

Making Tax Digital for Income Tax (Quick Snapshot)

WHAT IS IT?

Use digital software for tax

Keep all business records in software that works with HMRC's system. No more spreadsheets or paper trails.

Submit quarterly updates

Each quarter, you'll send a digital summary of your income and expenses to HMRC.

File a final declaration

At the end of the tax year, you confirm your income and finalise your tax position with a digital submission.

WHO NEEDS TO COMPLY AND WHEN?

Your start date depends on your Qualifying Income (combined self-employment and property income):

2024/2025

Your Qualifying Income in this tax year is over £50,000.

2025/2026

Your Qualifying Income in this tax year is over £30,000.

2026/2027

MTD for Income Tax start date: 6 April 2026

2027/2028

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⚠ MTD is mandatory. Penalties will apply for non-compliance.

GET READY IN 5 SIMPLE STEPS

Choose the right software

We'll help you choose an HMRC-compliant tool that suits your business setup.

Consider joining early testing

Want a head start? You can join the HMRC pilot to get familiar with MTD early.



Check if you're exempt

Some may be digitally excluded for reasons like age, disability, location, or religion.

Prepare for quarterly reporting

Start keeping digital records now and build a habit of tracking your finances regularly.

Choose how to manage it

Will you do it yourself, or do you want an accountant to handle everything? Find what works best for you.