# VAT deferral

# What is it?

The chancellor has announced that businesses are able to defer VAT payments for a three month period in 2020.

## Who is eligible?

All UK businesses are eligible for the deferred VAT payments.

### What does it cover?

Your business can defer VAT payments for the period from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2020. You're not required to make a VAT payment during this time period and have until the end of the 2020/21 tax year to pay any liabilities that are accumulated.

#### How your business can access it

There's no need to apply for the deferred VAT payments as it's an automatic offer. You don't need to make a VAT payment by 30 June 2020 if you don't wish to – you now have an extended deadline of the end of the 2020/21 tax year. VAT refunds and reclaims will be paid by the government as usual.

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