

# AlphaVAT™

## Total control over the preparation, calculation and management of your VAT Return

From 1st April 2019, UK businesses must legally comply with HMRC's Making Tax Digital (MTD) for VAT initiative

### THE CUSTOMER CHALLENGE

The first stage of the MTD for VAT initiative imposed new rules where businesses must maintain digital accounting records and submit their VAT Return to HMRC via compatible software.

Whilst a 'digital bridge' can resolve the immediate difficulties faced by MTD, it is seen by many as a temporary solution. There are far greater business challenges which can be remedied through the adoption of a complete VAT solution, including:

**Risk:** Approximately 88% of spreadsheets contain human error. Auditors are now identifying the use of spreadsheets as a business risk and failure to identify and resolve inaccuracies could result in financial penalties for non-compliance.

**Disparity:** Information is likely held in various forms, sources and systems across one or multiple businesses. Establishing a single source of robust and high-quality data can be a time consuming and almost impossible task.

**Dependency:** Bespoke spreadsheets are typically owned and maintained by one or a few individual staff members, making current and future performance key-person dependent thereby creating risk.

**Efficiency:** Substantial time is spent identifying, cleansing and validating data when expert resources could be prioritising other activities, that deliver real business value.

**Control:** Legacy accounting packages are often inflexible, outdated and unable to support a broad range of common adjustments. Manual processes cause unnecessary complications when managing the VAT compliance cycle. Issues are often identified after the event, making it difficult to remedy later on.

### THE TAX SYSTEMS SOLUTION

As tax experts, we understand that VAT is just one of the many challenges your business will face as a result of MTD. That's why we have invested in extensive research and are committed to building a single, interoperable cloud-based platform which will meet each of our individual customers' needs. Better still, our platform empowers our customers to transition at a pace and cost that suits their budget.

**With AlphaVAT**, you have total control over the preparation, calculation and management of your group or single entity's VAT Return. This includes visibility of current obligations, past MTD fulfilled obligations, payments and liabilities.

**Our Calculation engine** removes the need for complex spreadsheets, reducing the risk of human error, while automating even the most complex VAT calculations such as group consolidation and partial exemption (standard and special method). The engine features inbuilt tax logic, ensuring it is keeps pace with changes in legislation and further support is on hand from our inhouse team of tax experts.

**Data management** tools make sure the inputs are complete and accurate. We will identify any issues and help you to resolve any discrepancies with your underlying source data. We help you drive real value, by enabling you to invest more time reviewing and analysing your data and less time sourcing and cleansing it.

**Group management** simplifies the process for handling group VAT Returns. With automatic consolidation of member calculations and logic to track and apply limits, we make it easier and faster to meet challenging deadlines.

**Detailed reporting** produced by automated processes gives our users the time to interrogate, review and perform manual adjustments on their VAT return prior to submission.

### KEY BENEFITS

**Increases** efficiency by automating VAT calculations.

**Minimises** the risk of error and reduces reliance on spreadsheets.

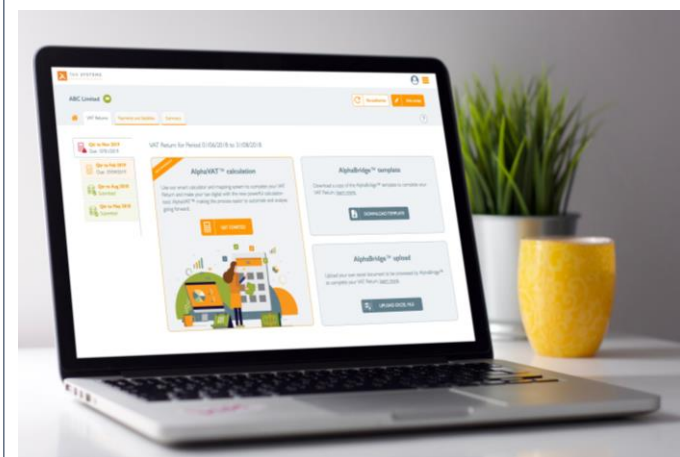
**Acts** as a single touchpoint for digital audit trails.

**Keeps up** with regulatory change via built-in tax logic.

**Delivers** comprehensive data management tools that help to reduce the amount of data cleansing required, providing more time for reviewing and data analytics.

**Supports** end users via a help portal that offers hints, tips, guides, FAQs and training resources.

**Provides** comprehensive technical and regulatory support via our Customer support team.



## SUBMITTING A VAT RETURN USING ALPHAVAT



Retrieve the required data from your accounting system in preparation for your VAT Return.



Save the data in standard .CSV file format.



Upload the .CSV file(s) to AlphaVAT.



Run the calculation to prepare your VAT Return. Inspect and resolve any errors.



Submit your VAT Return to HMRC directly via AlphaVAT.



Receive a confirmation receipt of your submission. Review your payments and liabilities.

## ALPHAVAT PRODUCT FEATURES



### Data management

Prepare, manage, review and check your data for accuracy.

- ✓ .CSV file upload
- ✓ Multiple files can be uploaded at once
- ✓ Intuitive mapping and file management process
- ✓ Consolidate, filter and interrogate large data sets quickly
- ✓ Data diagnostics, administration and error handling



### Process management

Configure AlphaVAT to work in the right way for your business.

- ✓ Role based access control
- ✓ Entity management and access tools
- ✓ Reports and dashboards
- ✓ Helpful nudges, prompts and built in support



### VAT calculation and compliance

Carry out your calculation to determine your VAT Return.

- ✓ Transactions types are identified and handled
- ✓ Partial exemption standard and special method
- ✓ Other adjustments

### TRANSACTION TYPES HANDLED

- Sales
- Exports
- Distance sales
- Dispatches
- Purchases
- Imports
- Acquisitions
- Reverse charge
- Domestic reverse charge
- Blocked inputs
- Excluded transactions

### PARTIAL EXEMPTION RECOVERY

- Standard methods – value based
- Special method (PESM)
- Data mapping from ERP, spreadsheet and accountancy systems
- Flexibility to cover all common PESH scenarios
- Automated calculations that reduce processing time
- Scalable support for any number of sectors

### OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

- Manual adjustments of recoverable VAT

### FUTURE ROADMAP ITEMS

- Capital goods scheme
- Fuel scale charge
- Bad debt relief
- Error corrections
- Foreign exchange

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