

## 2010 Changes in Payments of all VAT Returns:

From April 1, 2010 you will have to submit your VAT returns online, and pay any VAT returns online and pay any VAT due electronically if either of the below applies to you:-

- You have an annual turnover of £100,000 or more (**exclusive of VAT**).
- You register or should have registered for VAT on or after April 1, 2010 (**Regardless of your turnover**).

If you fall into any of the above categories you will have to file your VAT returns online (**including Nil and repayment returns**) even if your turnover drops below £100,000 in the future.

You will not have to submit your VAT returns online, and pay VAT electronically online, if you were registered for VAT before April 2010 and your turnover stays below £100,000. If this applies you will still be able to submit your VAT returns on paper but this may change in 2012 (**watch out for any future announcements**).

It may want to switch to using the online service sooner – it will save you time – and in most cases will give you extra days to submit your VAT return and pay the VAT due to HMRC.

If you are required to submit your VAT returns online and pay your VAT electronically you will receive a notification from the HMRC in February 2010 informing you of this. **If you wish to appeal against the HMRC's decision you should wait until you have received the notification to do so.**

If you believe that you will have to submit your VAT return online from April 1, 2010 you should take the following action now:-

- Identify your preferred form of electronic payment (eg Direct Debit, Internet banking etc) and set up the necessary arrangements with your bank and the HMRC.
- Register and enrol for the VAT online service.