



# AlphaBridge Adds New Features

We've added extra functionality to AlphaBridge, our MTD for VAT (MTDfVAT) solution. These enhancements are in response to customer feedback and form part of our ongoing strategy to deliver intuitive solutions that meet customer requirements. By listening to our customers, we ensure that our products support businesses in both adopting new systems and expediting the change management around new processes.

## Demo Entity Creation and Simulated Submission

Committing to MTDfVAT can be a daunting prospect. Once you have signed up with HMRC there is no going back. With the AlphaBridge Demo Entity feature, you only need take that final step when you are ready. Demo Entity simulates the end-to-end journey of digitally submitting a VAT return without committing your VAT registered business to the process.

### Benefits of this feature:

- A simulation environment allows the business to explore the process involved using hypothetical or even real data
- Gives the business the opportunity to explore the AlphaBridge portal and to train team members in advance
- Provides valuable insight into what is required which can then be used to adapt existing processes to ensure a smoother transition to MTDfVAT prior to the mandatory deadline of 1 April (or 1 October 2019 for deferred businesses)

## Copy Worksheet and Automated Template Integration

The AlphaBridge template has been enhanced with a new Copy Worksheet feature to enable it to be copied into a new worksheet within your existing VAT calculation workbook. In earlier versions, the AlphaBridge template could only be saved as a separate workbook.

With this new feature you are able to insert the AlphaBridge template into your VAT calculation workbook as a new tab. Once the calculations are finalised, the relevant amounts can be digitally linked from the calculation tab(s), to each of the nine boxes within the tab containing the AlphaBridge template. This is achieved using simple worksheet formula and the digital links that you establish are retained for subsequent data uploads to the AlphaBridge portal. Once completed, the data can then be posted to the AlphaBridge portal and reviewed prior to submitting the return for the VAT entity.

### Benefits of this feature:

- You can integrate our solution into your existing process calculation workbook with minimal fuss
- Digital links are internal, between worksheets within the single VAT calculation workbook, eliminating any concerns about maintaining external links between documents
- The calculation and upload are all in one workbook, simplifying the process

## Payments and Liabilities and Portal Enhancements

As MTDfVAT becomes established, businesses will want to be able to view pertinent data regarding their VAT returns in one place. In addition to previous submissions and future obligations, the AlphaBridge Portal now features a Payments and Liabilities section that ensures all payments and liabilities under MTD are housed in one place. This avoids the need for businesses to log-in to multiple different Business Tax Accounts to view this data.

The AlphaBridge portal retrieves this data from the HMRC Business Tax Account. Please note that no payments and liabilities data that precedes MTDfVAT will be displayed.

### Benefits of this feature:

- Greater transparency, reducing the potential for errors
- Easier data retrieval as once MTD has come into force all historic and future payment obligations can be viewed over a single-user interface
- Simplifies auditing and enables tax planning activities to be executed more efficiently

To see these new features in action, please view our video '[AlphaBridge Version 1.1 New Feature Updates](#)' here.