

## Support for businesses through deferring VAT payments

HMRC will support businesses by deferring Valued Added Tax (VAT) payments for 3 months.

If you're a UK VAT registered business and have a VAT payment due between 20 March 2020 and 30 June 2020, you have the option to:

- defer the payment until on or before 31 March 2021
- pay the VAT due as normal

HMRC will not charge interest or penalties on any amount deferred as a result of the Chancellor's announcement.

### Payments made by Direct Debit

If you normally pay by Direct Debit you should contact your bank to cancel your Direct Debit as soon as you can, or you can cancel online if you're registered for online banking.

### After the VAT deferral ends

VAT payments due following the end of the deferral period will have to be paid as normal. Further information about how to repay the VAT you've deferred will be available soon.

## Support for businesses through deferring Income Tax payments

For Income Tax Self-Assessment, payments due on the 31 July 2020 may be deferred until 31 January 2021.

You are eligible if you are due to pay your second self-assessment payment on account on 31 July.

You do not need to be self-employed to be eligible for the deferment.

The deferment is optional. If you are still able to pay your second payment on account on 31 July you should do so.

This is an automatic offer with no applications required.

No penalties or interest for late payment will be charged if you defer payment until January 2021.