

Important Information

Making Tax Digital How will this affect you?

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As you may be aware, the Making Tax Digital (MTD) regime by HMRC is set to start from 1st April 2019, however, any business can begin to benefit from cloud-based accounting before it comes into effect.

What does this mean?

Businesses will have to make quarterly digital submissions to HMRC from 1st April 2019 onwards using MTD compliant software. The current online VAT return will not meet the requirements! It will, therefore, be necessary for every VAT registered business to have third-party software that is compliant with MTD.

What are the options?

There are several 'cloud-based' software packages on the market and these are all likely to be MTD compliant. The main ones used at Aspen Waite are Sage, Xero and Kashflow.

We can provide advice on the solutions available for your business. Visit our website for our helpful flowchart to guide your decision.

Timeline for MTD

- From **April 2019**, all VAT registered businesses with turnover over above the VAT threshold
- For all other businesses the MTD regime is set to start from **April 2020** - this will also include people with rental income.

Benefits of Cloud Accounting

- Save you time, effort and money
- Accessible anywhere you have internet access
- Work on the go - raise invoices, pay suppliers and chase payments
- It's secure, scalable, cost-effective
- More affordable for smaller businesses than traditional accounting systems
- No more spreadsheets or paper records!

How we can help

We realise this is going to be an added expense for a lot of businesses, as you may well keep records on spreadsheets or paper. Unfortunately, every business will be required to use MTD compliant software once the regulations come into force.

Aspen Waite will be working closely with our clients through the transition period, helping them realise the benefits and using MTD as an opportunity to improve their businesses, and will be in touch in due course.

For those of you unable, or unwilling to use new software, we are offering additional services to suit your needs and can discuss these options with you.

For further information visit www.aspenwaite.co.uk/mtd

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