



JT AccountS

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ACCOUNTING SECTION

Spend less time chasing payments and more time focusing on your business!

Are you a business owner that is dreading the 'C' word? Is it Covid 19 or Cash flow? Or both!

We are in unprecedented times and as a business owner you will know that cash flow is king and that sometimes it can be difficult and time-consuming to get those invoices paid, let alone paid on-time. JT AccountS are passionate about supporting all our clients, so if you run a business and you find yourself in that position most months, then we have a new service that can take this stress off of you. It's called JT AccountS Credit Control. This is a service which is dedicated to the chasing of unpaid or late invoices on your behalf thereby allowing you to reclaim your time lost. We know how delicate these matters can be and we will treat your clients with the utmost respect so that you can have peace of mind that your client relationships stay positive.

The added bonus to outsourcing this to us means:

- More free time to spend on the core of your business
- Improved cash flow
- Reduced debtor days and
- A reduced number of debtors

Call us for a quick chat to see if this can benefit your business. Our newest team member Nicola, is managing this new department, and can be reached on:

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Understanding Brexit Changes

Following the UK's exit out of Europe, new rules apply to things like travel and doing business with Europe. Use the Brexit checker to get a personalised list of actions for you, your business and your family.

1. Thinking of hiring from the EU?

The way you hire from the EU has changed too. You now need to register as a licensed sponsor to hire eligible people from outside the UK. In addition, anyone you want to recruit from outside the UK, excluding Irish citizens, needs to meet certain requirements and apply for permission first. Find out more here.

2. Trading with the EU?

For those companies wishing to trade with the EU, if you haven't done so already, an EORI (Economic Operators Registration and Identification) number must be applied for and used to identify businesses that want to import or export physical goods to another country. Since 1 January 2021, this includes EU countries. The EORI number is used for completing customs formalities and is the way that customs authorities identify who is importing or exporting goods.

Apply for an EORI number here:

Accounting for VAT on services between the UK and EU Member States

From 1 January 2021 the VAT rules applying for supplying services between the UK and EU member states will become the same as the current rules for supplying services from the UK to outside the EU. For example, if you are supplying services that are treated as supplies from the UK to consumers outside the UK, your services are supplied where your customer belongs and so are outside the scope of UK VAT. Further information on this and other industries can be found here.

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The Easing of Lockdown Rules and what this means for Businesses?

There have been varied reactions from business and industry sectors to the government announcement that lockdown rules will start to be relaxed from **8 March**, with all limits on social contact potentially removed on **21 June**. Different sectors can open on different dates, subject to social distancing rules, and presuming that the government's four key tests are met.

Non-essential retail – set to open on the **12th April**, alongside hairdressers, nail salons, gyms, and public buildings such as libraries. However, this means most retailers will miss out on the Easter trading period!

Pubs – potentially able to serve customers indoors from the **17th May** but subject to the 'rule of six' and table service only. Two thirds of pubs could stay closed during the outdoor-only trading period as they do not have outdoor facilities. On the **21st June**, however, pubs can operate completely normally. This makes the pub industry one of the last to fully re-open.

Events and weddings – couples planning to get married this year can do so with 15 guests from the **12th April**, with the number of guests rising to 30 from the **17th May**, if all goes to plan. Restrictions on guest numbers will be completely lifted by the **21st June** if target dates are achieved.

Sports and exercise – children and young people will be able to take part in sport and activity at school or as part of wraparound care from **8 March**. From **29th March**, outdoor sports facilities, like tennis and basketball, will be allowed to reopen and formally organised outdoor sports will resume. Indoor leisure facilities like gyms and swimming pools will re-open on **12th April**, but only for use by people on their own or with their household. Holidays – relief is in sight for one of the industries hardest hit by the pandemic, with ever-changing rules about travel bans, border closures, pre-travel testing and hotel quarantine making overseas travel virtually impossible for almost a year.

Overnight stays for one household in self-contained accommodation that doesn't require shared use of bathrooms, entry, exit or catering facilities will be permitted from the **12th April** at the earliest. The earliest date hotels and B&Bs can reopen is currently the **17th May**. The same date is potentially the earliest we'll be allowed to travel abroad, however, more will be known after the **12th April**.

The government's [business support finder](#) is still available to see what support is available for you and your business.

Check out our new website:

jt-accounts.co.uk

and be sure to download our free **JT AccountS App** from your phone and tablet.



This App is ideal for small businesses and the self-employed who need access to key information real time.

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VAT Deferral New Payment Scheme

Businesses that deferred VAT payments between March and June 2020 under the VAT Payment Deferral Scheme can now join this new payment scheme to pay it in smaller monthly instalments, giving them some much needed breathing space to manage their cashflows in the weeks and months ahead. They will be given the option to pay their deferred VAT with 2 to 11 equal consecutive monthly instalments, interest free, from March 2021. The earlier businesses opt in the more instalments are available to help spread the cost.

Businesses wishing to opt-in to this new scheme online must do so between 23rd February and 21st June 2021 and will be required to set up a direct debit payment as part of the digital opt-in process and it must be done by the authorised bank account holder. Because of this, JT AccountS are not able to act on your behalf to set this up.

Eligible businesses who are unable to sign up online can ring the HMRC Coronavirus Helpline on 0800 024 1222 and join the scheme up until the 30th June 2021.

More information on the VAT Deferral New Payment Scheme can be [found here](#)



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Are you missing out on the Marriage Tax Allowance break?

Marriage Tax Allowance is a tax break that enables a married person (or someone in a civil partnership) to claim a proportion of their spouse's personal allowance. Additionally, marriage allowance can be backdated, which means married couples may be eligible to claim up to £1,188.

It is important to note that this is a tax allowance so you won't receive a payment in the post. Marriage Allowance lets you transfer £1,250 of your Personal Allowance to your husband, wife or civil partner which in turn reduces their tax by up to £250 in the following tax year (6 April to 5 April).

Are you eligible to claim?

You may qualify for marriage tax allowance if ALL of the following apply:

- You must be married or in a civil partnership (simply living together does not mean you qualify)
- You were born after 6th April 1935
- Either you or your spouse is a non-tax payer (earning less than £12,500 per year)
- Either you or your spouse is a basic rate tax payer (earning between £12,501 and £50,000)
- You must not have previously tried to claim

Application Process

If the above applies to you and your spouse, then you can apply straight away. The application process is relatively straight forward. You simply need:

- National Insurance number for you and your partner
- An estimate of what you have both earned each year since 2016
- Date of your Marriage

You can apply via the HMRC's Marriage Tax Allowance application page or over the phone by dialling 0300 200 3300.

Backdated Claims

Once you have completed the application process and been notified of its receipt, you will then be able to apply for previous years' allowances retrospectively so long as you both met the criteria during those years.

PLEASE NOTE: the deadline for claiming marriage tax allowance for the **tax year 2016/2017** is the **5th April, 2021**.

So if this applies to you and your spouse, apply now as once that deadline has passed you will no longer be able to claim for that year. If your claim is successful, yours or your spouse's tax bill will be reduced depending on the Personal Allowance rate for the years you're backdating.

Your Personal Allowance will transfer automatically to your partner every year until you cancel the Marriage Allowance - for example if your income changes or your relationship ends.

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[UNDERSTANDING THE DOMESTIC REVERSE CHARGE](#)

[WHAT IS IR35 AND HOW IS IT CHANGING?](#)

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"Jacqui was recommended to me by her sister and I will forever be grateful to her sister for that. This was sometimes in September 2020 when I had some issues with a tax man and was really lost not knowing what to do. The first time I spoke with Jacqui on the phone felt like I have known her for years. She was so kind, patient, sympathetic and very reassuring advising me that all

will be ok and whatever the issue I have it will be sorted. Once we started to speak about the tax issue I knew straight away that I am with the right person for this job. She knew exactly what was needed to sort this problem of mine and advised me to gather some documents and arranged a zoom meeting to go over it in more details. Everything she said she will do, she did and more. Thank you Jacqui for everything. You are not just an expert when it comes to accounts but you are a wonderful and kind lady. I will certainly come back to you in the future and will recommend you to my family, my friends and to anybody needing a great but a kind accountant. You truly are an amazing lady in every way."



CERTAINTY SECTION

When Wills, Lasting Power of Attorneys and Probate really come into their own!

When our father tragically passed away in April 2020, on his own in hospital, our world came crashing down on us. Step back to Christmas 2019 and he was a picture of health – he helped to cook Christmas lunch, played with the children and cracked the same old jokes that he always did, always being the first one to laugh at them wholeheartedly. We could never have imagined him catching pneumonia in January and not being able to speak or move again until his death a few months later. God-only knows where we all found the strength to get through those months at hospital seeing him as he had become.

Talking practicalities, Dad had always been sensible and had had a mirror will drawn up with Mum in 2015. He was in the throes of updating that will when he suddenly became incapacitated.

Step in JT AccountS!

Where would we have been without this wonderful company?

Whilst we spent most of every day at the hospital praying and willing dad to get better, speaking and singing to him, massaging him to keep his muscles from wasting away and doing what we needed to keep mum from crumbling, JT AccountS were in the background advising us on what we needed to do in terms of updating mum's will as well as getting

a lasting power of attorney in place for mum should her Alzheimer's and dementia deteriorate during this extremely harrowing time.

When dad eventually passed, JT AccountS were there again, to recommend a Deed of Variation as dad had made a note of the changes he wanted to be made to his old will before disaster struck and we found ourselves able to fulfil his precious wishes. And it doesn't end there. Jacqui also completed Probate for us here in the UK and because Dad was born in Cyprus, she has also been on hand to advise us about possible inheritance tax and capital gains tax implications and is providing us with valuable information which our solicitor in Cyprus needs. In a nutshell, she has been invaluable to our whole family.

Almost a year later and many families have sadly had to endure painful goodbyes and many have had their loved ones pass away in hospital on their own as a result of covid. Simply functioning on a daily basis is hard enough after such tragic deaths and having Jacqui on your side truly helps to ease the probate burden. A miracle of a woman – so selfless and so giving. Please don't leave matters undone until it's too late to change them. This past year proves that! Speak to Jacqui, and get some advice on how to get your affairs in order so that should the worse happen, you know that your wishes will be fulfilled and your loved ones provided for.

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