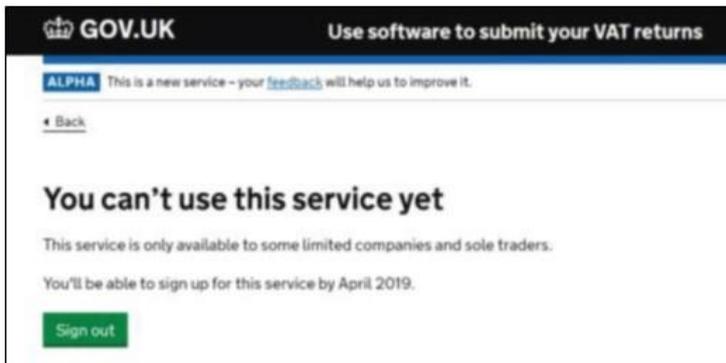


FAQ Signing up to MTD for VAT

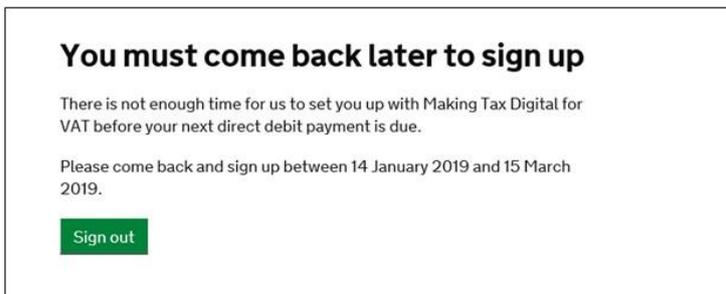
Q: I followed the steps in the HMRC link but I can't sign up to MTD for VAT

Depending on the response you have received from HMRC, the entity you have tried to sign up to MTD for VAT may not be eligible for the following reasons:

- The VAT profile of the entity does not meet the current criteria for MTD for VAT (see table below)
You will get this message from HMRC (date may vary):



- The VAT Returns are paid by Direct Debit and you are attempting to sign up to MTD for VAT within 15 days before the next submission date or within 5 days after the last submission date
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/use-software-to-submit-your-vat-returns>
You will get this message from HMRC (dates will vary):



Q: I want to access the MTD Compliance Portal via AlphaBridge or AlphaVAT, but I don't want to sign up to MTD for VAT yet.

You don't need to sign up to MTD for VAT in order to access the portal. You can log in and create demo entities that you can use to perform test VAT submissions. This will also allow you to get a feel for the portal and familiarise yourself with the interface and features before submitting a live VAT Return.

Q.: I want to see if my entity is eligible for the MTD for VAT pilot/live submissions, where can I check this?

There is no “eligibility checker”

- You can consult the table below
- Or contact HMRC VAT online services directly: 0300 200 3701
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs/contact/vat-online-services-helpdesk>

Area		Oct 2018	Late 2018	Late 2018 Early 2019	Early 2019	Spring 2019	April 2019	Oct 2019
Business Type	Sole Traders/Companies							
	VAT Group							
	VAT Division							
	Based Overseas							
	Trusts							
	“Not for profit” Organisations							
	Public Sector entities 4required to provide additional info on VAT Return (Government depts, NHS Trusts)							
	Local Authorities							
	Public corporations							
	Partnerships							
Accounting	Submit annually							
	Submit monthly							
	Quarterly stagger							
	Non-standard accounting period							
	Payments by DD							
	Payments on account							
	Repayment customer							
	Not previously submitted a VAT Return							
	Trade with EU							
VAT Flat Rate Scheme								
Compliance	Not up to date with their VAT							
	Has a debt							
	Has an appeal indicated							
	With default surcharge within last 24 months							

Q: What information do I need to provide to sign up to MTD for VAT?

To sign up, you will need:

- Government Gateway ID and password
- Phone for HMRC two-factor authentication
- VAT registration number
- Permanent information such as Company registration number and unique taxpayer reference

Q: Once I sign up to MTD for VAT, can I still submit my VAT Returns the normal way?

No, once you have signed up an entity to MTD for VAT, you are required by HMRC to submit all subsequent VAT Returns digitally for that entity.