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- CT Online, iXBRL and all that
- VAT Online



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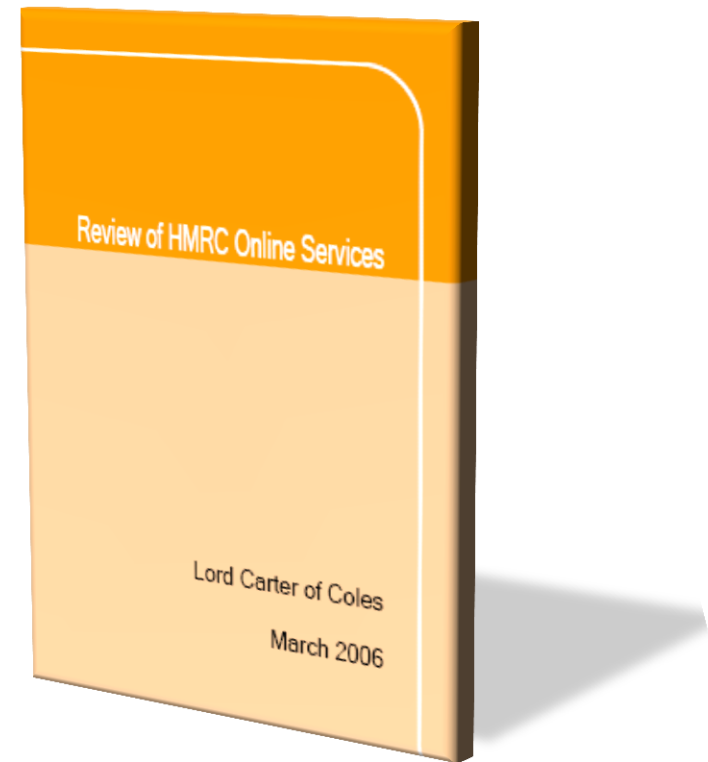
# Corporation Tax Online



# Lord Carter's 29 key recommendations

The universal electronic delivery of business tax returns by 2012

- **SA – April 2008**
- **PAYE – April 2009**
- **VAT – April 2010**
- **CT – April 2011**



# CT Online – headline statistics – 30 September 2011

- Most CT organisations are represented by agents
- Close to **100%** of returns are now filed online

## Online Company Tax Returns Received

- HMRC Software **15.70%**
- Commercial Software **84.30%**

# Key date for Corporation Tax (CT)

From 1 April 2011 onwards:

- (nearly) all company tax returns for accounting periods ending on or after 1 April 2010 must be filed online
- all tax computations and most accounts must be filed in a specified data format known as Inline XBRL (iXBRL)
- all Corporation Tax liabilities must be paid electronically

# Compulsory CT Online filing

## Does NOT change

- **Who** has to file a Company Tax return
- **When** the return has to be filed or the tax paid
- **What** is legally required to be filed as part of a company tax return

## ONLY changes

- **How** the return has to be filed - via the Internet with the 'statutory accounts' and Corporation Tax computations in iXBRL format



# What are XBRL and iXBRL?


# eXtensible Business Reporting Language

XBRL -

- is a computer-readable data standard for financial reporting statements
- is around 15 years old - but based on XML which has been around for even longer
- like “bar-coding” for financial information
- uses defined ‘tags’ to describe financial information

# Inline XBRL [iXBRL]

Human Readable



CURRENT ASSETS	
Assets Held for Sale	100,000
Construction in Progress, Current	100,000
Inventories	100,000
Construction in Progress, Current	100,000
Hedging Instruments, Current [Asset]	100,000
Current Tax Receivables	100,000
Trade and Other Receivables, Net, Current	100,000
Prepayments, Current	100,000
Cash and Cash Equivalents	100,000
Other Assets, Current	1,000,000
<b>Current assets, Total</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

Computer Readable



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One Document – Two Purposes

# Companies House & HMRC working together

- HMRC and Companies House offer a template-based 'joint filing' tool suitable for smaller companies
- This prepares statutory accounts in iXBRL for inclusion with the CT600; it can also produce in iXBRL abbreviated accounts, where appropriate, for Companies House
- iXBRL is mandatory for HMRC, but will be voluntary for Companies House until 2014 when mandation will be considered

# Solutions!

# Software

- HMRC's CT filing product
- Final Accounts Production [FAP software]
- Conversion tools
- A 'managed service'

# HMRC's CT filing product

- Based on CT600(Short) + Supp Pages A, E and J
- Intended for smaller companies with less complex affairs
  - Has to be downloaded for each company for each AP
  - Previous year's figures do not carry forward
  - Templates for Accounts and CT comps 'impose' a format
- Incorporates fields that Companies House need and is the basis for 'Joint Filing'
- Not designed for agents, but nothing to stop them using it

**Last but by no means least...**

# Managing the transition period

- Legislation requires iXBRL tagging at least to the level of HMRC's Minimum Tagging Lists
- Some 'mandatory' tags required for validation, to ensure Return submits successfully
- The Regulations allow HMRC to accept deficiencies both in form and in standards of tagging accuracy & completeness
- HMRC won't reject any Return where a reasonable attempt has been made to comply with iXBRL requirements
- Deficient tagging might trigger 'risk rules' – there's greater potential for post-submission contact from HMRC
- No enquiries solely or mainly to check quality of tagging

# VAT Online



# Key dates

- **1 April 2010**

VAT registered businesses with an annual VAT exclusive turnover of £100,000 or more **and** newly registered VAT businesses regardless of turnover

**were required to file online and pay electronically**

- **1 April 2012**

All remaining VAT registered businesses

**will be required to file online and pay electronically under current plans**

# ICB members – prospective role

- Reminding all paper filing clients of the deadline for going online
- Urging paper filers to go online early where possible
- Confirming filing/paying arrangements for these clients
- Considering scope for offering filing services to new clients

# Benefits of using VAT Online

- Secure online availability at any time
- Arithmetical checks and calculations to reduce errors
- Instant acknowledgements
- Quicker repayments
- Electronic payment gives extra time to pay and file
- Can enrol and file a return immediately – Activation code (PIN) not required

# Enrolling for VAT Online to act as the filing agent

## Do it online

[Log in](#)[Register \(new users\)](#)[Online Services info](#)

## Quick links

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### Tax help for new & small businesses

Helpful videos & guides  
And lots of other useful tax information

## Individuals & employees

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## News and updates

### Top Stories and What's new

Latest News from HMRC

### Plumbers Tax Safe Plan

Traders have until 31 May to declare undisclosed income

### Employer PAYE Online filing news

The deadline for filing your Employer Annual Return online is 19 May

### PAYE Tax Calculation (P800)

What to do if you receive a P800

### Security advice

Protect yourself against online fraud, phishing scams and bogus callers

### Service Availability & Issues

Find out current service availability and any issues we are experiencing

[When and how to renew a tax credit claim? - more FAQs](#)

# Add VAT Online to existing services

# Your HMRC services

## Services you can use

### Site content tools

Allows you to monitor content relating to matters dealt with by the former HM Customs & Excise and get notifications when content changes.

[▶ Access service](#)

### VAT Registration

For businesses or their agents to apply for VAT registration.

[▶ Access service](#)

## Services you can add

### Corporation Tax (CT) for Agents

For Agents to submit client CT returns and view liabilities and

[▶ Enrol for service](#)

### VAT

Includes the ability for VAT Registered businesses to submit and pay VAT Returns and change VAT Registration details online. A VAT Registration Service is also available.

[▶ Enrol for service](#)

### VAT EC Sales List (ECSL)

For UK VAT Registered businesses making supplies of goods to VAT Registered businesses in other EC member states.

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### VAT Reverse Charge Sales List (RCSL)

For VAT registered businesses to report information on the sale

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# Enrol for VAT for Agents

## Are You VAT registered?



Please select the appropriate option below then click the 'Next' button to proceed.

\* indicates required information

Are you VAT registered?\*

- Please select
- I am VAT registered
- I am not VAT registered but I have a VAT Agent Reference Number
- I would like to apply for a VAT Agent Reference Number

Next

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## Step 5 - Enter details

### Enrol for VAT

To enrol for VAT, please enter the required information below, then click the 'Next' button to proceed.

**Please note:** This service is only available to VAT registered businesses.

\* Indicates required information.

**Please note:** Fields are not case sensitive. Please enter values in pounds sterling, including pence.

VAT Registration Number: \*  ?  
eg 123456789

Principal Place of Business postcode: \*  ?  
eg AB12 3YZ

Date of registration for VAT: \*  ?  
eg dd/mm/yyyy

Final month of last VAT return submitted: \*  ?

Box 5 figure on last VAT return submitted: \*  ?  
eg 1000.00

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# Doing your VAT return online

## VAT

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### At a glance

#### Submit a return ?

To submit a VAT return, please follow the link below.

[Submit a return ▶](#)

To view a list of commercial software products that can be used to submit your VAT return, please follow the link below.

[View a list of available commercial software ▶](#)

#### View submitted returns ?

To view details of your previously submitted returns, please follow the link below.

**Please note:** If there has been a Transfer of Going Concern then you will not be able to view returns submitted prior to the date of transfer.

[View submitted returns ▶](#)

#### Direct Debit ?

To set up a Direct Debit Instruction to pay VAT due on your return, please follow the link below. If you wish to pay by this method please ensure that your bank will accept a Direct Debit Instruction for your nominated Bank account.

[Set up Direct Debit Instruction ▶](#)

#### Change registration details ?

To request a change to your registration details, please follow the link below.

[Change registration details ▶](#)

#### Maintain email address ?

You have not provided an email address to receive reminders to submit your VAT return. You can add an email address by following the link below.

[Add email address ▶](#)

# Shared Secrets

- Set up by you the first time you use the VAT online service
- Done once only
- Added security – helps to identify you
- Shared secrets include
  - your first school
  - your last school
  - a memorable place
  - a memorable name
  - a memorable date

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# Submit a return

## Select period

To select a VAT period, please follow the relevant link in the 'Period' column.


**Please note:** If you have submitted a return that is not in the list below, then please select 'View submitted returns'

<a href="#">Period</a> 	Period start date	Period end date	Form type	Status 
<a href="#">07 06</a>	01 Jul 2006	31 Jul 2006	VAT100	Open
<a href="#">04 07</a>	01 Apr 2007	30 Apr 2007	VAT100	Open
<a href="#">05 07</a>	01 May 2007	31 May 2007	VAT100	Open
<a href="#">06 07</a>	01 Jun 2007	30 Jun 2007	VAT100	Open
<a href="#">07 07</a>	01 Jul 2007	31 Jul 2007	VAT100	Open
<a href="#">08 07</a>	01 Aug 2007	31 Aug 2007	VAT100	Open
<a href="#">09 07</a>	01 Sep 2007	30 Sep 2007	VAT100	Open
<a href="#">12 07</a>	01 Oct 2007	31 Dec 2007	VAT100	Open
<a href="#">03 08</a>	01 Jan 2008	31 Mar 2008	VAT100	Open
<a href="#">09 08</a>	01 Jul 2008	30 Sep 2008	VAT100	Open

# Submit a return

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## VAT period

Period: 03 09  
Date from: 01 Jan 2009  
Date to : 31 Mar 2009  
Due date : 07 May 2009 

## Trader details

VAT Registration Number:  
Trader's name:  
Trader's address:

## Enter VAT return figures

Please enter the information in the boxes below and click 'Next' to proceed.

\* indicates required information

**Please note:** Enter values in pound sterling, including pence unless otherwise indicated.

Your 'Total VAT (Box 3) and 'Net VAT to be paid to HM Revenue & Customs or reclaimed by you (Box 5)' figures will be calculated automatically when you click 'Next'. The figures will then be displayed on the next screen.

Before entering the figures please follow the link [Filling in your VAT Return](#) 

VAT due in this period on **sales** and other outputs (Box1):\*



### Important note

Your 'Total VAT due (Box 3)' and 'Net VAT to be paid to HM Revenue & Customs or reclaimed by you (Box 5)' figures will be calculated automatically when you click 'Next'. The figures will then be displayed on the next screen.

Before entering the figures please follow the link [Filling in your VAT Return](#).

VAT due in this period on **sales** and other outputs (Box 1): \*  ?

VAT due in this period on **acquisitions** from other **EC Member States** (Box 2): \*  ?

Total VAT due (**the sum of boxes 1 and 2**) (Box 3): **Calculated value**

VAT reclaimed in this period on **purchases** and other inputs, including acquisitions from the EC (Box 4): \*  ?

Net VAT to be paid to HM Revenue & Customs or reclaimed by you (**Difference between boxes 3 and 4**) (Box 5): **Calculated value**

Total value of **sales** and all other outputs excluding any VAT. **Include your box 8 figure** (Box 6): \*  ?  
Whole pounds only

Total value of purchases and all other inputs excluding any VAT. **Include your box 9 figure** (Box 7): \*  ?  
Whole pounds only

Total value of all **supplies** of goods and related costs, excluding any VAT, to other **EC Member States** (Box 8): \*  ?  
Whole pounds only

Total value of all **acquisitions** of goods and related costs, excluding any VAT, from other **EC Member States** (Box 9): \*  ?  
Whole pounds only

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# Submit a return

## Confirm details

Please check that the information below is correct and click 'Submit' to proceed.

**Please note:** If you would like to print this information for your records, please use the print facility on your browser.

### VAT period

Period: 03 09

Date from: 01 Jan 2009

Date to : 31 Mar 2009

Due date : 07 May 2009

### Trader details

VAT Registration Number:

Trader's name:

Trader's address:

### VAT return figures

VAT due in this period on **sales** and other outputs (Box1): **£1400.97**

VAT due in this period on **acquisitions** from other EC  
**Member States** (Box2): **£3099.03**

Total VAT due (**the sum of boxes 1 and 2**) (Box3): **£4500.00**

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### Acknowledgement



Your VAT return has been successfully submitted

Net VAT to be paid to HM Revenue & Customs or reclaimed by you (**Difference between boxes 3 and 4**) (Box 5): £XXXX.XX

Balancing amount: £XXXX.XX

If you have submitted this VAT return on behalf of the VAT registered entity, you must print this acknowledgement and present it to the account holder/authorised signatory of the account, prior to the stated Direct Debit collection date.

As you have entered an amount in Box 8 you will be required to complete a VAT 101 EC Sales List.

**The tax due as declared on this return will be debited from your bank account on dd Mmm YYYY.**

If you have other outstanding returns to complete, please follow the 'Submit a return' link from the left hand 'VAT' menu.

To view or print a return for your records, you will need to follow the PDF link below (opens in a new window). You will need [Adobe Acrobat reader](#) installed on your computer in order to open the return.

[Download VAT return \(PDF, xx kb\)](#) ▶

You can view, print or save a copy of a receipt for this submission by following the link [Submission receipt](#) (opens in a new window). 

Your feedback would be greatly appreciated. If you have time please provide [Customer feedback](#).

Alternatively you may [log out and return to Business Link](#).

Alternatively you may [log out and return to Directgov](#).

## Submission receipt

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The <form name> was successfully submitted and received by HM Revenue & Customs at <HH:MM>GMT on <DD Month YYYY>.

Your submission receipt reference number is:

This identification number is unique to you and is created, in code, from the entire content of your submission.

It is important that you make a note of this submission receipt reference number.

If you want to print or save a copy of the receipt for your records, please follow the link [submission receipt](#) (opens in a new window).

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## View submitted returns

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### Select a period

To view details of a successfully submitted return, please follow the relevant link in the 'Period' column.

Any returns submitted in the last 24 hours may not be included in the list.

### Previous returns

Period 	Submission date 	Period start date	Period end date	Form type	Acknowledgement
<a href="#">mm_yy</a>	dd Mmm yyyy	dd Mmm yyyy	dd Mmm yyyy	VAT100	<a href="#">View</a>
<a href="#">mm_yy</a>	dd Mmm yyyy	dd Mmm yyyy	dd Mmm yyyy	VAT100	Not applicable
<a href="#">mm_yy</a>	dd Mmm yyyy	dd Mmm yyyy	dd Mmm yyyy	VAT100	Not applicable
<a href="#">Final</a>	dd Mmm yyyy	dd Mmm yyyy	dd Mmm yyyy	FINAL	Not applicable

# How to pay electronically

Use your bank/building society services and pay by:

- Internet banking
- Telephone banking
- Direct Debit
- Bank Giro
- Debit and credit card at [www.billpayment.co.uk/hmrc](http://www.billpayment.co.uk/hmrc)
- Bankers' Automated Clearing Services (BACS) Direct Credit
- Clearing House Automated Payments System (CHAPS)



# Good News

*“The [VAT online] service is a gem”*

*“I like the convenience and certainty of submitting and getting an acknowledgement”*

A HMRC telephone survey of 100+ traders filing online voluntarily found this was because

- It is quicker, cheaper and more convenient
- It is seen as part of the natural way of running a business
- Their agents told them to do it (or do it for them)

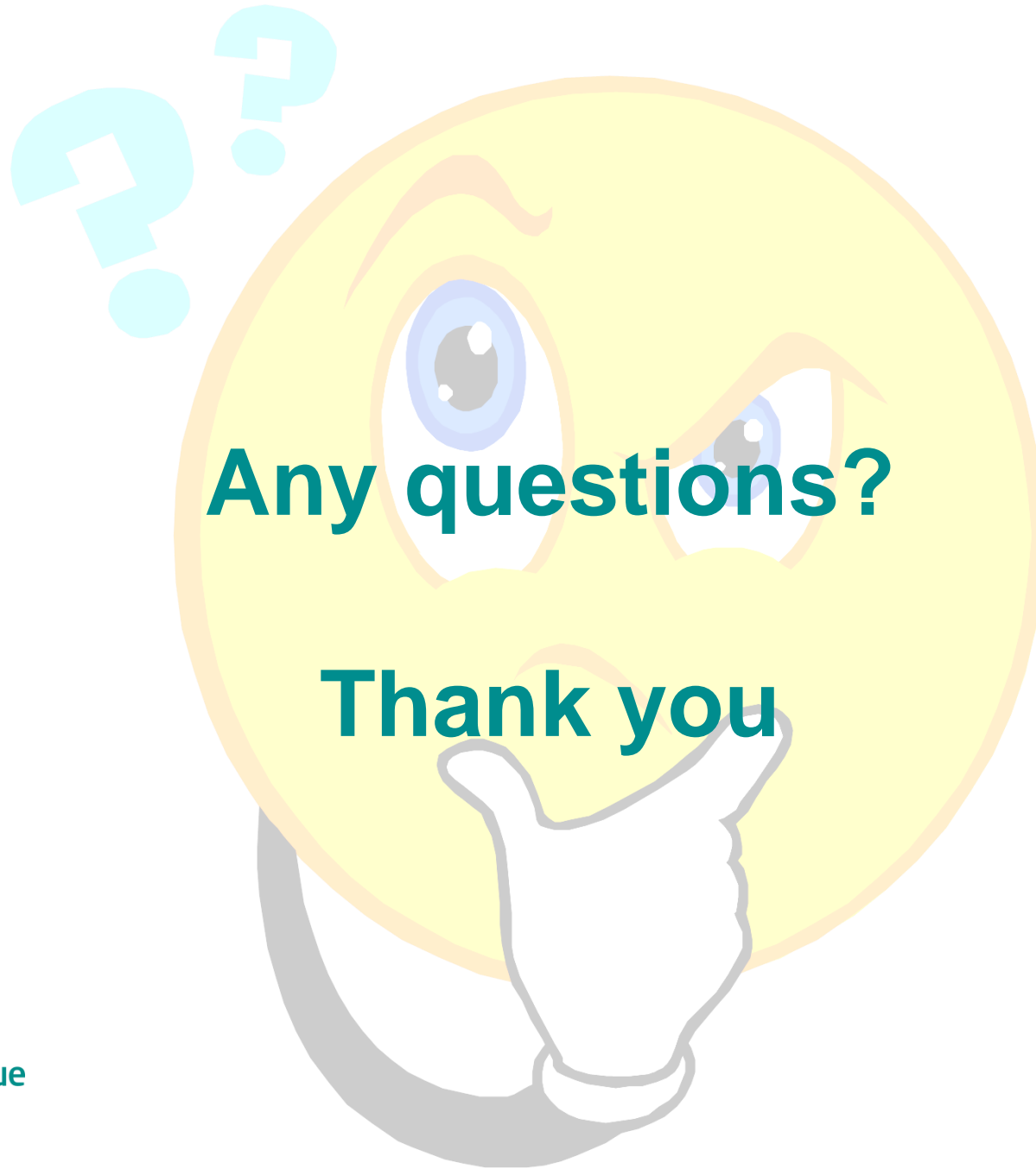
74% described the service as good, 26% as excellent

# Communications: November to March 2012

- Messages on Q3 & Q4 VAT paper returns –Beat the rush & Must sign up now.
- VAT Notes 3 & 4 – Beat the rush & Must file online.
- April 2012 mandation message on Business Link website
- Updated HMRC website
- Recorded message at Contact Centres
- Mandation letters to the paper filers in early Feb 2012

# Help and support

- Step-by-step beginner's guides
- The online services demonstrator
- HMRC Consultation document
- You!



**Any questions?**

**Thank you**



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