



AlphaBridge™

A software solution for submissions under Making Tax Digital for VAT

The Challenge

Making Tax Digital for VAT (MTDfV) comes into force for obligation periods starting on or after 1 April 2019 for all businesses with taxable turnover above £85,000.

From this date businesses must implement digital systems that enable them to comply with the MTD requirements as follows:

- Keep their VAT records including summary data in digital format
- Retain VAT records in digital form for six years
- Create the VAT return from digital records
- Submit the VAT return to the HMRC API digitally
- Provide supplementary data (additional information) voluntarily (HMRC still to clarify requirements)
- Use software capable of receiving information digitally from the HMRC API

FEATURES

- **Bridging solution** delivering validation and submission under MTD
- **Entity management** summarising the VAT entities and obligation period(s) and status thereof
- **Dashboard view** for MTD submissions, payments and liabilities
- **Digital record keeping** as an inbuilt optional feature for MTD compliance
- **Excel template** utilises familiar technology to aid the digital linking of your VAT calculations for submission via the MTD compliance portal
- **User management** for setting up users and allocating permissions

BENEFITS

- Provides the submission solution for MTDfV
- Creates a simple digital “bridge” between the current method of VAT calculation and HMRC
- Requires minimum change to existing processes
- Cost effective VAT bridging solution that is extensible through the addition of our other MTD AlphaVAT suite of products
- Supported by a team of UK based tax experts

The Solution

AlphaBridge has been developed as a simple and easily integrated MTDfV solution, enabling businesses to digitally submit their VAT return to HMRC via API.

AlphaBridge is composed of two parts: a cloud portal and an Excel template.

Our cloud MTD Compliance Portal is where you:

- Set up your users and VAT entities
- Authorise AlphaBridge to interact with the business tax account
- View and manage entities with a warning system for deadlines
- View entity data as returned via the HMRC APIs in respect of obligations, payments and liabilities
- View previously submitted MTD returns
- May choose to store summary data and other digital VAT records
- Manage users and set role based access

- Download the Excel template
- Review, validate and submit the return via API

The Excel template that is downloaded from the portal is where you:

- Link in your current calculation spreadsheets to the nine box VAT Return summary in the template
- Post the data to the AlphaBridge portal via APIs written by Tax Systems
- May digitally link in your VAT data direct from your accounting system using AlphaLink, our proprietary data extraction software

The MTD Compliance Portal is securely hosted on Microsoft Azure in UK data centres and benefits from two-factor authentication.

For more information or to book a presentation, please contact a member of our new business team.

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Technical Requirements

AREA	TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS
Excel	Compatible with version 15 (2015) and version 14 (2010)
Data Centre	Hosted on Microsoft Azure in UK data centres
Security	Cloud data is encrypted in transit and at rest
Retention	Cloud data will be retained for up to seven years and three months. Upon termination of contract customers may request a copy of the data and for the data to be deleted
Browsers	We support Chrome, IE, Firefox and Edge
Machine	Compatible with any machine capable of supporting the above browser/Excel versions.
Internet	Requires broadband or 3G internet connection.

MTD Compliance Portal

