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Today's Webinar: VAT reporting changes. What you urgently need to know

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What is 'Making Tax Digital'?

- It's the Government's plan to make it easier for businesses keep on top of their tax affairs
- The first deadline is for VAT registered businesses in April 2019
- You'll need to keep real-time digital records and use an automated online system to submit and receive information with HMRC



What does it mean for my business?

- You need to start preparing!
- If you're VAT registered then start using software now, as deadline is 1
 April 2019
- Deadline is further away for other taxes, or if you're below VAT threshold
- It means that paper records are no longer acceptable
- Excel or other spreadsheets need to be API enabled (able to connect and submit return via a "Digital link")



What records to keep digitally?

Designatory data:

- Business name
- Address of your principal place of business
- VAT registration number
- · A record of any VAT accounting schemes used

For each supply you make:

- The time of supply
- The value of the supply
- The rate of VAT charged

For each supply you receive:

- The time of supply
- The value of the supply including any VAT that isn't claimable
- · The amount of input tax that you will claim

Your VAT account, including:

- · The output tax due on sales
- The output tax due on acquisitions from other EU member states
- The tax payable on behalf of your supplier under a reverse charge procedure
- The tax that needs to be paid following a correction or error adjustment
- The input tax claimable from business purchases
- The input tax allowable on acquisitions from other EU member states
- The tax reclaimable following a correction or error adjustment
- Any other necessary adjustment required by VAT rules.



What should good software do?

- It's only VAT now but will be more taxes eventually
- Record and preserve electronic records
- Connect digitally to HMRC using an API to transmit and receive information on these records
- Future proofing your business & online accounting can save you time



What if I'm not above the VAT threshold

- No mandatory MTD requirement
- You do need to monitor your turnover as it is rolling 12 months or within 30 day period
- If you are VAT registered have to submit
- If not VAT registered have more time
- Do you know what your estimated turnover is?



What happens if I'm not ready?

- There are no loopholes everyone who is VAT registered has to do it
- You may face penalties
- There are no transitional arrangements



Get ready now!

- Break old habits before April 2019
- Start storing your receipts electronically
- Consider moving to online accounting software that is MTD ready
- Get checks and balances in place to monitor your turnover
- Should you be VAT registered? You need to decide what VAT scheme to be on





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Recommended resources

- Flat Rate or Standard? VAT Registration explained
- What are the benefits of a sophisticated online accounting system?
- Tax rates, thresholds, and allowances for 2018/19
- Government's summary of MTD

