

Digitax: simplifying Making Tax Digital for VAT

What is Making Tax Digital?

Making Tax Digital (MTD) is HMRC's initiative to modernise the UK tax system by requiring businesses to keep digital records and submit VAT returns through approved software. The aim is to make tax administration more effective, efficient, and easier to get right. For finance teams, this means adapting to a digital-first approach while ensuring compliance with strict reporting standards.

Introducing Digitax

Digitax is Platned's digital VAT submission solution, built to make MTD compliance straightforward for organisations using IFS or Excel. It bridges the gap between your financial data and HMRC, eliminating manual processes and reducing the risk of errors. With Digitax, VAT submissions become faster, more secure, and fully aligned with HMRC's requirements.

Key features

- **Seamless integration** with IFS Cloud and IFS Applications for automated submissions
- **Excel compatibility** allowing easy uploads directly from spreadsheets
- **Manual entry options** for flexible reporting when required
- **Secure HMRC authorisation** using your VAT Registration Number (VRN)
- **Standard templates** including tax code mapping and VAT report generation
- **Additional functionality** to simplify corrections, adjustments, and resubmissions

How it works

1. **Prepare data** – use IFS to generate VAT reports, map tax codes, or load data via Excel
2. **Set up the system** – install Digitax, create authorised users, and register your ERP
3. **Submit digitally** – review, authorise, and submit VAT returns directly to HMRC
4. **Stay flexible** – switch between IFS, Excel, or manual entry to suit your processes

Why Platned

Choosing Platned means more than just meeting compliance deadlines. As an IFS Gold Service Partner, we combine technical expertise with hands-on industry knowledge. Our team provides:

- **Implementation and training** to get you started quickly
- **Comprehensive guides** for every step, from installation to submission
- **Ongoing post go-live support** through our flexible Gateway model
- **Global reach with local expertise**, through offices in the UK, Australia, USA, Sri Lanka, China, and Dubai

The customer advantage

With Digitax, your finance team can:

- Save time by eliminating manual submissions and spreadsheets
- Improve accuracy with standardised templates and checks
- Reduce compliance risk with a fully HMRC-approved solution
- Focus on analysis and decision-making instead of administrative burden