







Shares allows you to track Shareholders and issue Certificates, Transfer and Buyback shares, declare Dividends, and make Dividend Payments.

Related White Papers

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What you'll find:

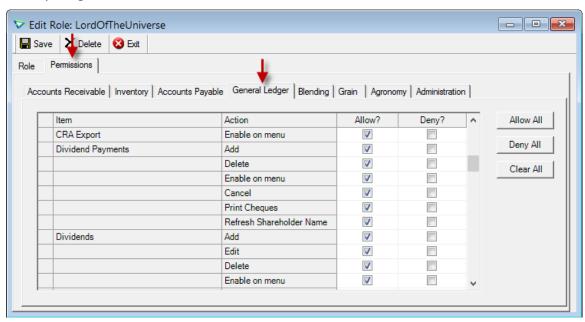
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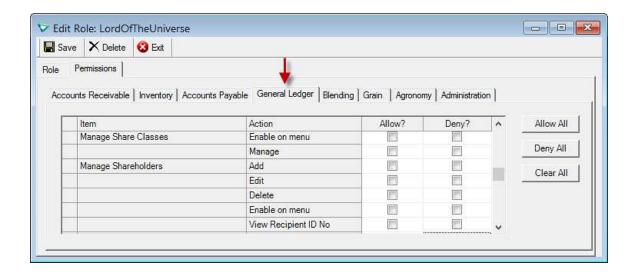
Security Permissions

Before you can start setting up Shares, you'll need permission to manage them.

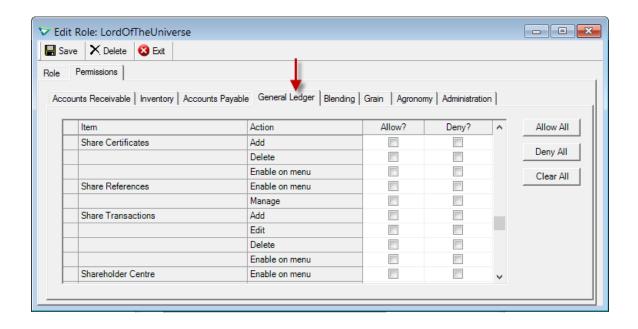
Not every user will need permission to do all tasks, but at least one user should have permission to do everything.

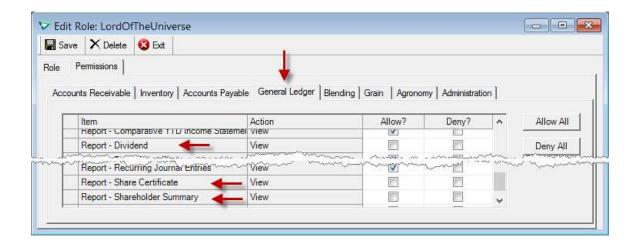


File > Security > Manage Roles



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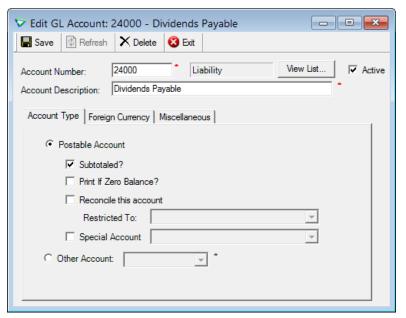
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General Ledger Accounts

At least 2 general ledger accounts are required for Shares:

Retained Earnings
 (can be the company Retained Earnings account, or a separate Retained Earnings account
 just for Shares, or a separate account for each Share Class - check with your accountant
 for their preferred method).

2. Dividends Payable



General Ledger > Manage > Chart of Accounts

The data export for Chart of Accounts shows you the account setup in an easy-to-compare format.

Got to File > Exports > Data, click on the + sign next to General Ledger to expand, click Chart of Accounts, then click Preview Data.

Help

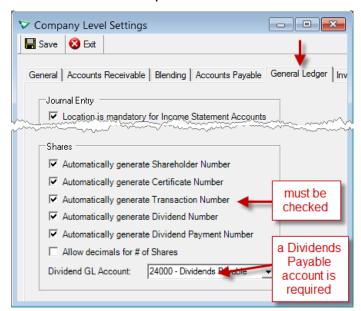
For details on how to set up the GL Accounts, please refer to the General Ledger chapter of online Help.

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Company Config Options

Automatically generate Transaction Number must remained checked, and a Dividend GL Account number must be entered (this will be the Dividend Payables account created above in General Ledger Accounts).

Leave the other options to automatically generate reference numbers checked, or you can enter your own unique reference number manually for each action as needed.



File > Config Options > Company

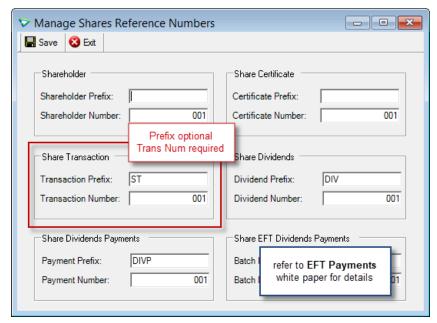
Help

For details on how to work with *Configuration Options*, please refer to the *Configuration Settings* chapter of *online Help*.

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Reference Numbers

Now that agrē knows it's going to automatically assign *Reference Numbers*, it needs to know which number(s) to start with.



File > Manage > Reference Numbers > Shares

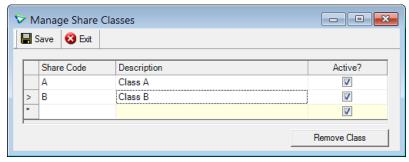
Note Prefixes are optional and can be up to 5 characters.

Starting Numbers can be up to 10 characters.

If you do not want agrē to automatically generate reference numbers for certain actions, leave the boxes blank and you will be prompted to enter a unique reference number manually on save.

Manage Share Classes

A **Share Class** is a designation applied to a specified type of Share. If you have more than one class, they are usually identified with alphabetic markers (e.g. "Class A" shares and "Class B" shares).



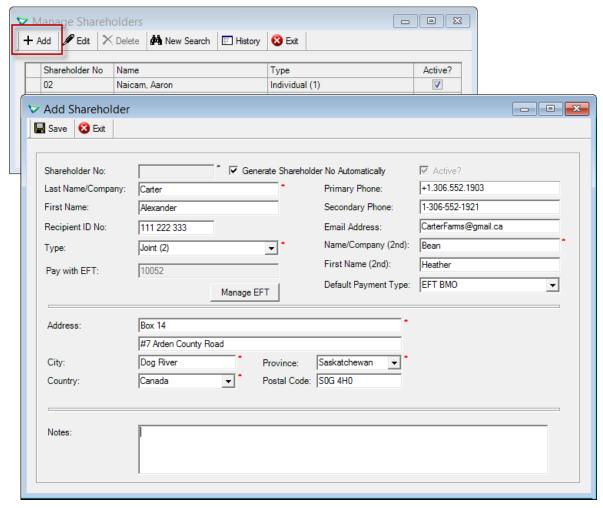
General Ledger > Shares > Manage Share Classes

The unique *Share Code* (5 character max) cannot contain spaces, but the *Description* (50 char max) can.

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Manage Shareholders

Shareholders can be of various types (e.g. Individual, Joint, Company, Trust, etc.) and own one or multiple share certificates (decimal values controlled by config option). The attributes are used when generating dividend payments, for income taxes (T5), and to report to CRA.



General Ledger > Shares > Manage Shareholders

If you are entering the *Shareholder No* manually, it must be unique, numeric (9 digit max) with no spaces, leading zeros are allowed.

The *Recipient ID No* is usually the shareholder's Social Insurance Number (SIN).

Shareholders cannot be deactivated if they have certificates.

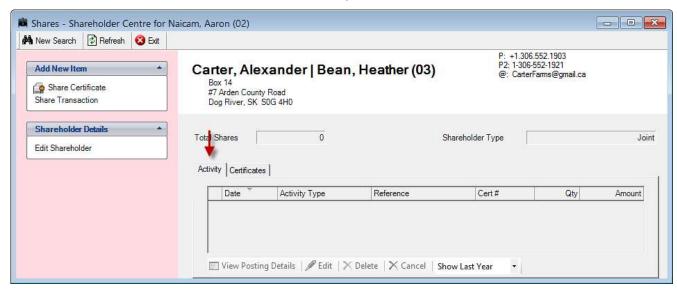
if you have a lot of Shareholders, talk to your CSC about importing their info from a spreadsheet!

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Shares Activities and Transactions

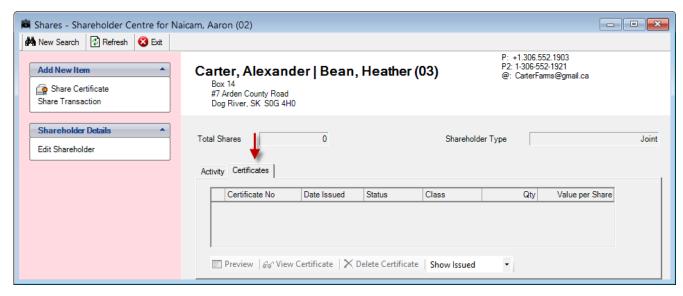
Shareholder Centre

The Shareholder Centre has one tab for shares Activity ...



General Ledger > Shares > Shareholder Centre

... and one for shares *Certificates*.



Until a Shareholder has some *Shares Transactions* or *Certificates*, these tabs will be empty.

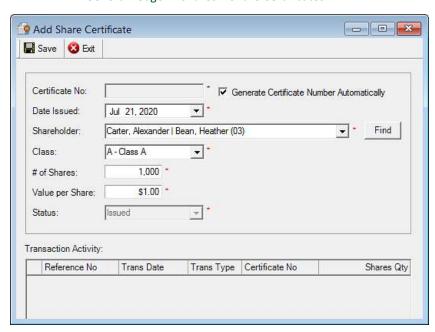
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Share Certificates

Shares Certificates can be added from the Shareholder Centre or from the Share Certificates window.



General Ledger > Shares > Shareholder Centre
- or General Ledger > Shares > Share Certificates

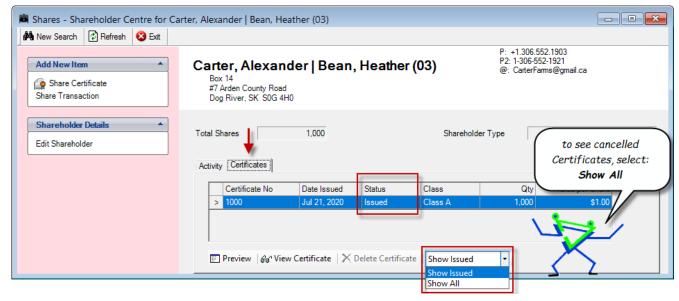


If you are entering the *Certificate No* manually, it must be alphanumeric (15 char max) with no spaces, leading zeros are allowed.

Share Certificates cannot be edited - if a mistake is made the certificate must be deleted and recreated.

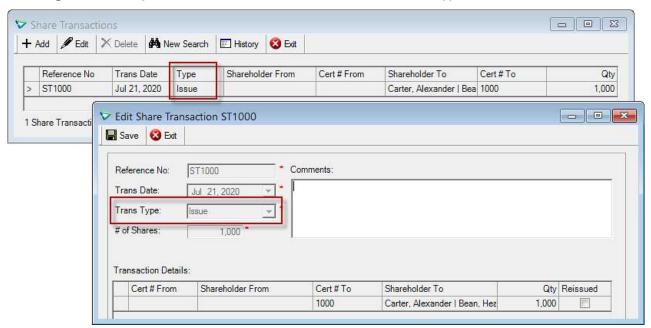
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All *Issued* shares are shown by default. Cancelled certificates can be displayed by selecting *Show All*.



General Ledger > Shares > Shareholder Centre

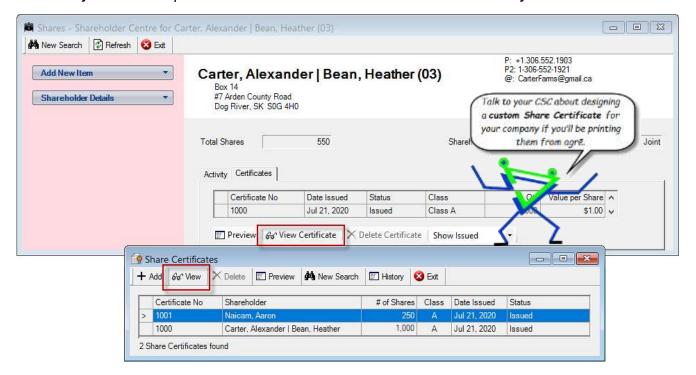
Creating a Share Certificate adds a new Shares Transaction with the Type of Issue.



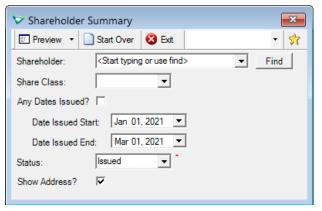
General Ledger > Shares > Share Transactions

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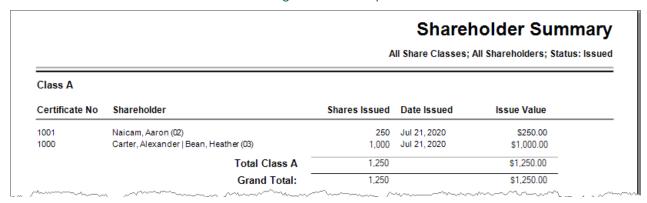
Share Certificates can be printed from the Shareholder Centre or the Shares Certificates window.



The **Shareholder Summary report** lists all shares by Certificate number.



General Ledger > Shares > Reports



sorted by Class and Date Issued

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Share Transfers

to another share certificate.

Share Transfers can be added from the Shareholder Centre or from the Share Transactions window.



General Ledger > Shares > Shareholder Centre
- or General Ledger > Shares > Share Certificates

Shares are *Transferred* when the ownership of shares is transferred/sold from one share certificate

Add Share Transaction C (C) Save 3 Ext Reference No. ✓ Generate Reference Number Automatically Trans Date Jul 21, 2020 Trans Type # of Shares 260.* * * + Find Shareholder: Naicam, Aaron (02) Find Shareholder: Carter, Alexander | Bean, Heather (03) 1000 Certificate No. ☑ Generate Certificate No Automatically ٠ has 1000 shares, Current # of Shares: Remaining # of Shares after Transfer will have 750 1.000 Keep Existing Certificate No. if # of Shares transferred < Current # of Shares Certificate No: ☑ Generate Certificate No Automatically keep the original Certificate # or create a new one?

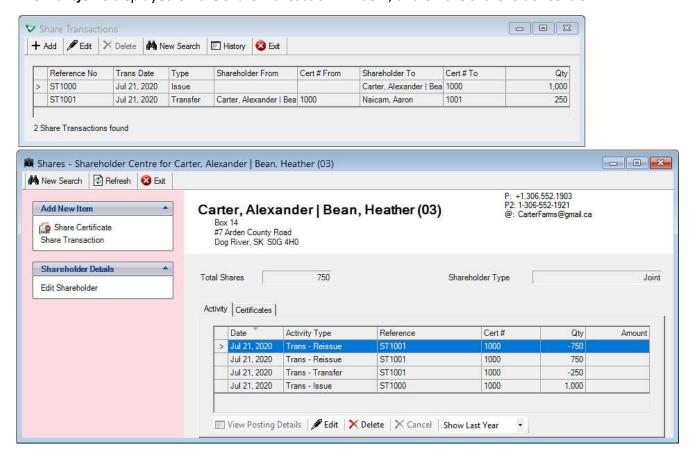
If you are entering the *Reference No* manually, it must be alphanumeric (15 char max) with no spaces, leading zeros are allowed.

The *Transaction Date* can be backdated (but not before the Share Certificate was issued) but cannot be in the future.

If you are entering a *Certificate No* manually, it must be alphanumeric (15 char max) with no spaces, leading zeros are allowed.

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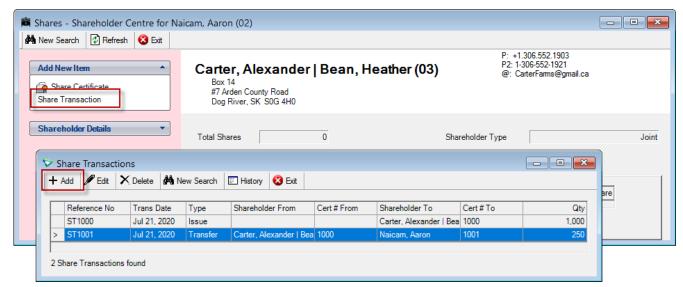
The *Transfer* is displayed on the *Share Transaction* window, and on the *Shareholder Centre*.



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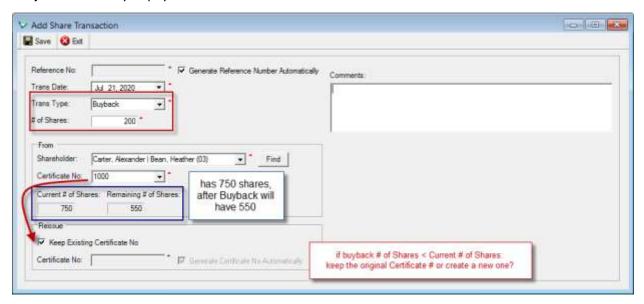
Share Buybacks

Share Buybacks can be added from the Shareholder Centre or from the Share Transactions window.



General Ledger > Shares > Shareholder Centre
- or General Ledger > Shares > Share Certificates

A Buyback is when you pay a Shareholder for their shares.



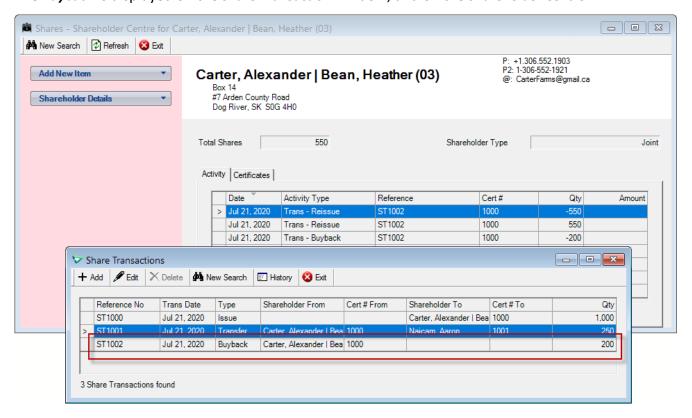
If you are entering the *Reference No* manually, it must be alphanumeric (15 char max) with no spaces, leading zeros are allowed.

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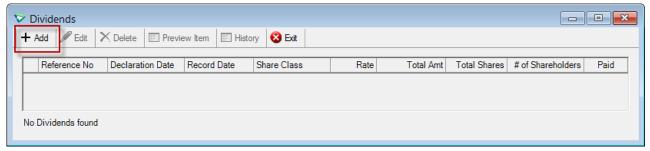
The Buyback is displayed on the Share Transaction window, and on the Shareholder Centre.



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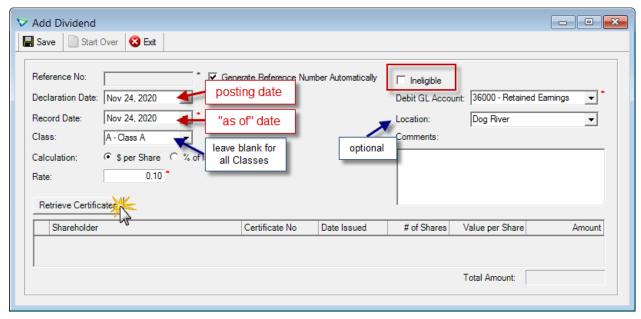
Dividends

Dividends are added from the Dividends window. As dividends are not calculated often, all prior dividends are displayed (no need to search).



General Ledger > Shares > Dividends

Dividends can be calculated for **all** share classes (if the rate is the same for all leave the *Class* field blank), **or** for just **one** share Class, and can be calculated by \$ **per share or** by % **of Issued Value**.



General Ledger > Shares > Dividends > Add

If you are entering the *Reference No* manually, it must be alphanumeric (15 char max) with no spaces, leading zeros are allowed.

The **Declaration Date** is the posting date (cannot be in the future).

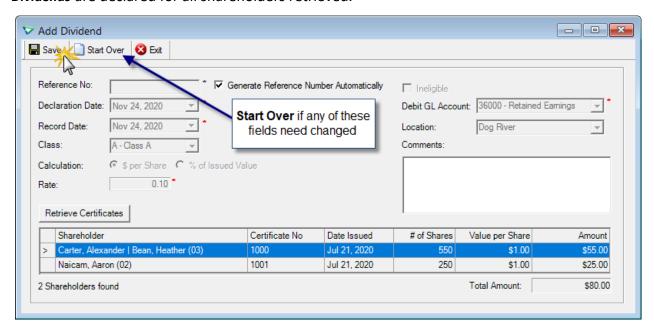
The *Record Date* is the "as of" date for which the number of shares/share value are calculated for (cannot be in the future). Shares transactions occurring after this date will not be included in the dividend calculation.

Check if the Dividend is *Ineligible* for the lower tax rate (T5 implications).

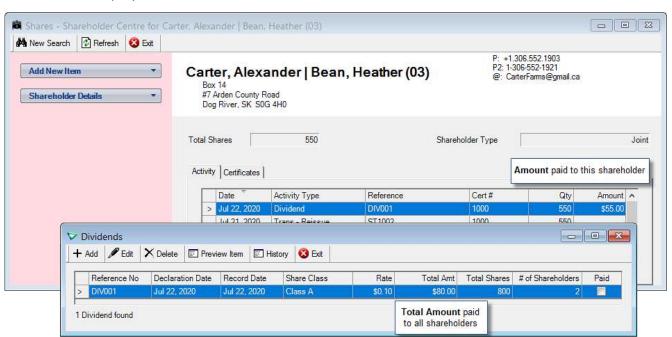
Select the Retained Earnings account for the *Debit GL Account* (the Dividends Payable account will be used for the Credits) and optionally a *Location* (to allocate the postings).

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Dividends are declared for all shareholders retrieved.

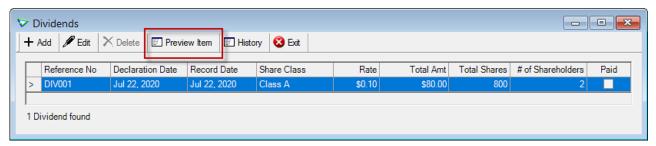


Dividends are displayed on the Shareholder Centre and on the Dividends window

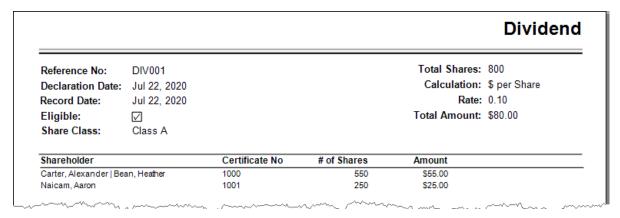


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The **Dividend report** can be viewed from the **Dividends** window.

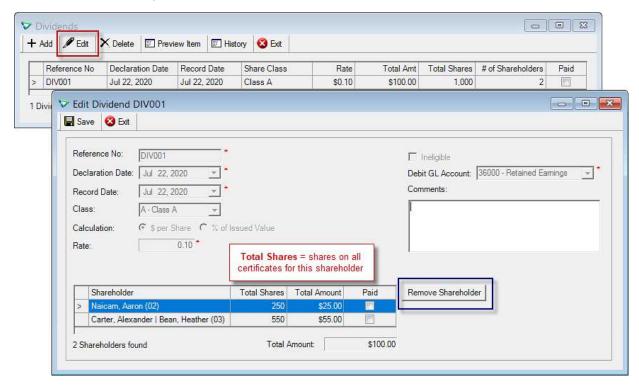


General Ledger > Shares > Dividends > Add



Editing Dividends

Shareholder(s) can be removed from a dividend if an error is found and **no payment** has been made to the shareholder (dividends can also be deleted as long as no payment to any shareholder was made).

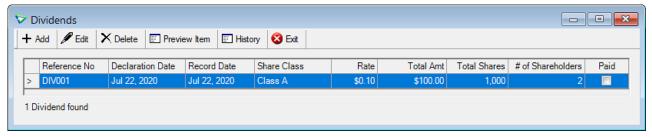


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Once removed and the error corrected (name, share quantity, etc.), a new dividend will need to be created to include the shareholder(s) that were previously removed.

Dividend Payments

After a **Dividend** has been declared, it needs to be paid.

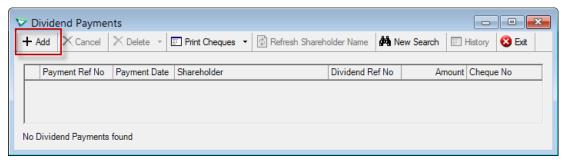


General Ledger > Shares > Dividends

Dividend Payments are a two-step process:

- 1. Make the Dividend Payments
- 2. Process the Dividend EFTs / Print the Dividend Cheques
- 1. Make the Dividend Payments

Dividend Payments are made from the Dividend Payments window.

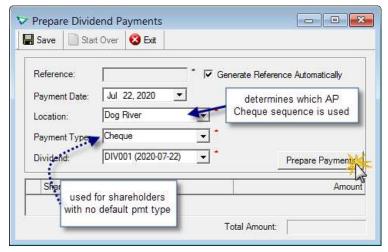


General Ledger > Shares > Dividend Payments

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A *Location* must be selected so agrē knows which Reference Numbers (and which cheque numbers) to use.

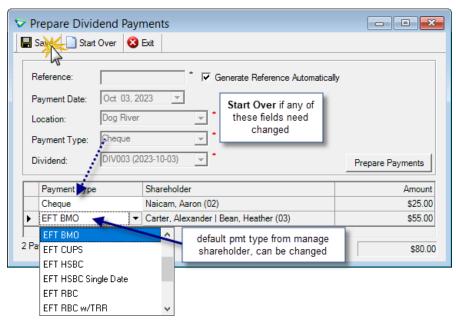
If you are entering the *Reference* number manually, it must be alphanumeric (15 char max) with no spaces, leading zeros are allowed.



General Ledger > Shares > Dividend Payments

Optionally change the *Payment Type* for a shareholder (if **multiple payment types** are selected, *Generate Reference Automatically* must be checked).

Save the Payments.



to process dividend payments by EFT, please refer to the *EFT Payments* white paper

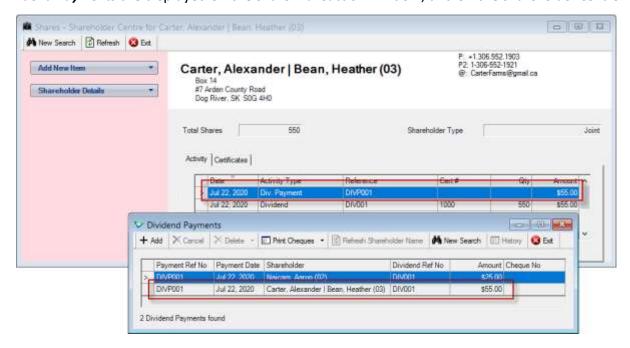
Related White Papers

EFT Payments (Dividend Payments by Electronic Funds Transfer)

Cheque/EFT Batch Review Process

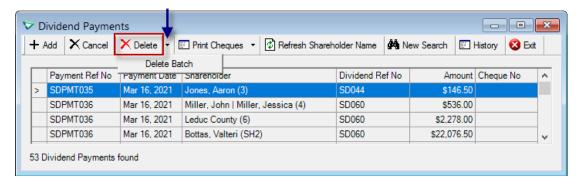
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Dividend Payments are displayed on the Share Transaction window, and on the Shareholder Centre.

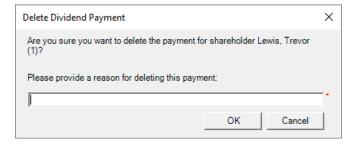


Dividend Payments can't be edited, but they can be Deleted if the cheques haven't been printed.

If a mistake was made (perhaps the wrong posting date was selected) an **entire batch** of Dividend Payments can be deleted by clicking the *More Options* arrow next to the Delete button and selecting **Delete Batch**.



A reason is required to **Delete**.



When you delete a payment, it's like it never happened - the payment will not appear in the Dividend Payment window, nor will you see it in the Shareholder Centre.

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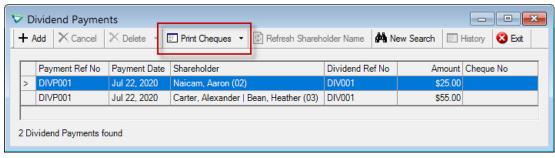
2. Process the Dividend EFTs / Print the Dividend Cheques

Payment by EFT

Please refer to the **EFT Payments** white paper as the process for dividend EFT payments is almost identical to that of supplier EFT payments.

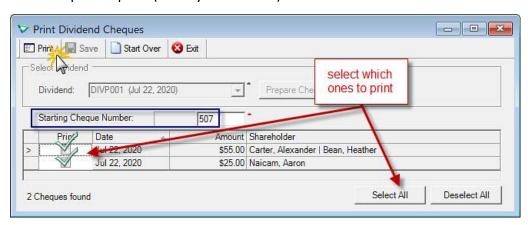
Payment by Cheque

Dividend Cheques are printed from the Dividend Payments window.



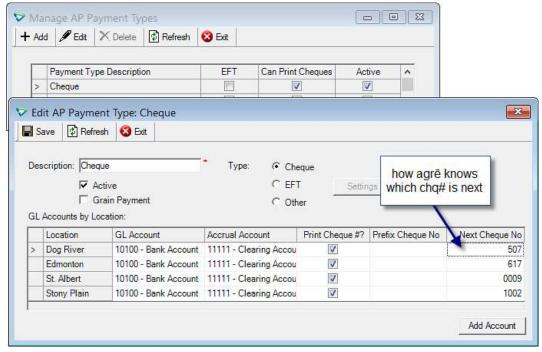
General Ledger > Shares > Dividend Payments

Choose which cheques to print (usually all of them).



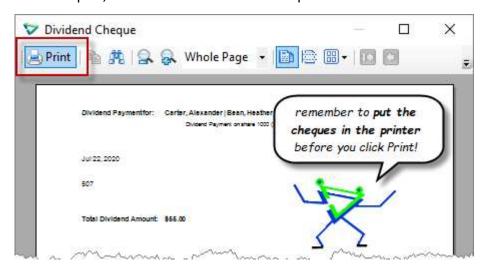
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Based on the Location and the Payment Type selected when paying the dividend, agrē will use the *Next Cheque No* as the *Starting Cheque Number*.



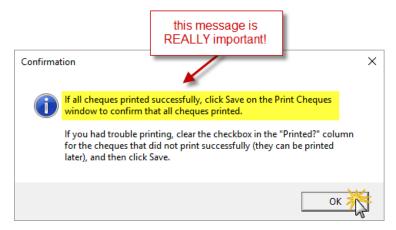
Accounts Payable > Manage > AP Payment Types

Print the Dividend Cheques, then close the Dividend Cheque window.

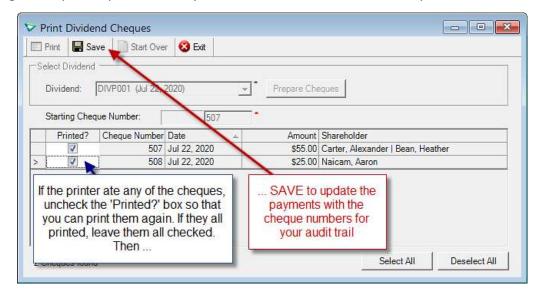


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After the cheques are successfully printed, you need to let agrē know that you've got the paper copies you need and you don't plan on printing them again.

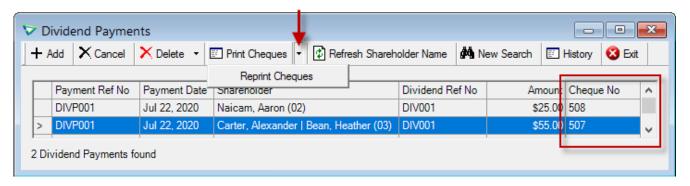


Saving here will update the cheque payment type with the actual cheque number and flag them as having already been printed ... so you don't want to overlook this step!



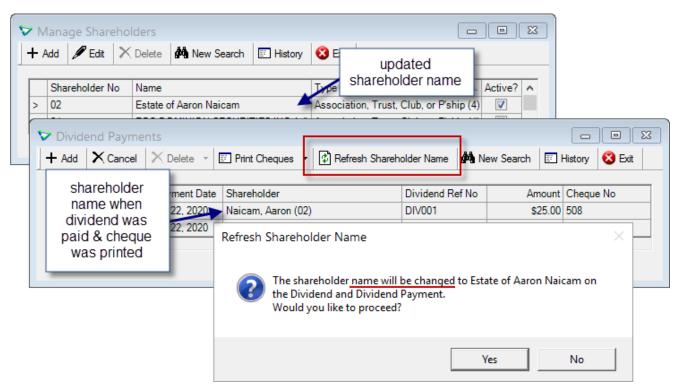
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The Dividend Payments window is updated with the Cheque Nos.



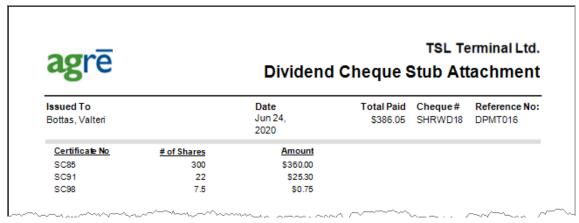
If you need to *Reprint* a dividend cheque, click the *More Options* arrow next to the Print button.

If you need to update the name on the cheque before you reprint it, click *Refresh Shareholder Name*.



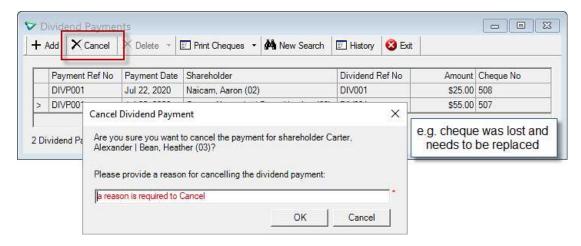
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If a payment includes more than 8 share certificates the details will exceed what can fit on the cheque stub. Run the *Dividend Cheque Stub Attachment* report to print details for all certificates on the payment.



General Ledger > Shares > Reports

If a shareholder requires a replacement, you can *Cancel* the dividend cheque and prepare a new one.



Cancelled dividend payments are displayed only in the Shareholder Centre.



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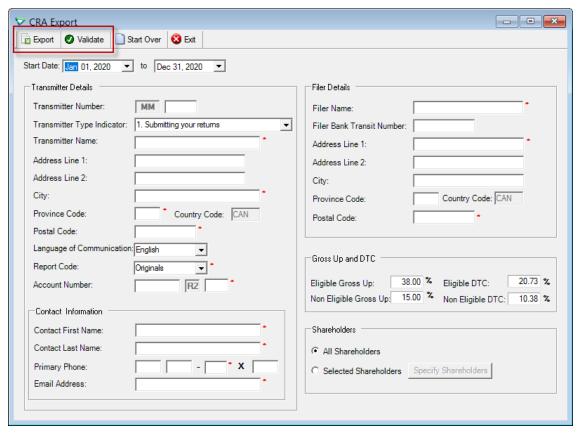
CRA Export

CRA Export will create an XML file for T5 submissions to Canada Revenue Agency.

(optional) You can **Validate** the export file against the schema from the CRA website to check for errors before you **Export**.

Fill in the details on the CRA Export window and click Export.

You'll be prompted for a file name. The default name is "t5 YEAR.xml" but can be changed.



General Ledger > Shares > CRA Export

- Transmitter Number must be 6 digits, and will default to 'MM555555' if left blank
- Account Number (RZ Number) must be 15 characters (9 digits + "RZ" + 4 digits)
- If no Eligible Gross Up % or DTC (Dividend Tax Credit) is entered the following defaults will be used:
 - Default Gross Up % (eligible): 38.00
 - Default Gross Up % (ineligible): 15.00
 - DTC (eligible): 20.73
 - DTC (ineligible): 10.38

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• For each **T5 Slip**:

- the actual amount and taxable amount of eligible and ineligible dividends are summed for the shareholder for the tax year
- the Dividend tax credit for eligible and ineligible dividends are summed for the shareholder for the tax year
- If SIN is missing for Shareholder Type 1 or 2, a message will be displayed (see Manage Shareholders: Recipient ID Number)

A message will be sent out once the validation is complete/fails. The message will have Line# and the tag name where the validation failed. This will be useful to fix missing or incorrect data before the xml is submitted.

Note:

If you have any questions or require further assistance with **Shares**, please contact your CSC at support@tronia.com.

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