



Making Tax Digital for Income Tax (MTD): Service Options

From April 2026, Making Tax Digital for Income Tax becomes mandatory for self-employed individuals and landlords with qualifying income exceeding £50,000, as reported on their 2024/25 Self Assessment Tax Return. Theataccounts are here to support you through this transition with flexible service options designed for entertainment industry professionals.

Making Tax Digital Is Changing the Rules

After being delayed for several years, MTD is being phased in with effect from 6 April 2026. This is one of the biggest changes to self-employed tax in decades.

What Is Changing?

If your income was above £50,000 for the 2024/25 tax year you will be required to:

- Keep digital financial records
- Use HMRC approved software
- Submit updates to HMRC every quarter
- Complete an annual final declaration/tax return
- Maintain accurate, up-to-date bookkeeping all year round

For many self employed individuals, this is a major shift from submitting one tax return per year.

What This Means For You?

Without the right systems and support, MTD can very quickly lead to:

- Confusing software decisions
- Valuable time taken away from your business
- More stress and submission deadlines to be met
- Increased risk of errors or penalties
- Uncertainty about your tax position

Many of our clients have already confirmed they require our assistance to help take away the additional stress MTD may bring.

👍 There Is Good News

MTD does not have to be stressful. With the right support, it can actually give you:



We Do Not Make The Rules

But We Wish We Did!

MTD requirements are not optional but compliance does not have to be complicated. For less than a weekly coffee shop visit, we will handle the additional complexity MTD brings. It is easy to underestimate the time quarterly reporting requires and with our support we will save you hours each month, whilst ensuring you avoid unnecessary penalties and you are not paying more tax than you should.



The Theataccounts Advantage

- Proactive tax planning
- MTD compliance expertise
- Industry specific expense knowledge (agent fees, costumes, subscriptions, travel)
- Multiple income stream experience (performance, royalties, teaching, voiceover)
- Understanding of irregular income and seasonal work
- Quarterly submissions handled correctly
- HMRC / tax support



The Risks of Going MTD Alone

- Complex software learning curve
- Time consuming quarterly submissions
- Missing deadlines and incurring penalties
- Uncertainty about claimable expenses
- No professional oversight
- Compliance stress while managing your career
- No tax planning
- Missing industry specific advice

Why Free Software Is Not Enough

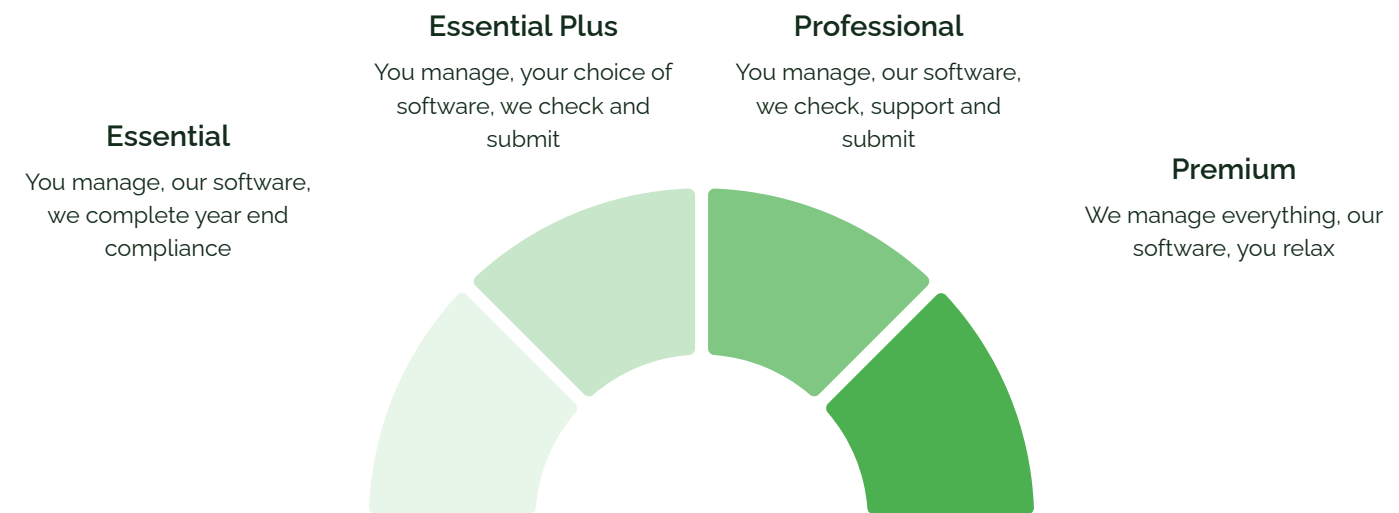
Many banks and providers offer 'free' accounting software, but these basic tools lack the expertise of an experienced accountant. Without professional oversight, you risk:

- Higher tax bills from missed deductions
- Increased chance of errors and penalties
- No industry specific knowledge
- Limited support when things go wrong

An accountant does not just submit numbers — we optimise your tax position and ensure full compliance.

MTD Services and Fees

With MTD becoming mandatory from April 2026, having the right level of professional support in place is essential. Quarterly reporting brings new obligations — and getting it right from the outset will save you time, money, and unnecessary stress. Choose the level of involvement that suits you, and we'll ensure your compliance is handled accurately and efficiently, every step of the way.



	Essential	Essential Plus	Professional	Premium
Who for?	Self-sufficient	Self-sufficient, wanting MTD oversight	Self-sufficient, wanting MTD oversight and software support	Individuals wanting a complete MTD and software support service
Bookkeeping	You	You	You	Theataccounts
Software	Xero included	X	Xero included	Xero included
MTD Accuracy Checks	X	✓	✓	✓
Quarterly MTD Submissions	X	✓	✓	✓
Annual Accounts	✓	✓	✓	✓
Self Assessment Tax Return	✓	✓	✓	✓
MTD Support	X	General support & year-round guidance	General support & year-round guidance including software support	Full service
Accounts and Tax Return Support (including tax efficiency reviews)	✓	✓	✓	✓

MTD Services and Fees

Compare our four service packages and choose the level of support that matches your needs. All packages include annual accounts and self-assessment tax return submission, with MTD compliance and quarterly submission support available from Essential Plus upwards. Every package also benefits from proactive tax efficiency reviews to ensure you are never paying more than you need to, plus automated reminders so you never miss a deadline.

Premium ★ Our recommended package

£64 + VAT / month

Individuals wanting a complete MTD and software support service

- Theataccounts manage your bookkeeping
- Xero software included
- MTD accuracy checks
- We submit quarterly MTD returns
- Annual accounts preparation
- Self Assessment tax return
- Full service MTD support
- Accounts and tax return support (including tax efficiency reviews)

Professional

£45 + VAT / month

Self-sufficient, wanting MTD oversight and software support

- You maintain your own bookkeeping
- Xero software included
- MTD accuracy checks
- We submit quarterly MTD returns
- Annual accounts preparation
- Self Assessment tax return
- General MTD support & year-round guidance including software support
- Accounts and tax return support (including tax efficiency reviews)

Essential Plus

£49 + VAT / month

Self-sufficient, wanting MTD oversight

- You maintain your own bookkeeping
- Your own software
- MTD accuracy checks
- We submit quarterly MTD returns
- Annual accounts preparation
- Self Assessment tax return
- General MTD support & year-round guidance
- Accounts and tax return support (including tax efficiency reviews)

Essential

£30 + VAT / month

Self-sufficient

- You maintain your own bookkeeping
- Xero software included
- You submit your own quarterly MTD returns
- Annual accounts preparation
- Self Assessment tax return
- Accounts and tax return support (including tax efficiency reviews)

Our MTD Software Partner

Powered by Xero

We did not choose Xero by chance. After reviewing the MTD software market, Xero stood out as the leader — combining HMRC approval, ease of use, and the best fit for creative professionals managing irregular income.

Why We Choose Xero for Making Tax Digital

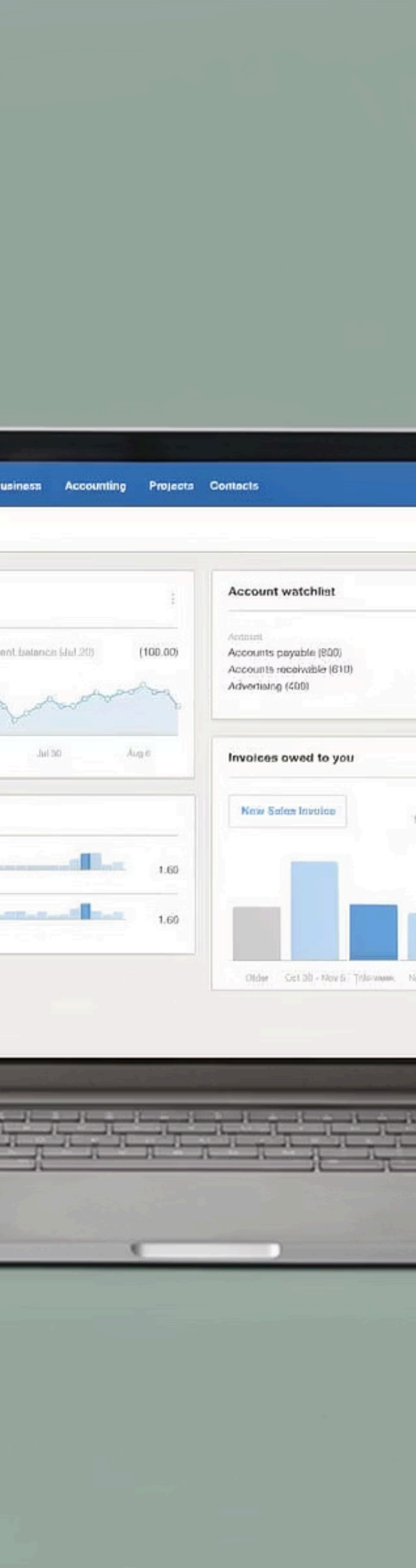
Theataccounts has partnered with Xero, one of the UK's leading cloud accounting platforms, to provide our clients with seamless MTD compliance. Xero is HMRC approved and specifically designed to make quarterly reporting simple and stress free.

- HMRC approved MTD compatible software
- Easy transaction tracking
- Real time financial visibility from anywhere
- Secure cloud based platform
- Mobile app for on the go access
- Seamless integration with Theataccounts' services

What This Means for You

When you choose Professional or Premium packages, Xero is included in your monthly fee. We handle all the setup and configuration, so you can focus on your creative work.

- No additional software costs, our fees cover the software
- Full setup and training included
- Direct integration with your bank accounts
- Automatic categorisation of entertainment industry expenses
- Real time access to your financial data
- Quarterly MTD submissions handled seamlessly
- Year round visibility of your tax position



FAQs & Common Myths

We wanted to clear up the most common questions and misconceptions about MTD — so you can make an informed decision with confidence.

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if I miss a submission?

HMRC's penalty system kicks in. We send reminders and handle submissions on most packages.

Do I still need to complete a 2026 tax return?

Yes. Your 2025/26 Self Assessment tax return is still required as normal. MTD quarterly reporting begins from April 2026 which will cover your 2026/27 tax return.

Should I become a limited company instead?

MTD applies to sole traders and landlords, not limited companies. Incorporation is not right for everyone. We can advise on the best structure for your situation.

Why is the Tax system changing?

HMRC is modernising tax to reduce errors and give a real time view of income throughout the year.

Common Myths

Software can replace an accountant

Software simply records transactions. Software can not review accuracy, spot tax savings, or ensure compliance. This level of expertise is the value an accountant adds.

I'll have to pay tax four times a year

MTD changes how you report, not when you pay. Your tax bill is still paid as normal. Quarterly submissions are simply income and expense updates.

Professional help is too expensive

The additional cost of professional MTD support can cost less than a monthly takeaway. The right advice often pays for itself through a lot less hassle and tax savings alone.

Spreadsheets are fine for MTD

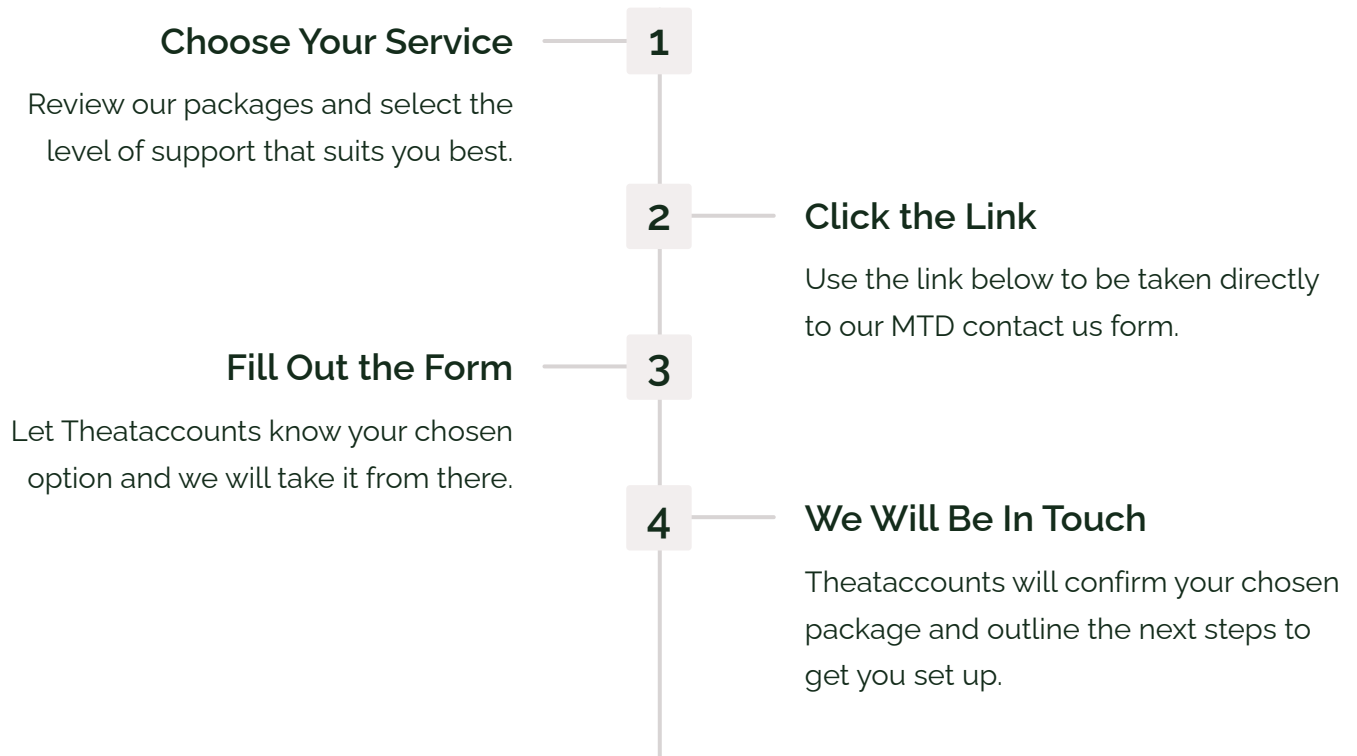
HMRC requires MTD compatible software for quarterly submissions. Spreadsheets will not meet the requirements, and non compliant submissions can trigger penalties.

Let's Get The Show Started

Take Your Seat — We Will Handle the Rest

No matter your requirement, our team are always here to take away as much of the stress as possible.

We hope you have found our information useful. Please complete the relevant information on the below link to confirm which service option you would like to choose.



Choose My Service Option

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