



# VAT payment deferral

## What is it?

All VAT payments will be deferred for 3 months applying to all payments normally due with VAT returns from 20 March 2020 until 30 June 2020.

Any liabilities that have accumulated during the deferral period will not be due for payment until the end of the 2020-21 tax year. It should be noted that this is only a deferral of VAT payments during this period and therefore businesses should continue to complete and submit VAT returns as usual during this period.

## Who is eligible?

All VAT registered UK businesses are eligible. This is automatic support and no application is required.

## What about if I pay by direct debit?

If you pay by direct debit you should cancel your direct debit. This can be done by taking the following steps:

1. Sign into your VAT online account via the HMRC government gateway
2. Follow the 'View your VAT account' link under Making Tax Digital for VAT
3. Click on the payments and repayments link
4. Cancel your direct debit.

It is also advisable that businesses contact their bank to check the direct debit has been cancelled to ensure that no payment is taken.

*As further information is published by the government we will update our summaries. Should you have any initial queries either contact your usual CK contact or look at the governments dedicated business support website [businesssupport.gov.uk](https://businesssupport.gov.uk).*