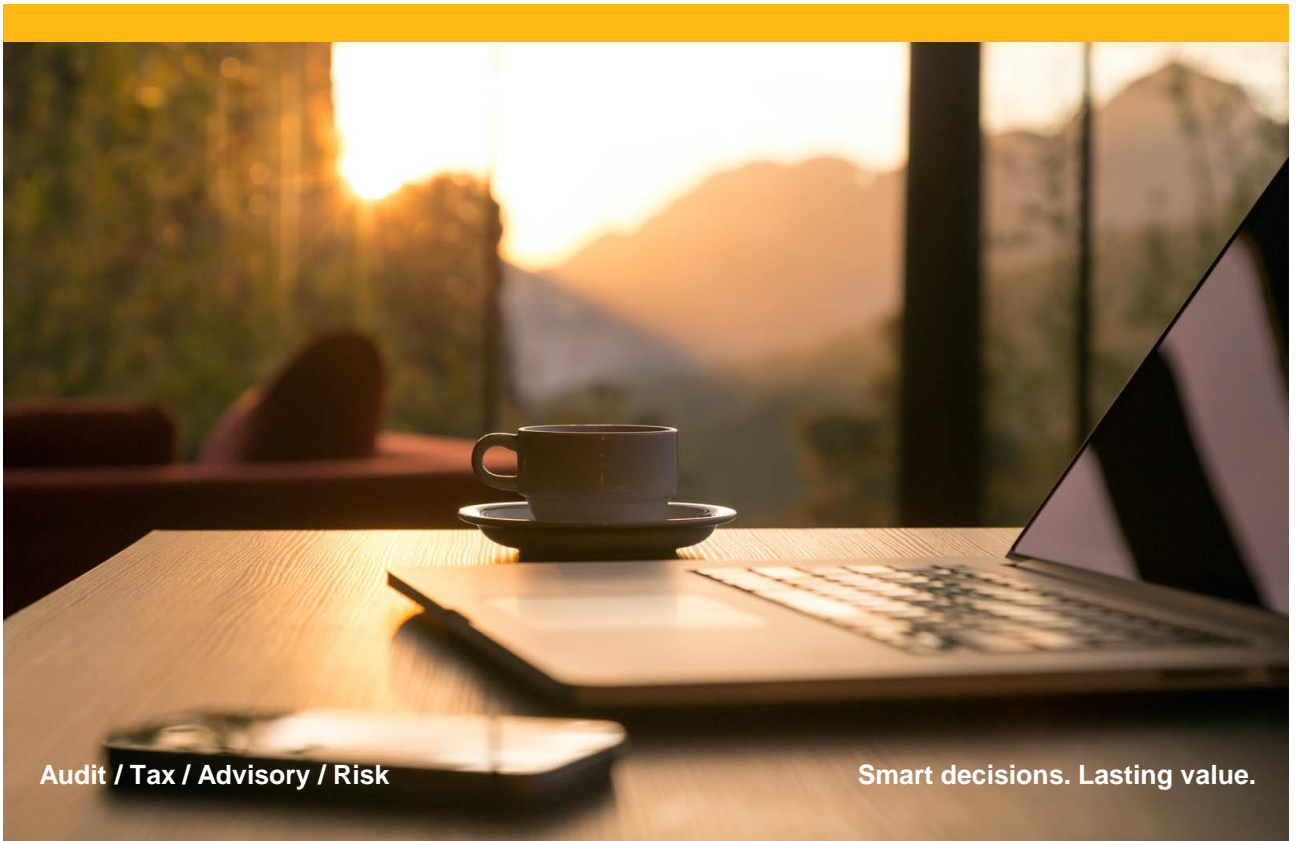




Making Tax Digital (MTD) training for your business

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Why make VAT digital?

When VAT was first introduced and until relatively recently, a VAT return was prepared in hard copy and posted to HMRC. This then evolved to see the submission of a return involve the population of an online form. Though in both instances, there was no requirement as to how the underlying records were kept. MTD for VAT has therefore been introduced as HMRC look to have all taxpayers keep digital records and want the return process be more automated.

The two key benefits

1. To help taxpayers get their VAT returns right first time by reducing common errors.
2. To save taxpayers time managing their VAT affairs.

When compared to tax authority requirements for record keeping and the submission of information in many other jurisdictions, the UK has a quite minimal approach. It does not require the upload of transactional information in real time, nor does it ask for details on different types of transactions or the VAT rates applied.

These requirements are already prevalent across much of South America. Some EU Member States also already have variations of these and, with the arrival of the EU's VAT in the Digital Age package, that will become more widespread.

It seems very likely that over time HMRC will follow this trend, to begin increasing the scope of information it wants to see while shortening the timescale to receive that. MTD for VAT in its current state is therefore only likely to be the start for digitised records.

MTD for VAT – current position

Over recent years HMRC has been gradually introducing MTD for VAT. It has been phased in over stages so as to assist organisations by letting them slowly adapt to the changes.

The final phase arrived in April 2022 and this means that now, anyone who is VAT registered must keep records digitally and file their VAT returns using software.

In practice this means that all those affected must be capable of:

- keeping and maintaining the records specified in the regulations in a digital format
- preparing VAT Returns using the information maintained in those digital records
- communicating with HMRC digitally through an Application Programming Interface (API) platform, which allows for the VAT return to be submitted.

The steps to being compliant

1 Ensuring all records are kept digitally is the first step. You can still receive and issue paper invoices but at some point, these must be recorded into a digital format. Going forwards from there the general approach is that these records should not be subject to manual change.

2 It's then necessary to adopt and apply compatible software to submit VAT returns. This pulls information from your digital records, which need to be preserved for up to six years, to automatically populate the VAT return.

3 Having done this you'll need to sign up for Making Tax Digital using the government's tax service.

Becoming MTD compliant usually requires a number of computer systems to interact and certain processes to be in place.

There are many businesses that:

- still require help with the setting up the process
- need to gain the confidence to submit VAT returns and keep records in an electronic format
- get the assurance that the software they are using is MTD compliant.





How can Crowe help?

We will work with you to provide a tailored product to meet your specific needs.

Training session we provide

- An MTD VAT training session for you and your staff designed to address your specific needs.
- An MTD for VAT health check where one of our experienced team can take you through your current MTD VAT process, to check and then ensure what you are doing is MTD compliant. This will involve us identifying any weaknesses and allow us to advise on improvements that can be made. We can follow this up a written report or guidelines that can be referred to going forward.



To better understand the specialist training services we offer and how we can help you and your business, please contact **Rob Janering**.

The benefits

- Ensure that you are compliant with the MTD for VAT rules.
- Give you and your staff confidence and reassurance.
- Demonstrate to HMRC that you have taken care when implementing MTD for VAT.
- Help you identify any weaknesses in your software/processes and make improvements.

What does our training cost?

There is no one price fits all approach to training. We will sit down with you to understand what the specific needs are in order to provide a solution that is bespoke but also appropriate to your needs and budget.

- We offer competitive and cost-effective pricing.
- We will provide a fee proposal prior to delivering any training based on your needs and requirements, including how that will be delivered (i.e. in person or virtually).



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