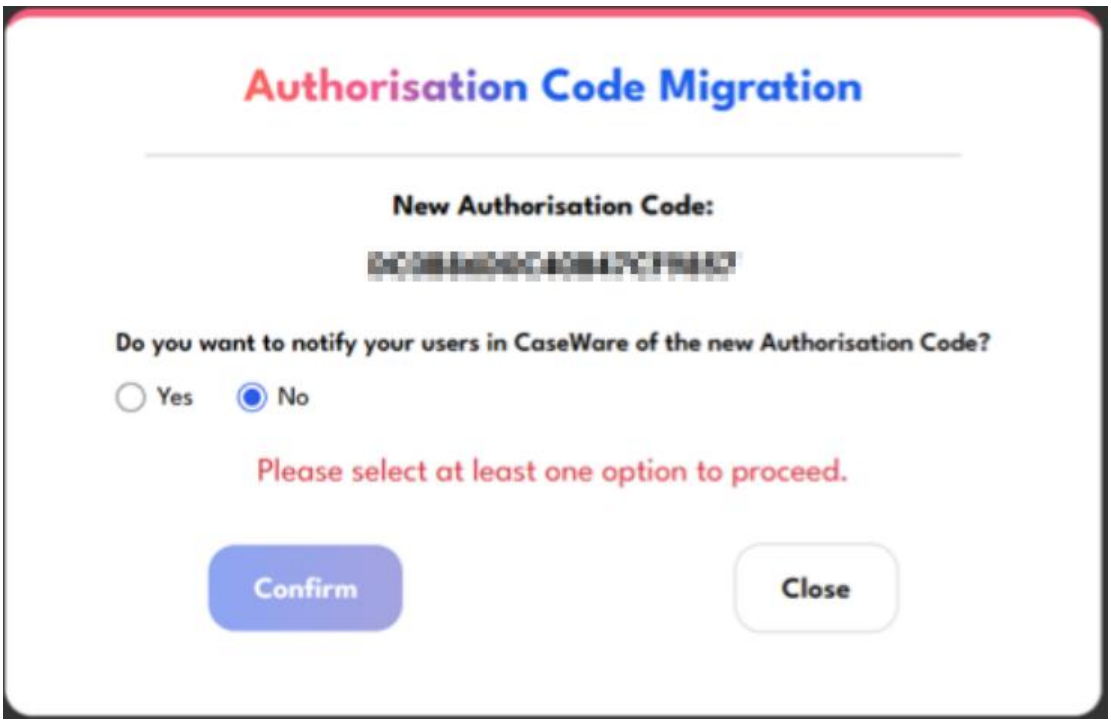
This release includes the following new features:

- You can now revoke Caseware Working Paper licences from the community

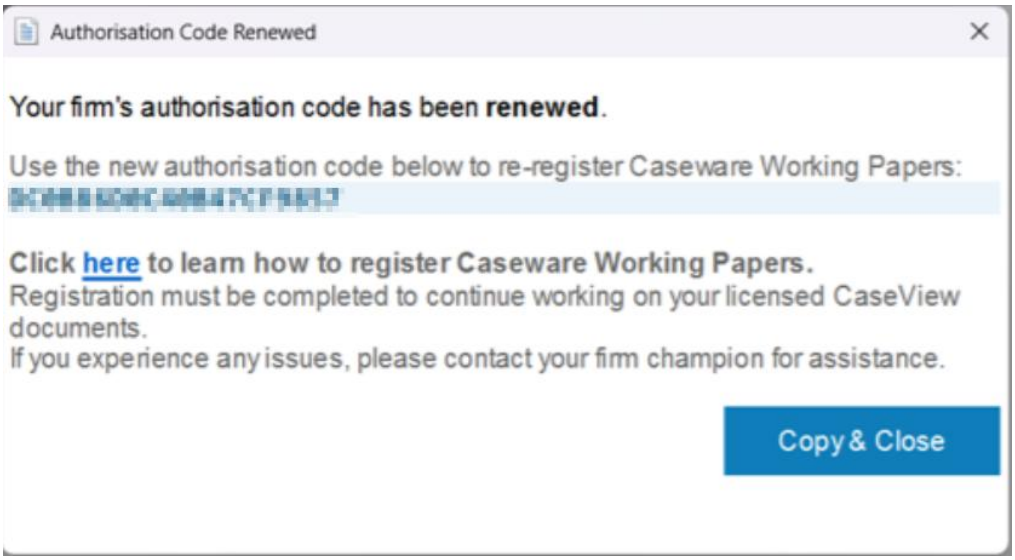


- You are able to send in app notifications to all users in your firm to register Caseware Working Papers with the organisations new authorisation code. This is helpfull when you renew your caseware licences and all users need to be moved to the new authorisation code.

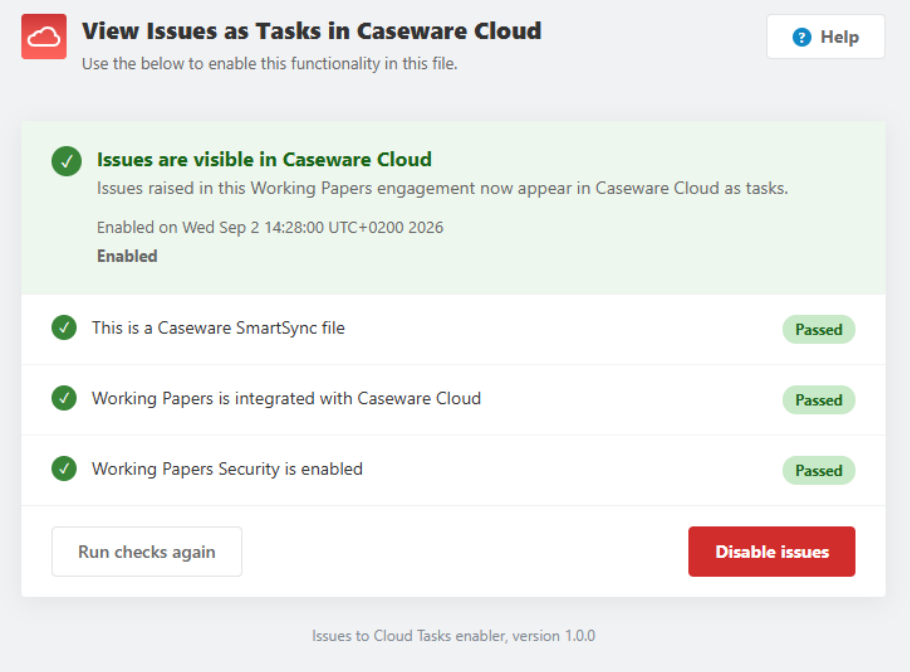
- From the success community license management screen, you will be able to control when to send the notification out to users



- Users will get this notification with steps to follow when they open Caseware Working Papers

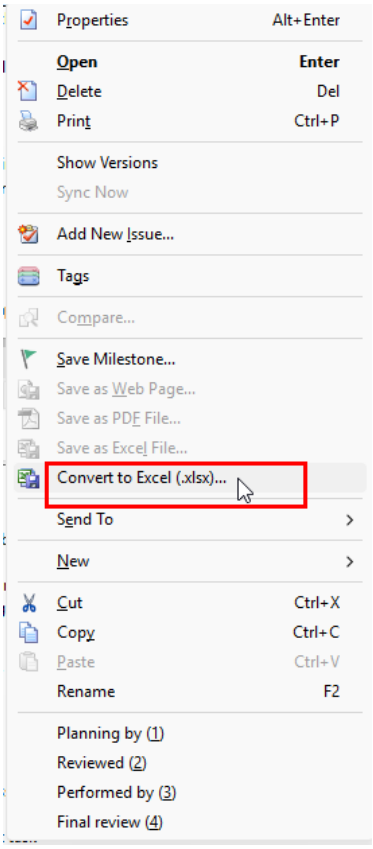


- *You are able to view all issues in a caseware file as tasks in caseware cloud*



- It has to be a smartsync file that is integrated with Caseware Cloud and you must be using Cloud security on that file.

- A **Convert to Excel File (.xlsx)** option has been added to the right-click menu in the Document Manager, which converts a CSV file to .xlsx and replaces the original file.



- The Data Store Administration Tool is now compatible with Microsoft SQL Server 2025.

3.2.2. Fixes

This release includes fixes to the following issues:

- After lockdown, opening a document's properties and clicking **OK** trimmed a leading space from the document name, creating a modification event after lockdown.
- Excel imports truncated the extended map description in files that have multiple languages enabled.
- Deleting the first folder in the Document Manager deleted all Document Manager content when a workflow layout was applied.
- The **History** automatic document omitted some history events when filtering by a date range, due to a UTC timezone offset.
- Files closed unexpectedly when signed into Caseware Cloud with certain privileges.
- Child copies became stuck in a continuous syncing state.
- Dragging and dropping multiple files into the Document Manager changed the content of every file after the first, resulting in documents with content from another file.
- Working Papers defaulted to a fixed runtime instead of the evergreen WebView2 runtime.
- Attaching an .sfc file to an issue resulted in an error due to a file corruption check that did not apply to uncompressed attachments.
- External data cells in CaseView with an asterisk in the **Form** field caused data loss.
- CaseView pie charts using the old look rendered a default set of data instead of the values passed to them.
- CaseView crashed during HTML exports in documents with certain subdocument structures.

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