

Tax

How to manage VAT, Self Assessment, Final Accounts and Corporation Tax in FreeAgent

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Welcome!

In this manual, you will learn:

- how to manage your clients' VAT registration settings
- how to make adjustments to a client's VAT return and submit it using MTD
- how to apply the domestic reverse charge to subcontractor invoices
- how to prepare a client's Self Assessment tax return and file it directly to HMRC
- how to file FRS 105 micro-entity Final Accounts to Companies House and a CT600 Corporation Tax return to HMRC

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VAT setup

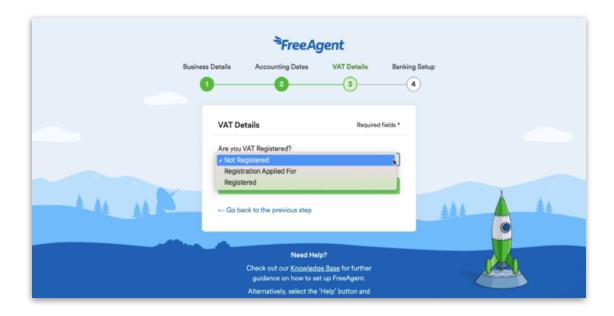
Setting up VAT registration

During the initial setup of a new client account, you will be asked to input your client's VAT details.

Note: Before entering your client's VAT details, make sure you've completed the other client account setup steps. If you're unsure how to set up your client's account, please review the FreeAgent Essentials module before continuing with this module.

Enter your client's VAT registration details by selecting the appropriate option from the drop-down list:

- Not registered
- Registration applied for
- Registered



Registration applied for

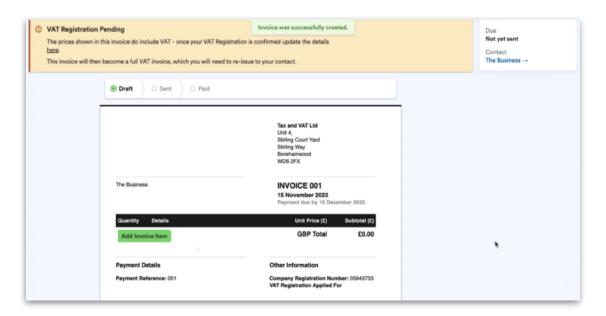
Select 'Registration applied for' if your client has applied for VAT registration but hasn't received their VAT certificate yet.

If you choose 'Registration applied for', then within that short period FreeAgent will:

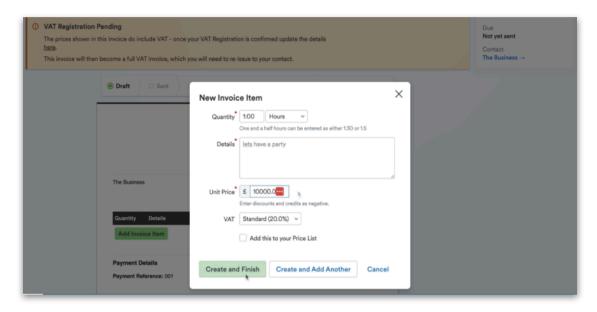
- gross up any sales invoices by 20%
- include a note on sales invoices saying 'VAT Registration Applied For'

The effective date of registration is the date that registration forms were submitted to HMRC. Once you're happy with the correct date, select 'save and continue' and continue client setup as normal.

Go to 'Work' then 'Invoicing' and create an invoice.



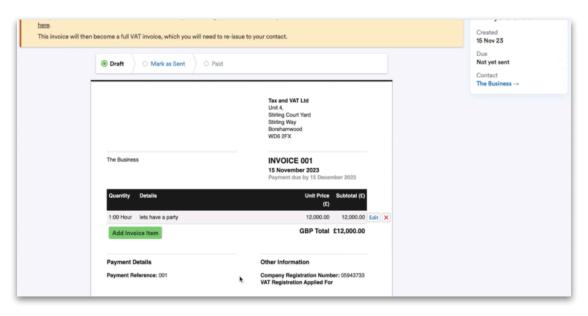
Include at least one invoice item and select 'Save and Finish'.



You can see that the total invoice amount has been grossed up to include the VAT amount. In this example, the standard VAT rate has been applied to an invoice amount of £10,000 to give a total of £12,000.

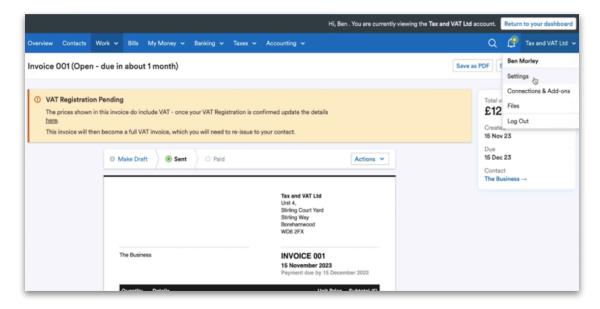
Additionally, a note has been added at the bottom of the invoices stating 'VAT Registration Applied For'.

A notification will be displayed above the invoice, reminding the user that the invoice has been grossed up with VAT and that the invoice will need to be reissued when the business becomes fully VAT-registered.

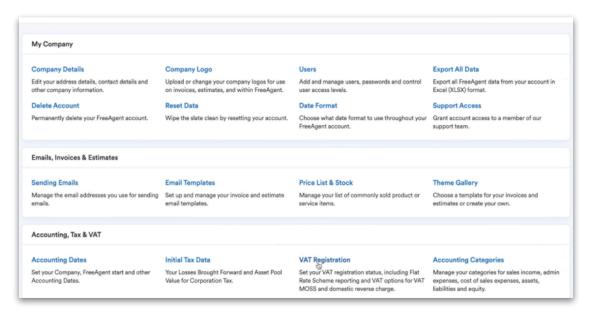


Mark this invoice as sent and return to the overview page.

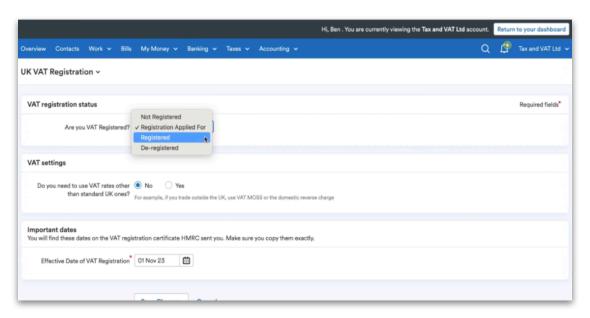
When your client receives their VAT registration certificate from HMRC, you will need to change your client's VAT status from 'Registration applied for' to 'Registered'. To do this, select your client's name in the top-right corner.



Then go to 'Settings' and select 'VAT Registration'.

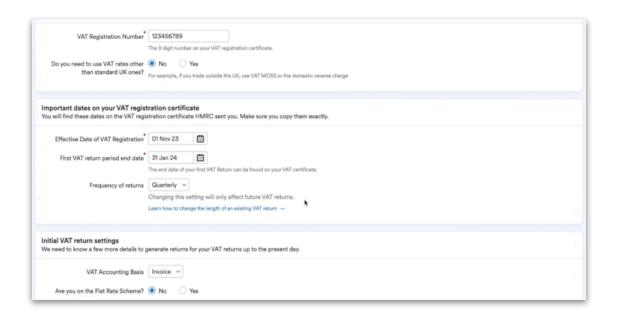


You can now change your client's VAT status from 'Registration applied for' to 'Registered'.

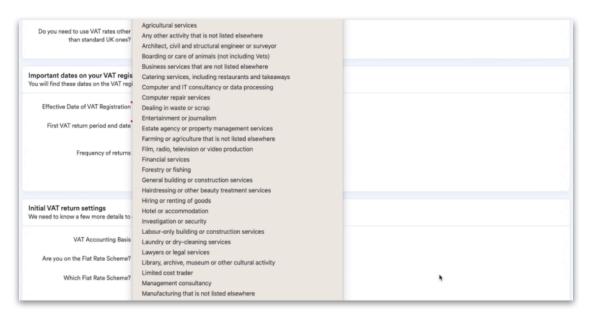


On this screen, add:

- your client's VAT registration number
- the effective date of VAT registration
- the first period end date
- the frequency of returns choose either 'Quarterly', 'Monthly' or 'Yearly' from the drop-down menu

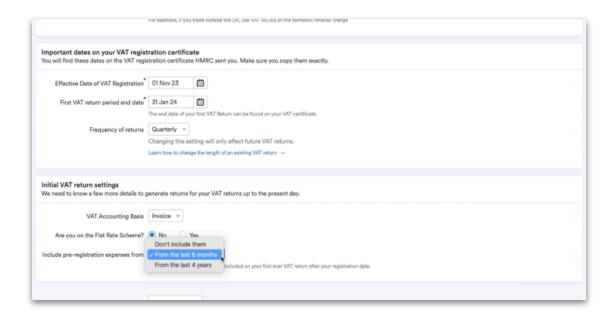


In the 'Initial VAT return settings' section, choose the appropriate VAT accounting scheme (invoice accounting or cash accounting) for your client. If your client is on the VAT Flat Rate Scheme, select 'Yes' and choose a scheme from the drop-down list.



FreeAgent will automatically apply the correct percentage to the selected scheme. In the first 12 months of the business being registered for VAT, the percentage will be reduced by one point, giving the Flat Rate Scheme discount. It will then be reverted to default after 12 months.

Here you can also select whether pre-registration expenses should be included on the first VAT return. You will be able to include the cost of any services from the past six months or any goods that the business still holds from the past four years. FreeAgent will include everything from within this time period on your first VAT return, regardless of whether they're goods or services. You'll need to go back through each transaction and confirm which should be included and which should not.



Select 'Save Changes' once you're happy that all settings are correct.

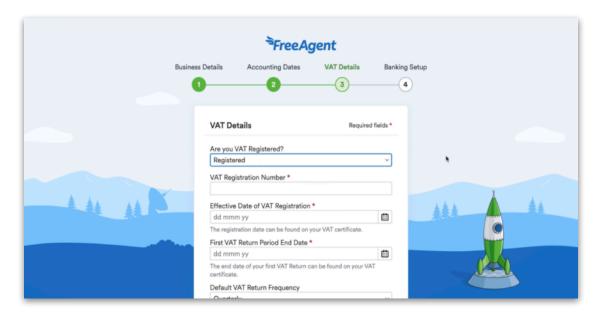
Reissuing invoices

Any invoices that were issued during the 'Registration applied for' period will need to be reissued to enable the client to reclaim the input VAT element from their side. Output VAT will automatically be included for all invoices issued from the date of the effective registration.

Registered for VAT

If you've chosen the 'VAT registered' option during the setup process, you'll be able to input all the necessary information here. This includes:

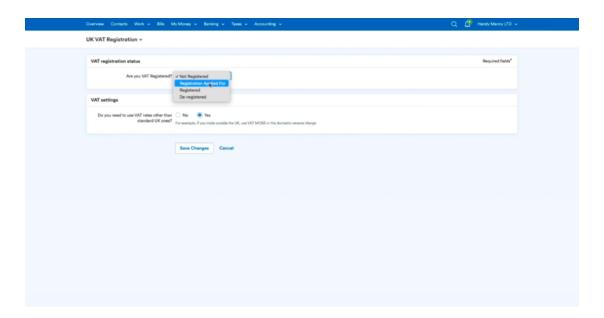
- effective date of registration
- first VAT return period end date
- frequency of submission
- VAT accounting basis on your VAT registration date
- if applicable select the VAT Flat Rate Scheme



Once you're happy that all the details are correct, select 'Save and Continue.'

Changing VAT status for an existing client

If your client is already on FreeAgent and has applied for VAT registration, you can change their VAT status. To do that, click the business name and go to 'Settings', Accounting, Tax & VAT' and then 'VAT registration'.



You'll be able to click on the drop-down menu under 'VAT registration status', where you can choose between two options:

'Registration applied for'

Select this option if the business is still awaiting the VAT registration certificate.

'Registered'

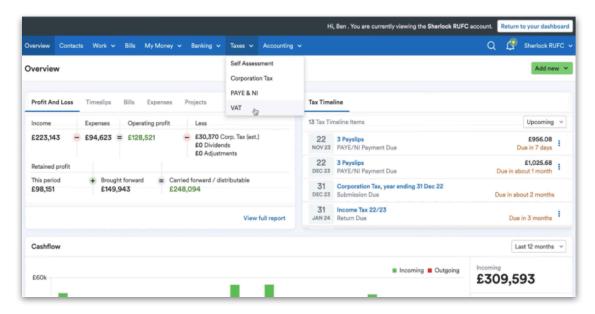
Select this option if your client has already received their VAT registration certificate.

Again, choose whether they are on the cash or invoice accounting scheme or if they're on the VAT Flat Rate Scheme. As before, if it is their first year on the Flat Rate Scheme, FreeAgent will automatically take into account the 1% deduction from HMRC. Change the VAT return period if needed and select 'Save Changes'.

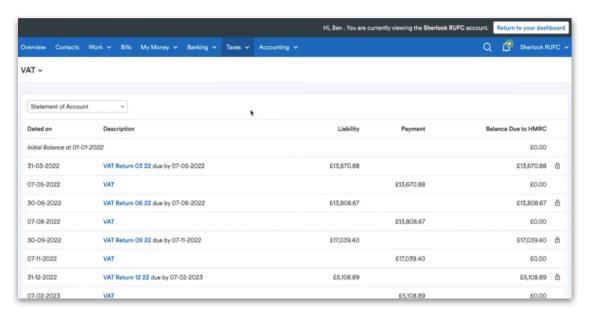
VAT return submissions

Reviewing a VAT return

To review and submit a VAT return via MTD, first go to the 'Taxes' menu and select 'VAT' from the drop-down menu.



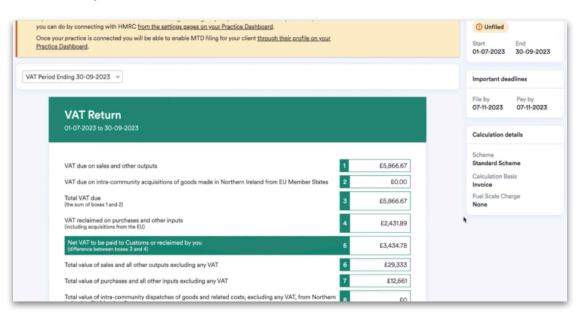
Here you will see VAT periods and their corresponding payments or refunds. VAT periods with padlocks next to them indicate that these returns have been submitted to HMRC and that these are now locked for editing.



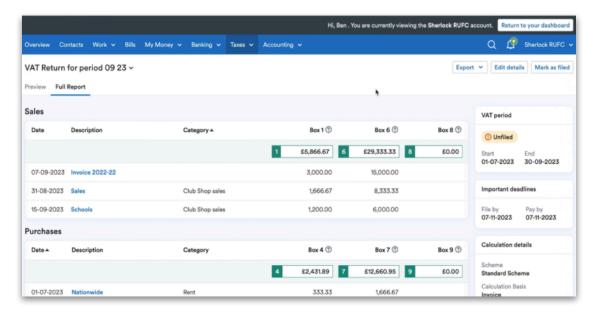
However, if a transaction is posted into a locked VAT period, this transaction will be included on the next open VAT return. FreeAgent will report the transaction with its original date, but the VAT element will be allocated to code 823 Deferred VAT and then journaled out on the first day of the new VAT period.

Almost all types of transactions can be posted with a date within a closed VAT period. The only transaction that cannot be posted into a locked VAT period is the journal entry to codes 818 VAT Reclaimed and 819 VAT Charged. For more details on making corrections in a VAT locked period, see the Knowledge Base.

Select the VAT return you would like to submit, and you will be taken to the preview page.

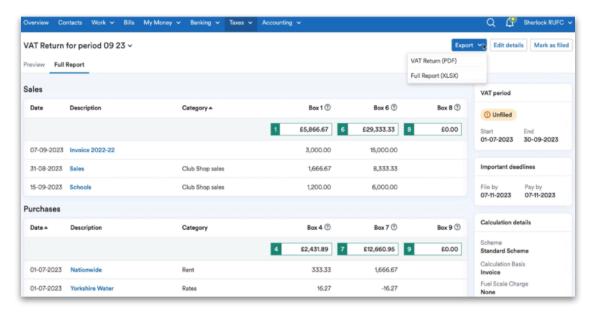


Within an open VAT return, you can review all transactions that make up boxes 1-9 by selecting the 'Full Report' tab.



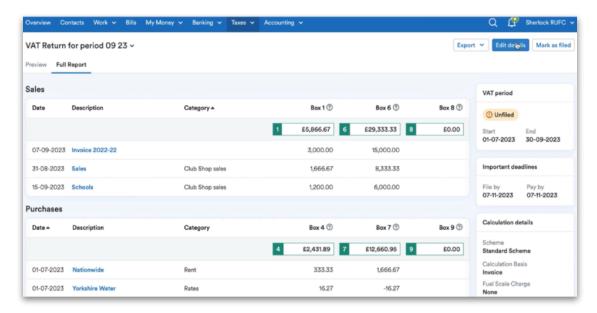
Transactions here will be divided into two sections - sales and purchases - and every line here includes a link to the original transaction, so if you need to edit it for VAT purposes, just select a given entry.

The full report itself can be exported in Excel format by selecting the 'Export' button on the right-hand side. The preview version of the VAT return can also be exported in PDF format.



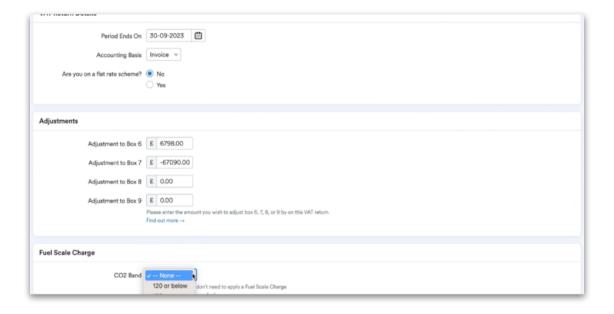
Making adjustments to a VAT return

To edit boxes 6, 7, 8 or 9, select the 'Edit Details' button in the full report.



Edits to boxes 6-9 can be done by inputting a monetary amount. This should be a positive number if you want to increase the value of the box and a negative number if you want to decrease the value of the box.

You can also apply fuel scale charges by selecting the CO2 band of the business vehicle that is used for personal journeys. By selecting the appropriate CO2 band, FreeAgent will automatically adjust box 1 and box 6 of that specific VAT return.



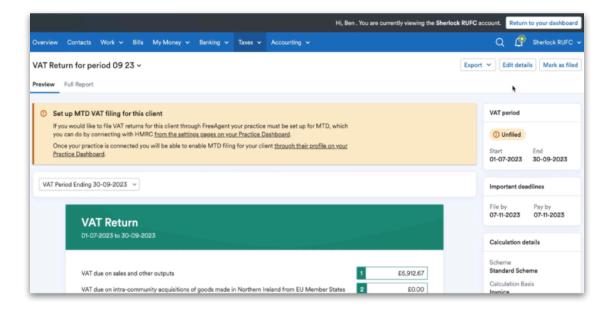
You can also change the basis on which VAT returns are prepared. Simply select from the drop-down menu if you want to change to a cash or invoice basis, or select 'Yes' if the client's business has moved to a VAT Flat Rate Scheme. Once selected, the drop-down menu will appear and you will be able to select the appropriate scheme.



Please note that if you want the change to be applied to future VAT returns, you will need to change all open VAT returns. Open VAT returns are the ones displayed without a padlock in the VAT area.

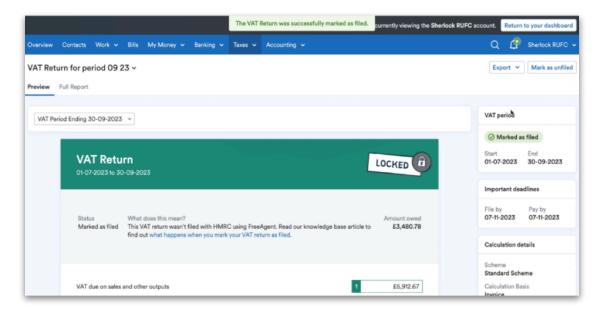
Submitting a VAT return

Once you're happy with all the numbers, simply select the 'File online with HMRC' button to submit the return to HMRC.



FreeAgent will then display the legal declaration box that will need to be confirmed before the submission can be made. Confirmation of the legal declaration states that all the information that makes up the VAT return is honest and true. Tick the box next to the declaration and then select the 'Submit VAT Return' button.

Once the submission is successful, you will see the 'Filed' mark displayed on the VAT return along with the 'form bundle number'. You will also get a submission receipt showing the time and day of the submission and the receipt ID. On the right-hand side of the VAT return, you will see some important information displayed, such as the return period dates, submission and payment deadlines and the calculation details.



Below the VAT return, you'll see information about when the payment is due, and how much is due to and from HMRC.

Even though it's possible to mark the VAT return as paid, you'll still need to go into the relevant bank account and explain the transaction as a VAT payment.

Journal entries for VAT

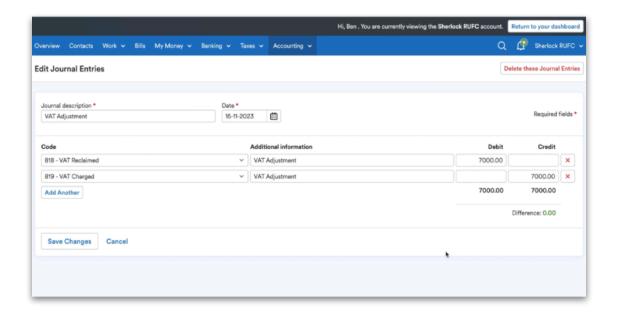
FreeAgent allows you to adjust the amounts in the boxes on VAT returns using journal entries. Some transactions might not be entered into FreeAgent as an invoice, bill or bank transaction but simply as a journal entry.

To capture the VAT element correctly and feed it through to the VAT return, you will need to split the VAT and post it into separate nominal codes, one for input VAT and one for output VAT.

To do this, navigate to the 'Accounting' tab and select 'Journal Entries'.

Here you can select the accounting period to which the journal should be posted. Select 'Add New Journal Entries'.

If you want to post a transaction that includes the input VAT, you would post the VAT element into nominal code 818 – VAT Reclaimed. Transactions where the output VAT needs to be shown should be posted into the nominal code 819 – VAT Charged.



The same process will apply if you have migrated a client to FreeAgent in the middle of the VAT period. You will need to bring input and output VAT and post it into separate nominal codes. Only then will the VAT return pull those values correctly.

If you simply post both amounts to the nominal code 817 – VAT, it will not be reported correctly on the VAT return. It will just be on the balance sheet as an asset or liability.

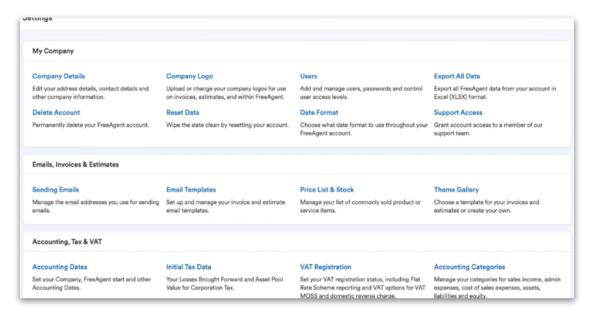
Please note that this is only permitted for journal entries posted with a date that falls within an open VAT return. If the VAT return for that period has already been submitted to HMRC, you will not be permitted to post any values to nominal codes 818 and 819.

Also, to correctly display all boxes of the VAT return of a newly migrated client, you will need to adjust the appropriate boxes on a VAT return. You will be able to do that in the relevant VAT return screen, as demonstrated previously.

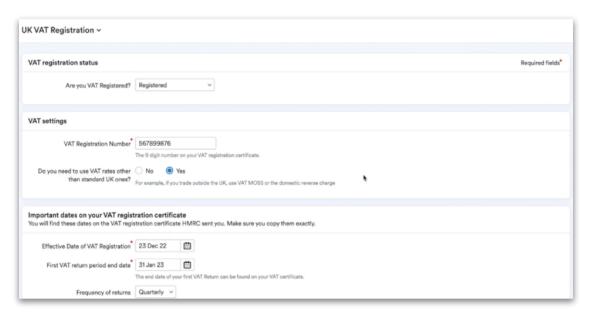
VAT: domestic reverse charge

Enabling the functionality

You can apply the domestic reverse charge to subcontractor invoices in FreeAgent. To enable the functionality, go to the 'Settings' menu and select 'VAT Registration'.



Select 'Yes' in response to the question 'Do you need to use VAT rates other than standard UK ones?' This will enable the domestic reverse charge to be selected for sales and purchase invoices.

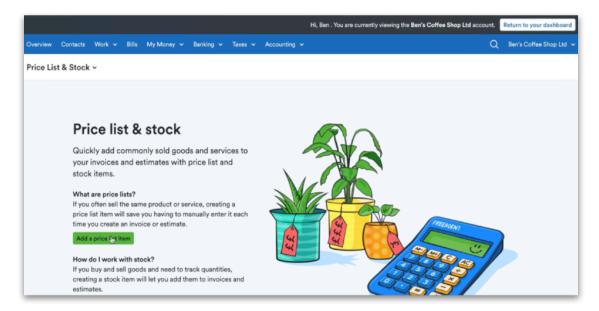


Creating VAT domestic reverse charge invoice items

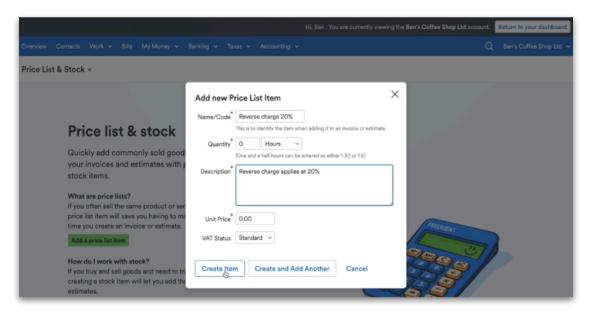
To comply with HMRC's guidelines for creating reverse charge invoices, you need to include the rate or amount of VAT you would have charged on the sale if the domestic reverse charge had not been applied.

This can be added manually as an invoice item description during the invoice creation process, or added in the form of a price list.

To do that, go back to the 'Settings' menu and select 'Price List & Stock'. Select the green button labelled 'Add a price list item'.



You will need to do this for both standard and reduced VAT rates. To deal with the standard rate first, enter a name that will allow you to recognise the item easily - for example, 'Reverse charge 20%'. 'Quantity' and 'Unit Price' can be left at 0. In the description, you should write 'Reverse charge applies at 20%'.

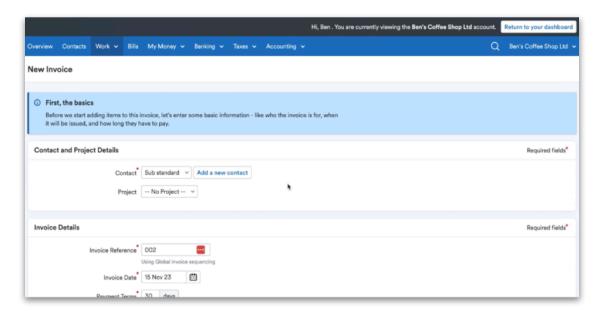


Select 'Create and Add Another', repeat the process for the reduced rate and select 'Create'.

Once both invoice items are created in the price list, you can generate an invoice under the reverse charge.

Creating sales invoices under the VAT domestic reverse charge

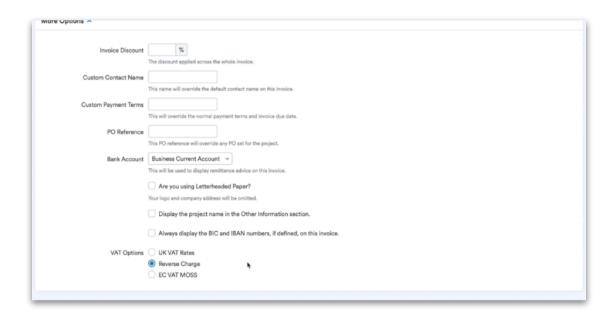
Go to 'Work' and select 'Invoicing'. Select 'Add New Invoice' and input all of the information.



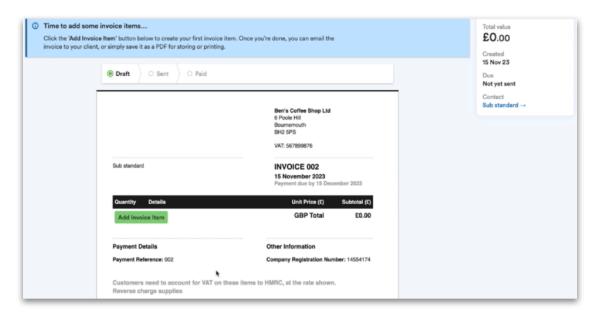
In the box labelled 'Additional Text', input the following sentence: 'Customers need to account for VAT on these items to HMRC, at the rate shown.'

If you are planning on creating a lot of invoices under the domestic reverse charge, you can make this additional text a default option. You will still be able to modify or remove it when needed.

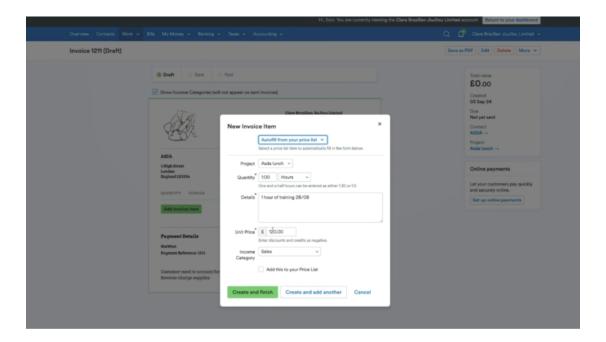
Next, you will need to select 'Reverse Charge' within the VAT options. This will ensure that no VAT is charged or displayed on the invoice. It will also add additional text at the bottom of the invoice stating that the invoice contains reverse charge supplies.



Once you are happy with everything on this screen, select 'Create New Invoice'.



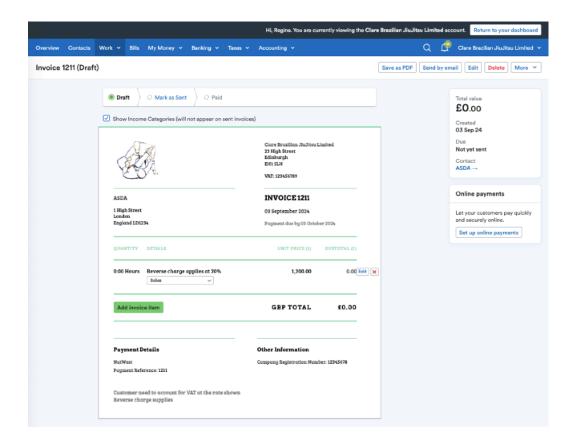
Next, you need to add the newly created 'price list' items. Select 'Add Invoice Item' and you will see all the invoice items, including the newly created ones, in the drop-down menu.



You can select 5% or 20% depending on what the invoice is for, and manually amend the quantity and the unit price. Add the further details to the item.

As the reverse charge applies to the construction industry, you would normally need to process the transaction under the Construction Industry Scheme (CIS). However, in this example, we will focus only on the VAT domestic reverse charge.

When you are happy with the details on this screen, you can select 'Create and Add Another' to repeat the process for other items on the invoice, or 'Create and Finish' if this is the only invoice item you wanted to add.



As you can see, the invoice is fully compliant with HMRC requirements. It doesn't charge any VAT but simply displays the rate of VAT that would apply if not for the domestic reverse charge.

Next, it displays additional information on the invoice stating that the invoice contains reverse charge supplies and that the customer should account for VAT on these items to HMRC.

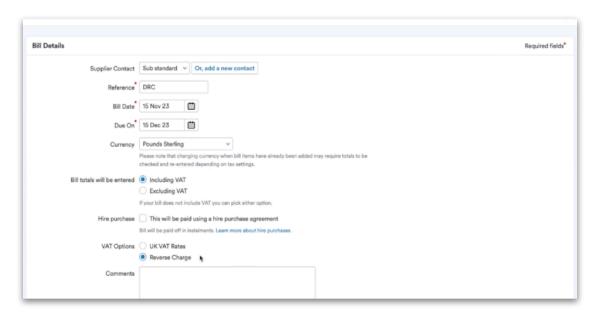
Once you are happy with all the information on the invoice, you can email it straight from FreeAgent or save it as a PDF.

Adding bills under the domestic reverse charge

Once the functionality is enabled in the system, it will apply to both sales and purchase invoices.

When you want to process a bill under the domestic reverse charge, select 'Bills', and then select 'Add New Bill'.

Process the bill as normal, but make sure to select 'Reverse Charge' within the 'VAT Options' section.



Another important thing to note here is that a bill entered under the domestic reverse charge will impact boxes 1, 4, 6 and 7 on the relevant VAT return.

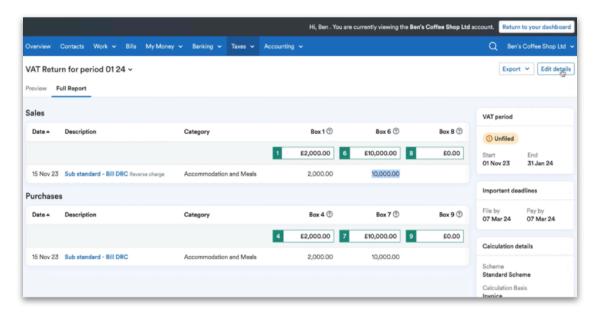
Under the HMRC guidance, only boxes 1, 4 and 7 should be amended in the process. Therefore, the gross amount of the invoice will need to be removed from box 6.

This can be done after every bill under the domestic reverse charge, or once a month or quarter. It is important to keep a note of the total amount for the period on an external spreadsheet.

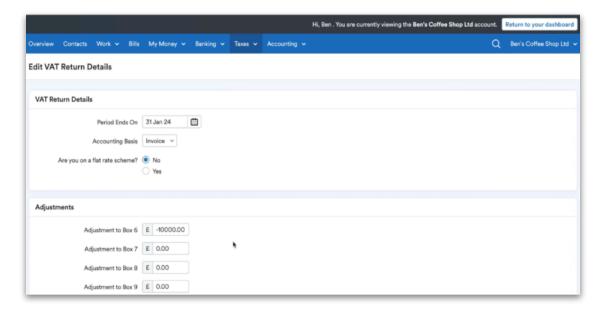
Removing the gross amount from box 6

To amend the figure in box 6, select 'Taxes', then 'VAT' and select the VAT period that you want to amend.

Within the VAT return screen, select 'Edit Details'.



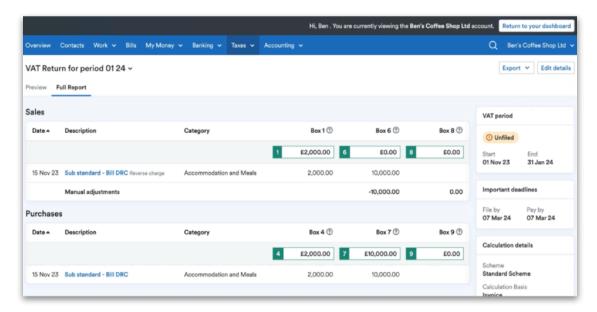
Here you will see the 'Adjustments' section where you can amend boxes 6-9.



To remove the amount of the bill, type the amount you want to remove as a negative number. In our example, the bill is for £10,000 so you would enter -10000.

You can amend this figure after every bill by adding to the amount in this box, or you can keep the figures on a separate document and enter the total in one go for a given VAT period.

Once you are happy with the adjustment, select 'Save Changes'. To check the adjustment, select 'Full Report' and scroll to the bottom of the 'Sales' section.



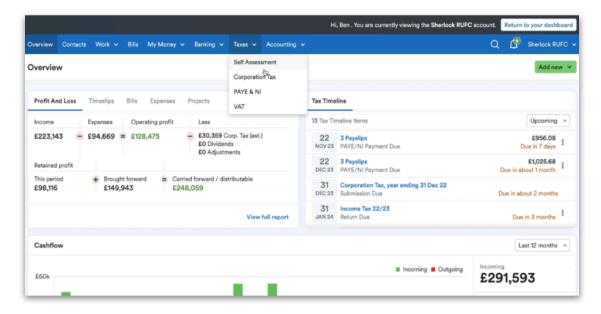
The adjustment will be displayed as 'Manual adjustment' at the very bottom. The other boxes will display the correct amounts. Boxes 1 and 4 will display the VAT element under the reverse charge, while box 7 will display the value of the purchase.

Self Assessment

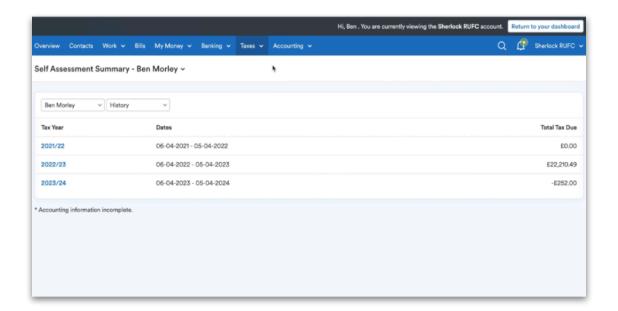
Self Assessment submission

Within FreeAgent, you can prepare a client's Self Assessment tax return and file it directly to HMRC.

To access the form, select 'Taxes' and then 'Self Assessment'.



Here you will be able to see different fiscal year periods for different users.

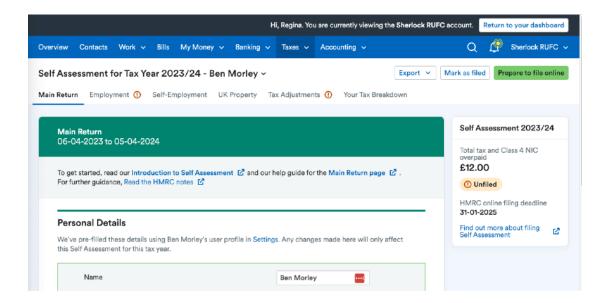


Although you can see the returns of all users, you can only make a submission for directors of limited companies (within limited company FreeAgent accounts), self-employed individuals (within sole trader FreeAgent accounts) and landlords (within unincorporated landlord FreeAgent accounts).

Use the drop-down menu to select the appropriate user and then select a fiscal year.

Please note that any payments on account for the following tax year will not be included in this figure.

Across the top you can see individual pages of the Self Assessment tax return.

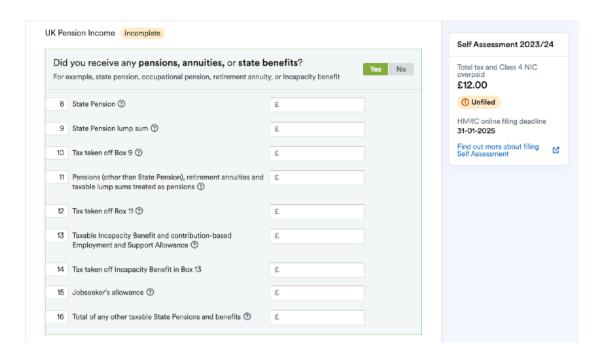


- The 'Main Return' page is for recording your client's personal details, sources of income such as bank interest, dividends from shares and any tax reliefs. Here you can also record any charges that apply to your clients, such as student loan repayments and the High Income Child Benefit Charge.
- The 'Employment' page allows you to report your clients' wages and any benefits received from their employment during the tax year. If FreeAgent's built-in payroll functionality is used to process your client's monthly payroll, then the amounts such as gross pay and tax deducted at source will be populated automatically. If the licence type is a limited company, then this will only apply to the directors and not the employees.

- The 'Self Employment' page allows you to report your client's selfemployment income received during the tax year. If the licence type is a sole trader, this page will be populated automatically.
- The 'UK Property' page allows you to report your clients' rental income received during the tax year. If the licence type is an unincorporated landlord, this page will be populated automatically.
- The 'Tax Adjustments' page contains an overview of the tax liability and the National Insurance contributions. This page can be used to record any tax adjustments, such as a reduction in payments on account.
- Lastly, selecting 'Your Tax Breakdown' at the bottom of the panel shows the income tax computation.

FreeAgent will populate the form with all the information that it has already in the system for each specific licence type, such as the UTR number or sum of dividends processed in a given tax year for the company directors. Or the rental income and expenses for the unincorporated landlord licence.

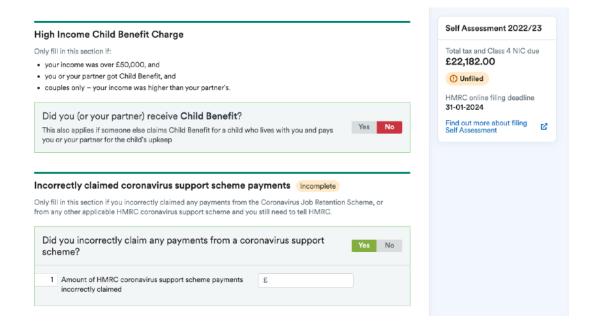
The return can be completed simply by answering 'Yes' or 'No' to questions displayed on headings on each page. For example, if the client receives a state pension you would select 'Yes' here.



This opens an additional form where you can input further details. If a given question does not apply to your client simply select 'No'. All of the questions must be answered before the submission to HMRC is made.

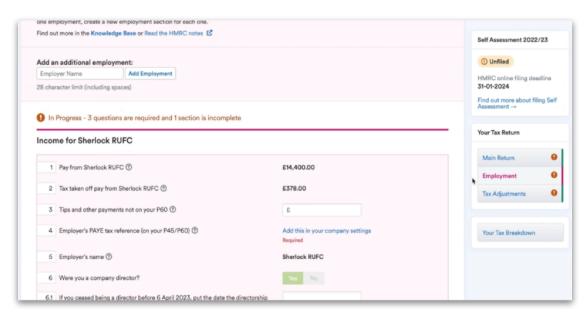
From the fiscal year 2020/2021 to 2022/2023, you can also report any errors made when claiming from an HMRC coronavirus support scheme.

For example, if your client overclaimed through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme or accidentally applied for the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme, and the error hasn't been reported to HMRC, you can enter these figures into the 'Main Return' page here.



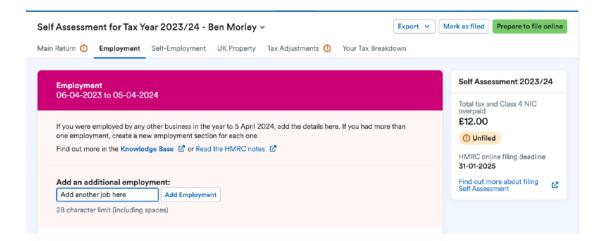
The total amount of SEISS payments incorrectly claimed should go in box 2 while the total of any other coronavirus support scheme overclaimed should go in box 1.

Once you are happy with all of the details on this page, select 'Employment' at the top of the screen. Here you will be able to report all of the information relating to your client's paid employment.

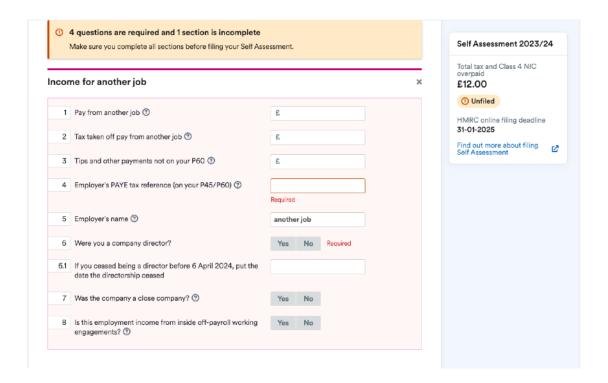


As mentioned previously, the employment details kept within the FreeAgent's payroll module will be populated here automatically.

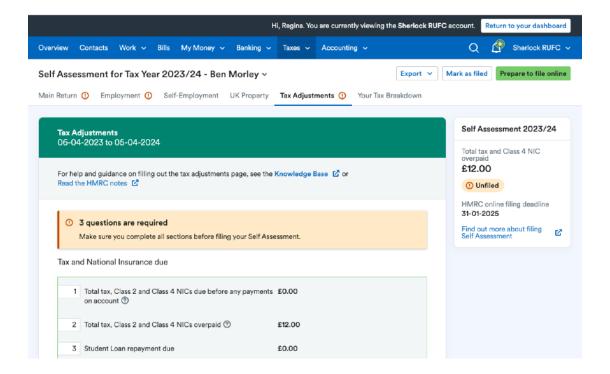
If your client has more than one paid employment you will need to input the name of the employer at the top of this page and select 'Add Employment'.



This will then add an additional form at the bottom of this page. The form will be fully editable and you will need to input all of their details there.



Once completed, select 'Tax Adjustments' at the top of the screen and then complete and review this page as well.

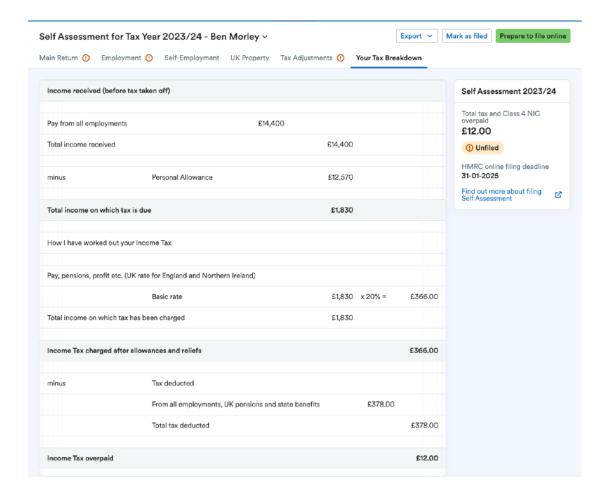


Once you have included all of the information for the given fiscal year, you will be able to see the tax calculation by selecting 'Your Tax Breakdown' at the top of the screen or on the panel on the right-hand side.

FreeAgent includes the personal allowance within its calculation. Also, the personal allowance will be automatically reduced if the total income for the year exceeds £100,000.

The total income on which tax is due will then be divided into different types of income and tax brackets. Total Income Tax due for that fiscal year will be displayed here and the calculated payments on account will be displayed below. The information displayed on this page can serve as the equivalent of an SA302 form.

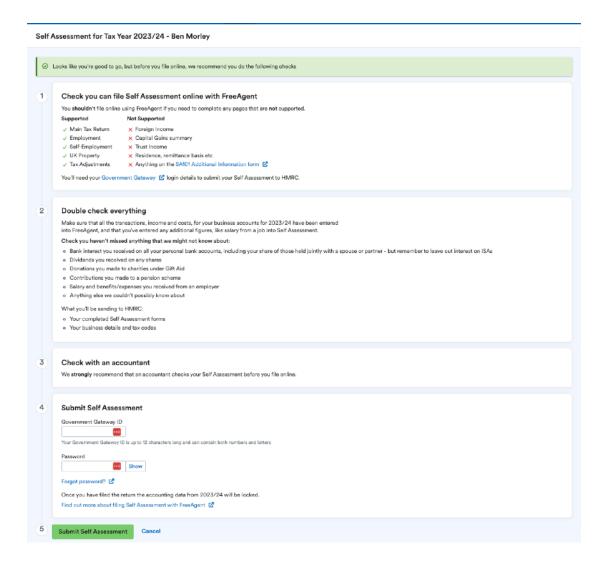
When it comes to submission, simply select 'Prepare to File Online'.



Here you will see the forms that are currently supported and the ones that FreeAgent doesn't offer support for.

Once all of the checks are performed, you can file the return with HMRC by selecting the green button labelled 'File online with HMRC'.

You will need to input your agent credentials and select 'Submit Self Assessment'.



FreeAgent will then run the submission. Once completed, you will see a confirmation box on the right-hand side displaying the time and date of the submission. If the submission is rejected, FreeAgent will display that information in the box as well.

Once submitted, the return itself will become locked and you will not be able to edit it.

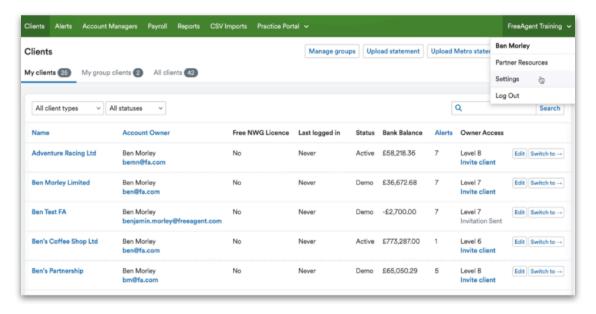
End of Year: setup and preparation

Global settings for Final Accounts

In FreeAgent, you can file FRS 105 micro-entity Final Accounts to Companies House and a CT600 Corporation Tax return to HMRC.

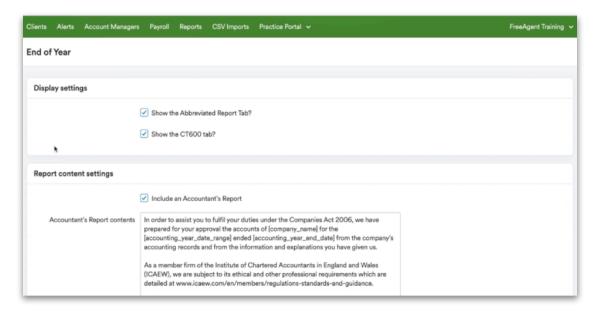
This is done within each client's individual FreeAgent licence, but the initial setup must be done within your Practice Dashboard. You will need to specify some global settings that will affect all your limited company clients.

Select the name of your practice in the top-right corner, then select 'Settings'.



Select 'End of Year' from the Settings menu.

Here you can decide if you want to display the abbreviated report and CT600 tabs within the End of Year report. Underneath, you can decide whether you want to include an accountant's report or not. If you decide to do so, you will be able to input and modify its content.



At the very bottom of this page, you can create a default email template that will be used when Final Accounts are sent to the client for review and approval.

You can use a variety of tags that will be replaced with the actual data when you go to a specific client account. For example, the [company_name] tag will be replaced with the actual name of the company.

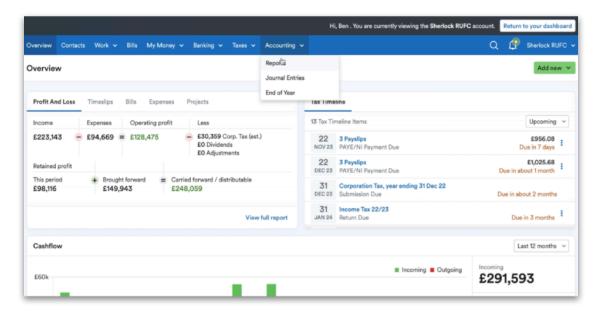
Please note that as these are global settings, they will apply to all of your limited company clients for whom you want to file Final Accounts and Corporation Tax returns.

Once you are happy with the content of this page, select 'Save Changes'.

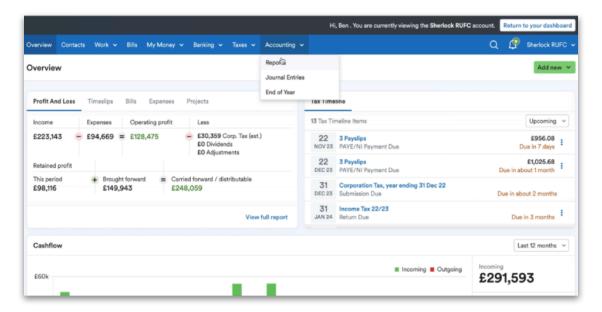
Preparation of the Final Accounts and Corporation Tax return

Once you are happy with the global settings, you can start the preparation process. Most of the work should be done for you by this stage, as the bookkeeping that you or your client have done already will populate the report automatically.

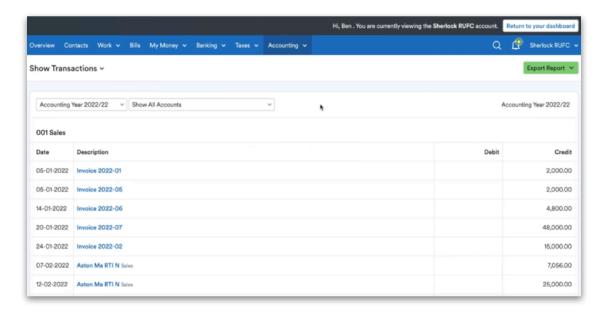
If you want to review the allocations of transactions, go to 'Accounting' and select 'Reports'.



You will be able to extract the trial balance and the nominal ledger report to review all nominal codes and allocations of individual transactions. The nominal ledger report can be accessed by selecting 'Show Transactions'.

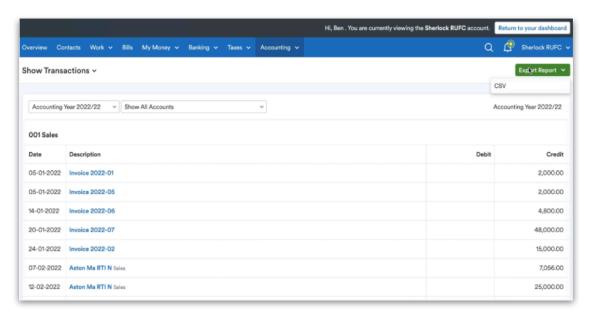


Here you will need to select the accounting year under consideration and then, in the second drop-down list, select 'Show All Accounts'. This will display all of the nominal codes with individual transactions included in them.



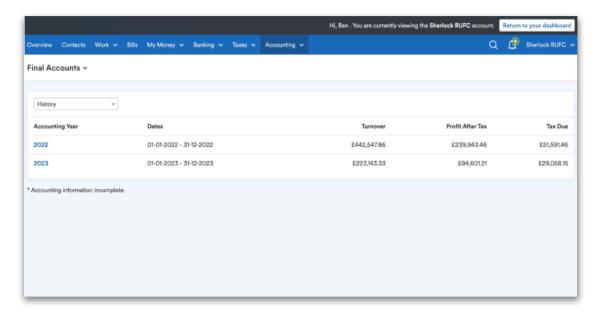
Here you can select individual transactions and amend them if needed.

The report itself can be exported in CSV format for further analysis.



Once you are happy with the allocation of transactions to individual nominal codes, return to the 'Reports' page.

Select 'Final Accounts' and select the accounting year for which you want to make a filing.

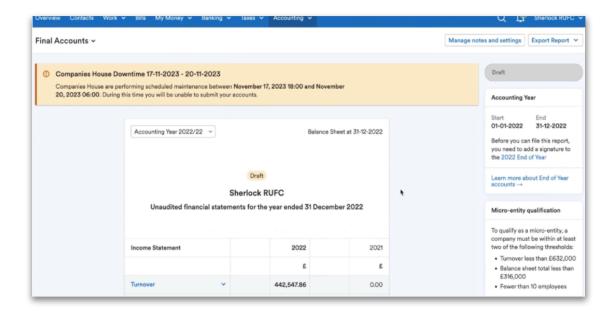


Please note that filing to Companies House within FreeAgent can only be done for micro-entities under the FRS 105 standards.

On the right of the screen, you can see a set of criteria that a company must meet in order to qualify as a micro-entity. At least two of the following three thresholds must be met:

- Turnover less than £632,000
- Balance sheet total less than £316,000
- Fewer than 10 employees as an average in the given accounting period

Please note FreeAgent will not automatically check whether the company meets the criteria above - this should be analysed by you.

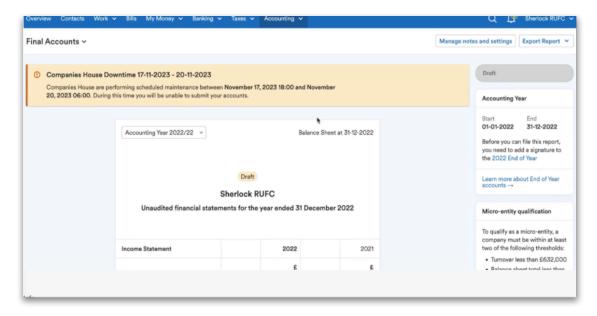


For companies that do not meet at least two of these thresholds, the filing will need to be done outside of FreeAgent. The rest of this guide will assume that the company meets the criteria and can file within FreeAgent.

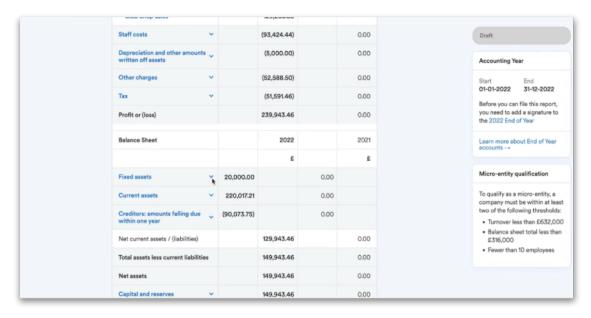
If you are filing your first set of accounts since the incorporation, you will only see the numbers that correspond to the current accounting period.

If, however, you are filing a set of accounts for a company where the filings for prior years have been done in separate software, you will be able to input the comparative numbers for the prior year by selecting the 'Manage notes and settings' tab. See the <u>Knowledge Base</u> for more details.

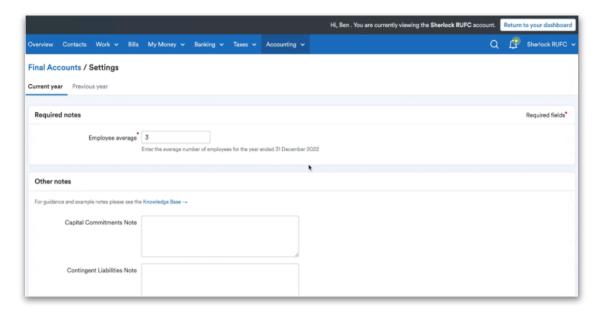
Please note that the comparative figures will not populate automatically from the opening balances, and neither will these comparative numbers override any of the opening balances. These numbers will only be displayed as comparative figures and will not affect any other area of the software. Let's go to the accounting year to examine the rest of the process.



Most of the headings on this report can be drilled down to see which nominal codes make up a given figure. They will apply to both the profit and loss and the balance sheet figures. The fixed assets figure is made up of individual capital assets and their accumulated depreciation.



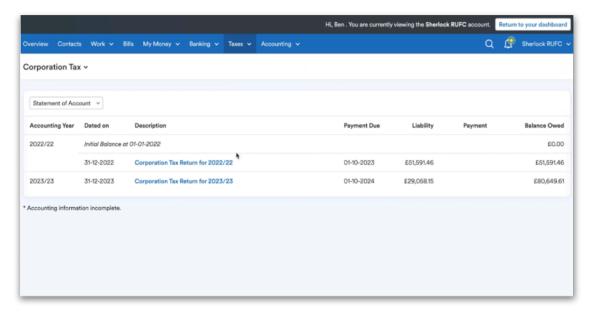
You can also add the average number of employees and any additional notes to the accounts. To do that, you need to select 'Manage notes and settings'.



'Employee average' is a compulsory note, and it sits at the top of the page. Other notes in a free format are positioned below. For guidance on what to put in these boxes, or to see examples, see the <u>Knowledge Base</u>.

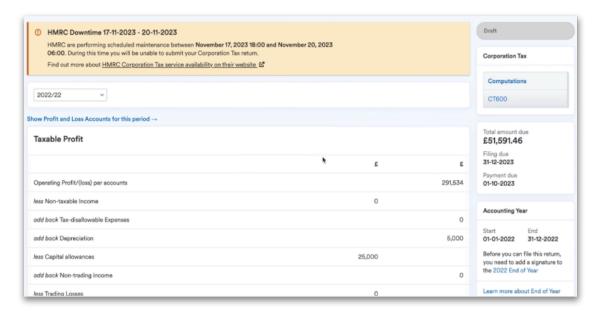
Once notes and comparative figures in the accounts are included, you can look at the Corporation Tax return.

To access the computation, select 'Taxes' and then 'Corporation Tax'. Here you will see tax returns for different accounting periods. This should correspond with the accounting periods of final accounts.



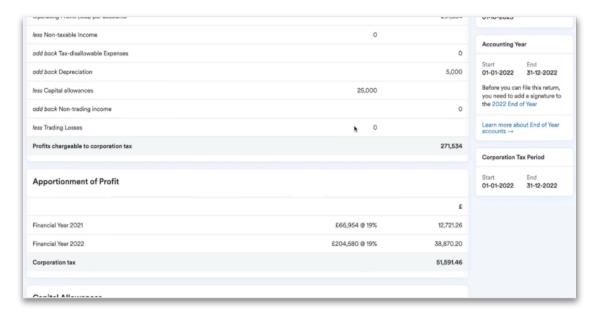
Select the period under consideration.

Let's go to the accounting period that we will be able to file. As you can see, in the period ending after the year, the CT600 tab is visible at the top here.



The computation below takes the operating profit figure, adds disallowable expenses and depreciation and deducts capital allowances and other adjustments to end up with the profits chargeable to corporation tax (PCTCT).

It then splits the amount and apportions it between two fiscal years.

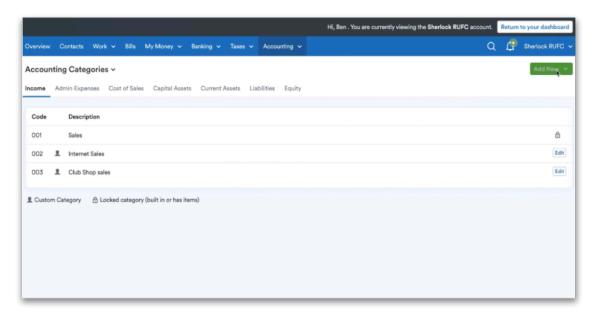


In this example, the corporation tax is at 19% in both periods, but this split will be necessary when there is a change in the corporation tax rate in future years.

Below, you can see a breakdown of disallowable expenses.

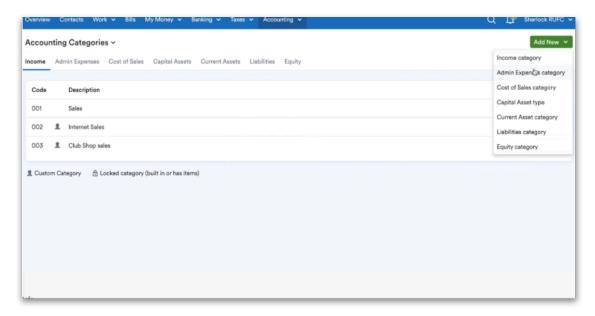
FreeAgent considers the entire nominal code, not the individual transactions, as allowable or disallowable.

To mark the code as disallowable, go to the 'Settings' area and select 'Accounting Categories'.

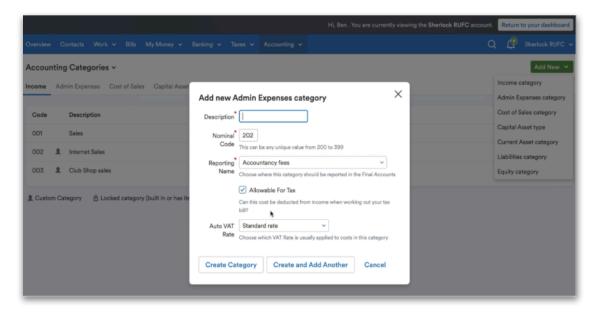


Only nominal codes within admin expenses and cost of sales can be marked as disallowable, and only if there were no transactions posted into these nominal codes.

You can also mark the code as disallowable when you are creating it. Simply select 'Add New' and select either the 'Admin Expenses' or 'Cost of Sales' category.

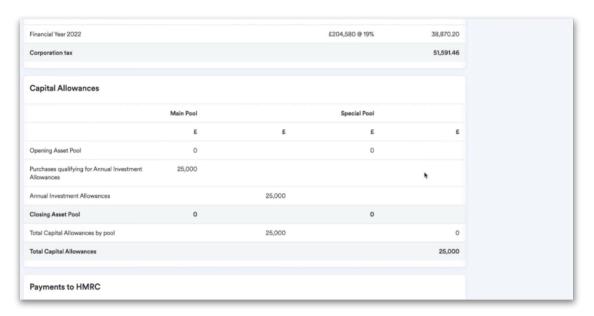


By default, the new category will have the box ticked, making it allowable for tax purposes. To mark it as disallowable, simply untick the box.



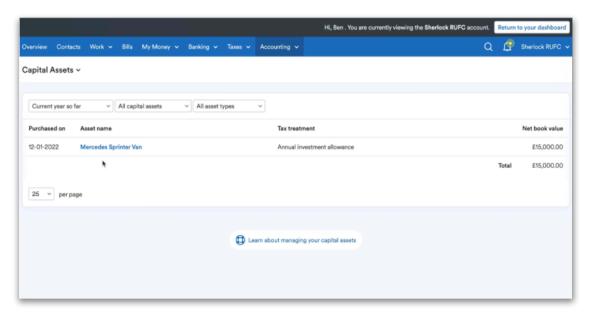
Here you can also select the 'Reporting Name' for the new code by selecting it from the drop-down menu. This will become an iXBRL tag applied to the code when the accounts are submitted to HMRC.

Let's go back to the Corporation Tax return and explore other areas. Below, you can see the section for Capital Allowances.

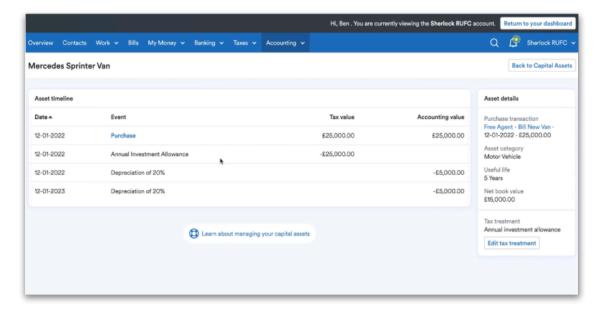


When assets are added to FreeAgent, they are automatically assigned to 'Annual Investment Allowance'. However, this can be changed for each individual asset.

To do that, you need to go to 'Accounting', then 'Reports' and select 'Capital Assets'. Here you will see all the assets in the business.

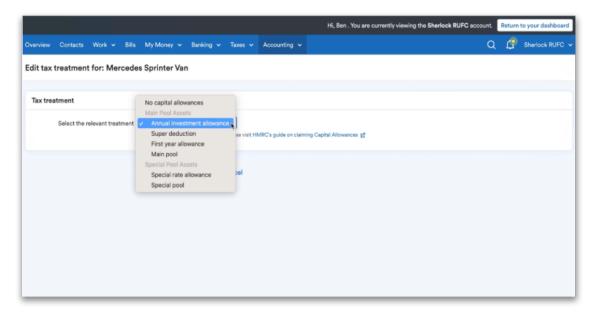


To amend the tax treatment of any specific asset, simply select the asset name. This page will show us more details about that specific asset.



Here you can see the tax and accounting values and how they are derived.

At the bottom of this box here there is a button that says 'Edit tax treatment'. Here you can select a different treatment and save changes.



Based on our selection, FreeAgent will recalculate the capital allowances figure and amend the Corporation Tax return and CT600.

Back in the Corporation Tax computation screen, under 'Capital Allowances' is the last adjustment box, 'Trading Losses'.

FreeAgent supports losses brought forward from previous years but does not offer support for losses that are to be carried back to previous periods.

FreeAgent also supports form CT600A, so any companies with overdrawn director's loan accounts can file within FreeAgent.

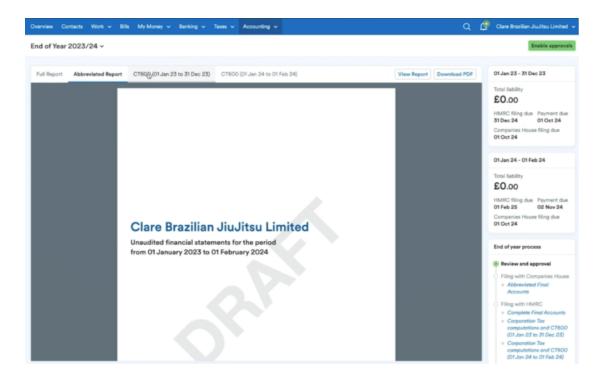
Once all of the adjustments are processed, you can review and submit the Final Accounts and Corporation Tax return to Companies House and HMRC.

End of Year: submissions

Submission of FRS 105 Final Accounts and CT600

Once you are happy with the Final Accounts and the Corporation Tax return, you can send them to the client for review and approval. To do that, select 'Accounting' and then 'End of Year'.

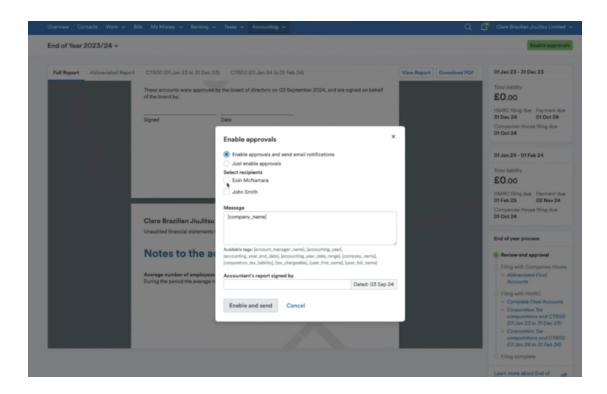
Here you will be able to see the Final Accounts and CT600 in their final format. You can use the drop-down menu at the top of the screen to change the accounting period. Below are separate tabs for full and abbreviated reports and the CT600.



You can scroll down the report itself to see all of the pages, including director's and accountant's reports, income statement, balance sheet and any additional notes.

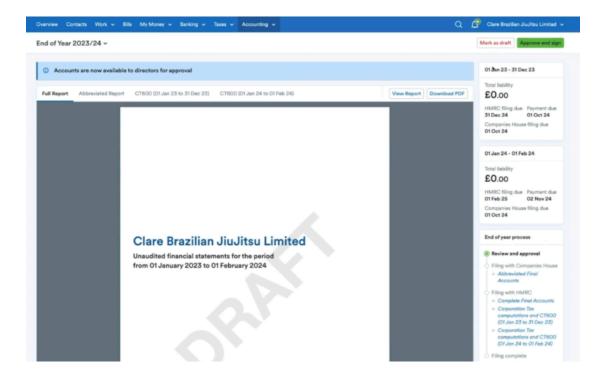
When you are happy with the accounts, you can send them to the client for review and approval.

To do that, simply select 'Enable approvals', select the option and the recipient of the email, and add a signature for the accountant's report and then select 'Enable and send'.

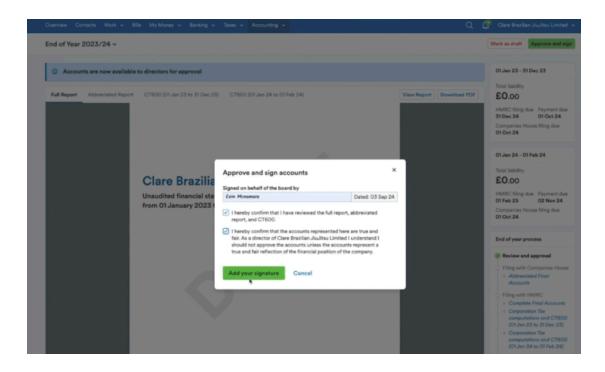


The client will then receive an email from FreeAgent asking them to review and approve the accounts.

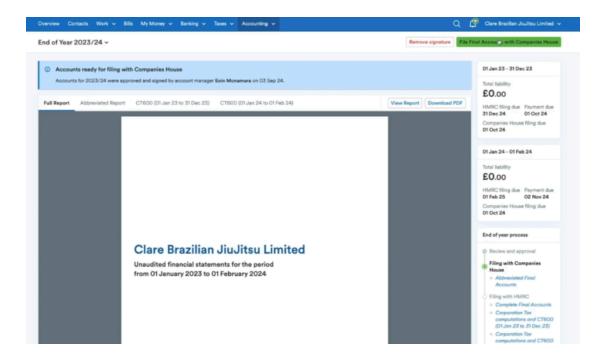
They will be able to log in to FreeAgent, see the 'End of Year' tab and review all the pages of the report.



To approve the accounts and the tax return they will need to select the green 'Approve and sign' button, type their name and tick the boxes to confirm their agreement with these statements, then select the 'Add your signature' button.



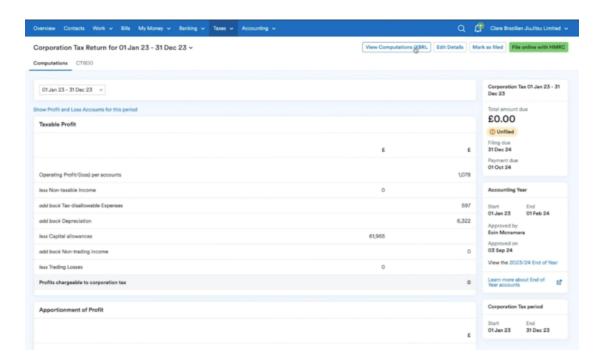
This will remove the 'Draft' watermark from the accounts and notify you that the client has approved the accounts. You will then be able to select the green 'File Final Accounts with Companies House' button.



Input your Companies House credentials and select the green 'Submit Final Accounts' button to file the accounts.

Please note that the only report that will be filed with Companies House is the Abbreviated Report.

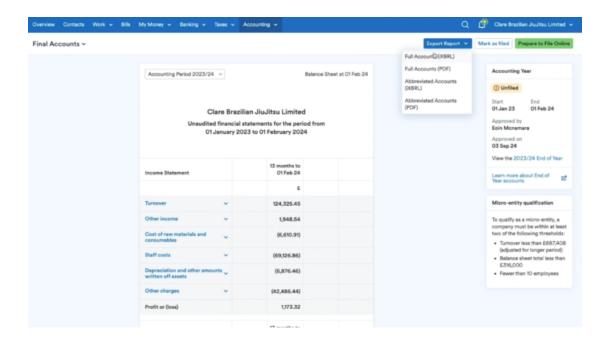
Once that is done, you will be able to repeat the process and file directly with HMRC. Select 'Taxes and Corporation Tax', click the green 'File online with HMRC' button and input your Government Gateway credentials, then select 'Submit Corporation Tax Return'.



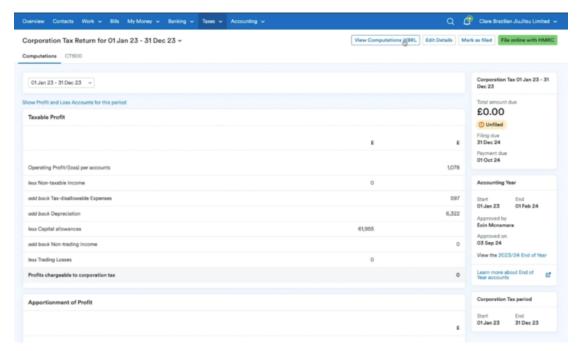
Please note that the submission to HMRC will include the iXBRL tagged accounts and the CT600 form.

Once the Final Accounts and Corporation Tax return are filed with Companies House and HMRC, a message will be displayed at the top of the page to confirm that the End of Year accounts are complete for a given accounting year.

You will be able to download the report in PDF format here. If you want to see the accounts in the iXBRL format, simply select 'View Report' and then select 'Export Report'. There are several options relating to the format of the accounts and the file format.



The iXBRL-format tax return can be viewed from the Corporation Tax area by selecting 'Taxes', then 'Corporation Tax' and then the accounting year in question. Then select the 'View Computation iXBRL' button.



Once the Final Accounts and Corporation Tax return are submitted to Companies House and HMRC, FreeAgent will lock the account for editing until the last day of the accounting period for which accounts were prepared and submitted.

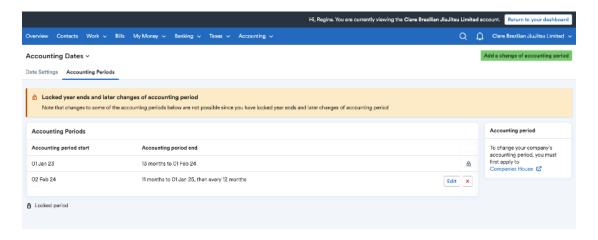
Change of the accounting period

FreeAgent allows the change of an accounting period and is available for all licences: sole trader, limited company, partnership, LLP, unincorporated landlord and universal.

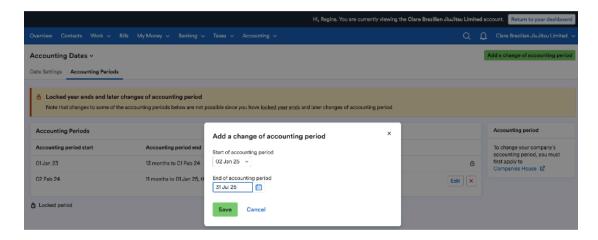
It is possible to shorten or extend the accounting period.

You can do this via Settings, under the section 'Accounting, tax and VAT' - select 'Accounting dates'.

Click on the tab 'Accounting Periods' which will show the current periods.



To add a change simply click on the green button - 'Add a change of an accounting period'. A pop-up will appear - fill in the start and the end of the new accounting period.



Click Save. FreeAgent will recalculate the accounting and tax periods. Please note, this may take a little while depending on the number of existing transactions in FreeAgent.

Support for your clients

FreeAgent offers you and your clients a wide range of support, including:

- bespoke practice training for you and your colleagues
- 'Getting Started' webinars for you, your staff and your clients to help them understand the FreeAgent basics
- a searchable online Knowledge Base
- telephone and online support for you and your staff from our dedicated
 Practice Support team
- telephone and online support for your clients from FreeAgent's customer support team
- a co-branded onboarding email journey to help clients get started and understand the basics of the software

Security measures at FreeAgent mean our Practice Support team will only communicate with account managers who are listed on your Practice's dashboard. Make sure that you add your staff members so they can receive support when they need it.

For more information on how to use FreeAgent, visit our Knowledge Base online. You'll find step-by-step instructions on how to complete a wide range of actions in FreeAgent, from basic functions right through to more complex accounting procedures.

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