



Making Tax Digital – MTD

Implications for VAT REGISTERED FARMERS

For the most up to date relevant advice- **Speak to your accountant direct.** They are best placed to advise you on your individual circumstances.

FOR FULL INFO CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING LINKS :-

1. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-tax-digital-for-business-stakeholder-communications-pack/making-tax-digital-for-business-stakeholder-communications-pack#find-out-more-about-mtd-for-vat>
2. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vat-notice-70022-making-tax-digital-for-vat>

CURRENT SITUATION	CONSIDER
Calculating your VAT return yourself and filing on line yourself	Getting a commercial software package yourself, or using accountant to file with bridging software. Talk to your accountant now.
Calculating your VAT return yourself and giving that information to the accountant who files it with HMRC online as your agent.	Will the accountant accept that info and put it through a software package to file return for you? Bridging software
Using the services of a farm secretary to do your book-keeping and file VAT returns for you online.	Continue as before-if the farm secretary uses a commercial software package anyway. Or get a commercial software package as recommended by your farm secretary. Bridging software
Using the accountant to do your VAT calculations and book-keeping and filing returns on line.	Continue as before- accountant already using software package
Using a commercial software package for your bookkeeping and producing a VAT report for you which you then enter on line at HMRC	Continue as before. Your software package will be updated to report direct to HMRC.

BRIDGING SOFTWARE : this bridging software with the NFU at 50% discount £20
<https://www.nfuonline.com/membership/your-nfu-member-discounts/absolute-accounting-excel-vat-filer/> <https://youtu.be/DzLObl2TW80>

or there is 50% discount until Thursday on this software <https://123sheets.co.uk/>

*If your taxable turnover is less than VAT threshold, you can be exempt from MTD.

*There are cases of exemptions detailed in the links from HMRC.

In all cases- speak to your accountant before deciding !



Lantra Awards- Financial Recording and VAT.

Farming Connect offer 80 % funding on the course



This course mentions the latest situation regarding MTD, but is essentially a book-keeping skills course. It will NOT turn you into an accountant ! It is basic and practical, - farmhouse focused. Because of the confusion over what the course covers and doesn't cover I have prepared a list to help you decide whether you want to do the course or not.

Essentially you need to liaise with your accountant about the solution best suited to you.

WHAT IT DOES COVER

- How VAT works- layer tax
- Setting up a financial recording package specific to your business as an excel spreadsheet or book. Copy of excel template e- mailed to you post course.
- How you need to set up your bookkeeping and VAT as a form of management accounts, so you can calculate gross margins, costs of production easily allowing you to benchmark seamlessly.
- Dealing with reclaiming on large mixed bills
- How to record bills and invoices and reconcile to bank statements.
- Reclaiming VAT, and recording protocols.
- Streamlining paperwork and records.

All the above are the skills and info you would need anyway to set up a commercial software package to produce management accounts, so it gives you a good grounding in recording financial transactions that is **not** software specific.

WHAT IT DOESN'T COVER

- Choosing and Setting up Commercial software packages such as Quick books, Sage or XERO.
- Using commercial software packages and Bridging software
- Income Tax and accountancy principles.

Applying for the course:

1. You need to be registered with Farming Connect.
2. Access the business wales website with your e mail address and a password you set yourself to do your PDP- PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.
3. Set a goal- Improve Financial management etc. add FR and VAT course.
4. On application Select Financial recording and VAT, Your provider, and price.

You may also wish to consider the other courses in the Finance suite:

Understanding and using your accounts

Managing your cash flow.

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