



Global payroll vendor selection guidance

Strategic guidance to ensure quality improvement and cost savings surrounding vendor change



Changing payroll vendors is rare, and risky

When organisations don't do it often, they often don't do it well. The result? Poor vendor selection, cost overruns, compliance gaps, and delayed outcomes.

With over 500 successful implementations worldwide, Payrollminds brings the structure, experience, and precision needed to navigate complex transitions. We don't just advise, we lead with proven frameworks to ensure every step of the transformation is clear, measured, and primed for long-term value.

The cost of getting vendor selection wrong

Without proper guidance, organisations face predictable yet avoidable risks:

Financial Impact

- 30-40% cost overruns from hidden fees and poor contract terms
- 6-9 month implementation delays beyond planned timelines
- Solutions that fail business needs, requiring costly rework

Operational Disruption

- Non-compliance fines, penalties, and reputational damage
- Stakeholder misalignment leading to project delays or failure
- Operational disruptions that erode employee trust and productivity

Our three-phase approach to vendor selection success

Phase 1: Global Payroll Landscape Scan

Understanding your current state to define your future

Our comprehensive landscape scan provides strategic assessment of your global payroll operations, identifying risks, inefficiencies, and improvement opportunities.

We focus on three key pillars that serve as the foundation for scalable operations:

People

- Operating model and capacity assessment across global and local teams
- Stakeholder interviews to identify communication bottlenecks and role clarity
- Team collaboration review and capability evaluation

Process

- Data and process flow analysis streamlining workflows and identifying inefficiencies
- Vendor model analysis of current service partners and management effectiveness
- Service catalogue definition for accountability and transparency

Technology

- System integration review of HR, payroll, T&A and third-party systems
- Global payroll capabilities assessment including cloud platforms and automation
- Data ownership and governance evaluation with reporting analysis

Your detailed assessment covers:

- Executive summary with key findings and recommendations
- Current state overview by country/region
- Risk and compliance assessment
- Cost and resource breakdown
- Technology review and process maturity evaluation
- Prioritised transformation roadmap with vendor consolidation recommendations

Phase 2: Vendor Selection Process (RFI/RFP Guidance)

Structured, data-driven vendor evaluation

Once your landscape is clear, we guide you through a rigorous vendor selection process designed to identify the optimal partner for your global requirements.

Request for Information (RFI)

- Our expertly designed RFI templates evaluate vendor capabilities across:
 - Global and regional service coverage
 - Payroll technology platforms and integration capability
 - Data security and GDPR compliance
 - Regulatory expertise and local compliance support
 - Client references and industry reputation

Request for Proposal (RFP)

- Prepare detailed RFPs covering functional requirements and service lists
- Evaluate country-specific capabilities and system integrations (HRIS, ERP, Time & Attendance, Finance/GL)
- Define SLA/KPI expectations with quarterly reviews and strategic sessions
- Assess pricing models and transition plans

Comprehensive Vendor Management

- Distribute RFPs and manage all vendor communications
- Consolidate vendor questions ensuring fairness and consistency
- Facilitate vendor demonstrations and reference calls
- Prepare side-by-side comparisons, gap analyses, and executive scorecards
- Present findings to leadership supporting data-driven decision-making

Phase 3: Vendor Contracting

Securing favourable terms and long-term partnership success

We work closely with your legal and procurement teams to ensure key contractual elements are properly addressed:

Key contractual elements

- **Scope of Services:** Clear documentation of in-scope countries and services
- **SLAs & KPIs:** Define service levels with penalties for breaches and governance cadence
- **Pricing & Billing:** Transparent fee structures and volume discounts
- **Exit and Transition Terms:** Termination clauses and data return protocols

Our contract support

- Comprehensive contract review and risk analysis
- Negotiation strategy aligned with your cost, risk, and flexibility goals
- Support for negotiation sessions and unfavourable term alternatives
- Final documentation ensuring alignment with RFP commitments



Why organisations choose Payrollminds

Proven results

20%

cost reduction through smarter negotiation and fee elimination

40%

faster execution with clear upfront requirements and streamlined processes

6-12

months shorter project duration by defining requirements upfront

Expert Guidance

- Local expertise with international context, supported by global network (100+ countries)
- Deep vendor landscape knowledge across major providers (like ADP, SAP, UKG, Workday, Papaya, Deel, Neeyamo, Rippling, SD Worx, AFAS and many more)
- Proven evaluation frameworks and vendor engagement techniques across industries
- In-depth payroll-specific experience that general consulting firms lack

Risk Mitigation & Quality

- Objective, unbiased vendor evaluation free from internal politics
- Professional, high-quality RFP documentation that attracts the right vendors
- Thorough due diligence covering technical, commercial, and legal aspects
- Clear audit trail supporting governance and defensible vendor selection

Operational Excellence

- RFP process acceleration saving weeks or months of internal effort
- Standardised evaluation formats reducing confusion and ensuring consistency
- Expert vendor Q&A management ensuring clear communication
- Professional vendor relationships maintained throughout the process

Payroll-specific expertise & partnership approach

Our pragmatic, results-driven approach equips your teams with proven templates and country-specific contract recommendations.

Unlike general consulting firms, our payroll specialists understand the intricate details that matter in transformation, delivering measurable results with dedicated ongoing support.

Specialist expertise with global support for complex scenarios

We bring particular strength to organisations requiring:

- Multi-country payroll consolidation and vendor harmonisation
- Complex regulatory compliance across multiple jurisdictions
- Large-scale system integrations and data governance improvements
- Transition from in-house to outsourced or hybrid models

Our approach saves organisations up to 40% of their project budget. Curious about our reference cases and methodology?

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