

# Pay your VAT bill

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## Overview

You must pay your VAT bill by the deadline shown on your [VAT return \(/vat-returns/deadlines\)](/vat-returns/deadlines).

There are different deadlines if you use:

- the [Annual Accounting Scheme \(/vat-annual-accounting-scheme\)](/vat-annual-accounting-scheme)
- [VAT payments on account \(/guidance/vat-payments-on-account\)](/guidance/vat-payments-on-account)

This page is also available [in Welsh \(Cymraeg\) \(/talw-taw\)](/talw-taw).

## Paying your bill on time

Make sure your payment will reach HMRC's bank account by the deadline.

 **You may have to pay a surcharge or penalty if you do not pay on time.**

Check what to do [if you cannot pay your tax bill on time \(/difficulties-paying-hmrc\)](/difficulties-paying-hmrc).

## How to pay

You can:

- [pay your VAT bill by Direct Debit \(/pay-vat/direct-debit\)](/pay-vat/direct-debit)
- [pay VAT payments on account \(/guidance/vat-payments-on-account\)](/guidance/vat-payments-on-account)
- [pay your VAT bill using another payment method \(/pay-vat/pay-using-another-payment-method\)](/pay-vat/pay-using-another-payment-method)

## Getting VAT repayments

HMRC does not use Direct Debit bank account details for VAT repayments.

To get VAT repayments paid into your bank account, [update the registration details in your VAT online account \(https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/gg/sign-in?continue=%2Fbusiness-account%2Fvat&utm\\_source=gov&utm\\_medium=update\\_reg&utm\\_campaign=gov\\_VAT\)](https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/gg/sign-in?continue=%2Fbusiness-account%2Fvat&utm_source=gov&utm_medium=update_reg&utm_campaign=gov_VAT). Otherwise HMRC will send you a cheque.

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