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## 1 VAT Workbench

#### 1.1 Introduction

#### 1.1.1 Introduction

This document provides a brief outline of the VAT Module, Making Tax Digital and VAT Workbench.

Companies will be mandated to use the Making Tax Digital (electronic VAT return submission) to meet their VAT obligations from April 2019. This will apply to businesses who have a turnover above the VAT threshold - the smallest businesses will not be required to use the system, although they can choose to do so voluntarily. The COINS VAT workbench will meet this requirements

For more information see: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-tax-digital/overview-of-making-tax-digital">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-tax-digital/overview-of-making-tax-digital</a>

Note: The VAT Returns Workbench must be used for all Companies. The old method will no longer be available.

#### 1.1.1.1 Background

The COINS VAT Module and workbench manage the VAT set up for a Business, vat configuration impacts multiple modules in coins covering purchasing, sales and expenses.

The VAT modules manages:

- Vat Codes
- Vat parameters
- Specific UK VAT parameters (required for workbench)
- Vat reverse charge and substitution table

#### Key Points for COINS Clients

- MTD (electronic submission) for VAT mandatory from April 2019
- HMRC Portal will no longer be available
- COINS VAT workbench allows direct submission
- Relatively few returns submitted directly from accounting software
- Spreadsheets used for consolidation of group returns
- Spreadsheets used for partial exemption and other adjustments
- Submission method will be changed under MTD for VAT

#### 1.1.2 VAT Return Work Bench

The VAT Workbench was introduced in 11-04 – this greatly simplifies the process for making Vat returns.

The Workbench is where Vat returns are managed, reviewed and processed Some of the Benefits include:

- Ensure all VAT is processed in coins
- Full and complete audit trail
- Reduction in hours required for VAT return
- Compliant with Electronic Transmission to HMRC (as required by HMRC from April 2019)
- Electronic Transmission Reports
- Use of Status colours Green/Amber/Red
- VAT Return Posted to GL
- Enhanced reporting
- Drill down functionality
- Enhanced Review process for unreturned transactions
- Reconciliation report between GL and VAT transactions

## 1.1.3 Implementation and Planning

Companies need to start planning now for the changes VAT business process changes required.

## Preparation

In preparation for moving to coins it is recommended that

- A recent copy of COINS is available for Testing
- VAT transactions are reconciled and up to date
- Review and Document existing VAT business process
- Activate VAT Workbench Licence

## **Survey and Questionnaire**

 To assist with Implementation a questionnaire will need to be completed to aid understanding of current VAT process and coins set.

#### VAT Module Licence Code

• A licence is required to use the VAT workbench module - however clients are required to engage in training or consultancy to activate the licence.

Note: Using the workbench incorrectly can result in errors.

## 1.2 Configuration and Parameters

### 1.2.1 VAT Workbench Configuration

#### 1.2.1.1 UK-specific VAT parameters.

UK Vat Parameters can be found in:

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**VAT > Setup > Configuration > UK VAT Parameters** 

UK VAT Parameters allows you to set parameters that govern the electronic submission of UK VAT returns to HMRC.

There are 10 specific UK Parameters for VAT workbench. These parameters cover how the Workbench communicates with the Government Gateway Transaction Engine (this is a centralised registration service for e-Government filing services allowing the exchange of electronic data. Used for PAYE year-end returns as well as for CIS monthly returns and verification requests).

#### 1.2.1.2 VAT Workbench Parameters:

Some of Parameters used for the government Transaction engine are also used in the Payroll and or Subcontract modules. These Values can be used for the VAT workbench

### **Equivalent UK Specific Parameters**

	ID	Description	Equivalent parameter in Module
1	EGOVMODE	VAT Return Submission Mode	SC and Payroll
2	EGOVRDIR	VAT Return XML root directory	SC and Payroll
3	EGOVTYPE	VAT Return Submission Type	VAT Only
4	JAVAHOME	VAT Return Java root directory	SC and Payroll
5	JAVAJRE	VAT Return Java jre directory	SC
6	POLLINT	VAT Return Polling interval (Seconds)	SC
7	POLLMAX	VAT Return Maximum number of polls	SC
8	POLLNEXT	VAT Return If timeout minutes to re-poll	SC
9	RPTQUEUE	VAT Return Submission Report Queue	SC and Payroll
10	VTRXMLNS	VAT Return Verification XMLNS	VAT Only

## 1.2.1.3 Parameters further details

Parameter	Description	
VTUK/EGOVMODE	The submission mode; this must be set to 0 for live operation.	
- VAT Return	0 = Live operation.	
Submission Mode	1 = Test in live. This service is not currently supported by HMRC, and will not be supported until further notice.	
	2 = Vendor test. For COINS use only, Do Not Use.	
	3 = Put XML Only. This allows you to create an output XML file but not to transfer it to HMRC. This can be used for test purposes.	
VTUK/EGOVRDIR - VAT Return XML root directory	The base directory for XML (Extensible Markup Language - a markup language based on HTML, often used for creating structured data files) submissions to the Government Transaction Engine - For example, \$BASE/var/egovxml.	
	The ASCII text files that COINS creates during a submission attempt will be held in a subdirectory of this root directory. The subdirectory name is the same as the 'message class', and is created automatically. These are:	
	HMRC-VAT-DEC - Live Submissions	
	HMRC-VAT-DEC-TIL - Test in Live Submissions	
	All users who will send the Internet submissions will require permissions to read and write from this directory.	
	If you have more than one submission company, you may want to create separate subdirectories for each submission company, to make it easier to locate the XML for each company.	
	For example: \$BASE/var/egovxml/company16	
VTUK/EGOVTYPE -	VAT Return HMRC Submission Class.	
VAT Return	Must be empty or set to HMRC-VAT-DEC for Live submissions.	
Submission Type	Must be set to HMRC-VAT-DEC-TIL for Test in live submissions.	

Parameter	Description
VTUK/JAVAHOME	The root directory of the Java installation on the server.
- VAT Return Java root directory	The report which COINS will provide after running the Daltrey* test (a test that COINS can run to confirm that your COINS server can communicate with the Government Transaction Engine (a centralised registration service for e-Government filing).
VTUK/JAVAJRE - VAT Return Java jre	The Java Runtime Environment (JRE) subdirectory of the Java root directory.
directory	The report which COINS will provide after running the Daltrey test (a test that COINS can run to confirm that your COINS server can communicate with the Government Transaction Engine. Coins Support run test if required.
VTUK/POLLINT - VAT Return Polling	The interval (in seconds) between request events by COINS to check whether the Government Transaction has a response from HMRC to submissions.
interval (Seconds)	To comply with HMRC guidelines on polling, COINS recommend you set this to 10 seconds or more.
VTUK/POLLMAX - VAT Return Maximum number	The maximum number of times that COINS will re-check for a response via the Government Transaction Engine before timing out.
of polls	If COINS has not received a response after this number of attempts, the status of the submission is set to "Timeout" and COINS creates a new delayed request (see POLLNEXT).
	To comply with HMRC guidelines on polling, COINS recommend you set this to 10.
VTUK/POLLNEXT - VAT Return If	The number of minutes COINS waits before creating a new polling request.
timeout minutes to re-poll	If polling times out (see POLLINT and POLLMAX), COINS creates a new (delayed) request with a start time based on the value of POLLNEXT.
	COINS suggest you set this to 10.

Parameter	Description
VTUK/RPTQUEUE - VAT Return Submission Report Queue	The report queue to use for electronic VAT Return submissions to HMRC.  COINS uses the OA background report generator for electronic submissions to HMRC. It is Possible to set up more than one queue, to give different priority to different types of request
VTUK/VTRXMLNS - VAT Return Verification XMLNS	The XML namespace for VAT Returns, that is: http://www.govtalk.gov.uk/ taxation/vat/vatdeclaration/2

# 1.2.2 Java Home/Java JRE (Daltery Test)

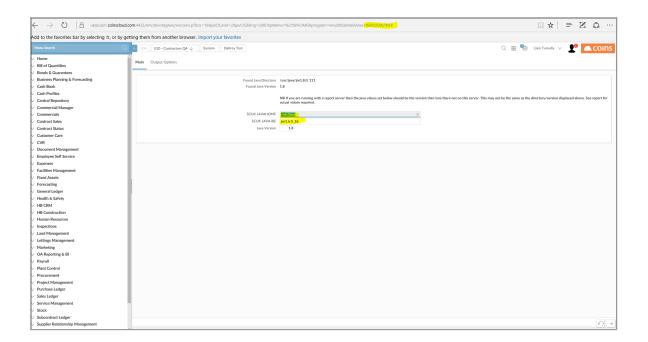
The Daltery Test provides details of the JAVA in use in a coins environment. A system administrator or COINS support can run the report. The result can be used to populate JAVAHOME and JAVAJRE

The Daltrey test is run as follows:

- Coins Plus by running programme Sys.p.Daltrey
- Coins OA by adding "&MainArea=%wsydaltrey"amending to the the URL

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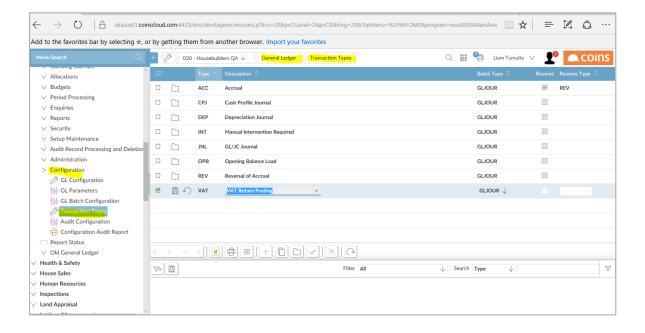


## 1.2.3 Transaction Types

To Create a New Transaction Type

General Ledger> Setup > Configuration > Transaction Types.

Add Transaction Type eg VAT (Short Code) VAT Return Journal (Description) and Batch Type GLJOUR.



# 1.2.4 Specific VAT Parameters:

	ID	Description	Sample Value	
1	EGOVMODE	VAT Return Submission Mode	0	
2	EGOVRDIR	VAT Return XML root directory	\$BASE/var/egovxml	
3	EGOVTYPE	VAT Return Submission Type	HMRC-VAT-DEC	
4	JAVAHOME	VAT Return Java root directory	/usr/java	
5	JAVAJRE	VAT Return Java jre directory	jre1.6.0_26	
6	POLLINT	VAT Return Polling interval (Seconds)	10	
7	POLLMAX	VAT Return Maximum number of polls	10	
8	POLLNEXT	VAT Return If timeout minutes to re-poll	10	
9	RPTQUEUE	VAT Return Submission Report Queue		
10	VTRXMLNS	VAT Return Verification XMLNS	http://www.govtalk.gov.uk/taxation/vat/vatdeclaration/2	

# 1.2.5 VAT Parameters by Module

Use the coins Side bar help for further information

Module	ID	Description	Value
CO - COINS Common	BDACCT	VAT Bad Debt Control Account	00.7C04
	BDVATI	Bad Debt Input VAT Code (Malaysia Only)	
	BDVATO	Bad Debt Output VAT Code (Malaysia Only)	
	CURRTAXP	Currency conversion at payment (ledgers)	
	DEFTAX	Default Tax Code (Sales Tax Processing)	
	DEFVAT	Default VAT Code	
	FEDTAX	Federal Tax Authority	CA
	INTRAST	Create Intrastats during Invoicing (Y/N)	N
	PRINCIP	No VAT Charge (to Principal) Codes	
	PRVATUPD	Prevent PL Reverse VAT Amount Update	
	RCPHRASE	Reverse Charge Statement	
	RCPLTYPE	Reverse Charge PL Txn Types	
	RCTEXT1	Reverse Charge Text1	
	RCTEXT2	Reverse Charge Text2	
	RCTEXT3	Reverse Charge Text3	
	RCTEXT4	Reverse Charge Text4	

Module	ID	Description	Value
	REVCHGSC	Reverse Charge VAT For S/C	
	TAXDEFBL	Allow blank default VAT codes?	Υ
	TAXINV	Desc of Tax Invoice	
	TAXINVNO	Desc of not a Tax Invoice	
	TAXREV	Tax codes that will be automatically reversed on entry	FW,OW,Q85,QW
	TAXTOL\$	Tolerance limit for use tax (value)	.02
	TAXTOL%	Tolerance limit for use tax (percent)	.005
	TAXTYPE	Tax Type - VAT or Sales Tax Processing	
	TAXUSE	Accrue use tax (Sales Tax Processing)	N
	TXLINKCO	Enter Company Number which this company uses to maintain VAT Codes	
	UNESTVAT	Treat Non-Established As VAT Reg	N
	VATABLAB	VATable Label	
	VATATPAY	VAT Liability at payment by VAT code	Υ
	VATEX	VAT Exempt Code List	Р3
	VATLAB	VAT Label	LABEL=Tax
	VATONLY	VAT only codes	P6,S6
	VATTEXT1	VAT Doc Text1	

Module	ID	Description	Value
	VATTEXT2	VAT Doc Text2	
	VATTEXT3	VAT Doc Text3	
	VATTEXT4	VAT Doc Text4	
	VATWARN	Modules to ignore VAT discrepancies	
	VATZERO	Apply strict VAT rate/amount rules	Υ
	VTPHRASE	VAT Document Statement	
SC - Subcontract Ledger	ALWBLNKB	Allow blank Billing Type in PO Entry and Subcontract Maintenance	N
	AUTHZERO	Auth Receipt Zero Value (Y/N)	N
	BDACCT	Bad Debts Control Account	00.7899
	CHQ+DAYS	No of Days to add to Cheque Date (VAT/ATR)	3
	DEFBILL	Default Billing Type	I
	DEFSBVAT	Default Self Billing VAT Code	P0
	DEFSCPRT	Default Printing Type Cert/Remit Print	
	DEFVATER	Default VAT Code on Subcontract Order from	SUBCONTRACTOR
	IGVATVAL	Ignore VAT Validation on Subcontracts	
	LABVATCD	VAT code for PL to SC Labour	

Module	ID	Description	Value
	NOAUTH	Authenticated Receipt Limit	
	OVRBTYPE	Override Billing Type on Subcontract	Υ
	RCTILETT	Recipient Created Tax Invoice Letter Code	
	SB+DAYS	Self Billing Tax Point days after payment	2
	SBANAGRE	Validate self billing annual agreement expiry	Е
	SBATPAY	Self Billing Tax Point at payment	Υ
	SBTOINV	Self Billing Certificates switch to invoice billing type	
	SCFORM-A	Certificate Authenticated Receipt Form	
	SCFORM-I	Certificate Invoice Form	
	SCFORM-S	Certificate Self Billing Form	
	STOPVAT	Disallow Incorrect VAT Registration No's	Υ
	UNREGVAT	Unregistered VAT Code	
	VALBTYPE	OA Only - Validate Billing Type against VAT Registration	
	VAT%CHK	Warn if VAT % Incorrect	Υ
	VATCOST	Only post VAT when the invoice is certified	N

Module	ID	Description	Value
	VATDISCI	Settlement Discount before VAT (Invoice Register)	Υ
	VATLINES	Enter number of VAT lines for web input	3
	VATNONRG	Disallow VAT on Non-Reg'd Supplier	
	VATREG	VAT Register Account	
	VATTEXT1	VAT text 1	
	VATTEXT2	VAT text 2	
	VATTEXT3	VAT text 3	
	WEBVAT	VAT codes for OA Certificate Entry	F*,Q*,O*,P*,AAA
PL - Purchase Ledger	BDACCT	Bad Debts Control Account	00.7898
	CSTVAT	List of VAT Codes to Translate	
	DEFLABOU	Default Labour From Gross minus VAT	W
	MINTRVAL	Minimum Value above which a VAT tax receipt is required (PCards)	5000
	STOPVAT	Disallow Incorrect VAT Registration No's	N
	TRANSNAT	Nature of Transaction Code (Intrastats)	
	UNREGVAT	Unregistered VAT Code	P5
	VAT%CHK	Warn if VAT % Incorrect	Υ

Module	ID	Description	Value
	VATCOST	Only Post VAT When the Invoice is Costed	Υ
	VATDISC	Settlement Discount Before VAT	N
	VATERROR	Treat Diff VAT Code on Supplier as Error	N
	VATNONRG	Disallow VAT on Non-Reg'd Supplier	N
	VATREG	VAT Register Account	00.7C00
	VATSTOP	Inhibit Auto VAT Calc. on Invoices	N
	VATVARCD	VAT Code for PO Inv VAT Variance Posting	{OASIS}
CB - Cash Book	GSTEXDIR	The directory where to place output files produced by VAT Extract routine	/tmp/pdr23771
	ITSCORCT	Correction Routine for Intrastat Reports	
	ITSEDIDN	Intrastats EDI extract directory	
	ITSEDIFN	Intrastats EDI file name	
	ITSTRAN	Intrastats file delivery method	
	RETCTYPE	VAT Return Transaction Type	VAT
	VATIDCAN	Users able to cancel a VAT Return	

Module	ID	Description	Value
	VATIOMSG	VAT input/output message is warning (module list)	
	VATREC	Allow update of VAT recoverable flag?	Υ
SL - Sales Ledger	BDACCT	Bad Debts Control Account	00.6899
	CSTVAT	List of VAT Codes to Translate	
	METHTRAN	Transport Method Code (Intrastats)	
	STOPVAT	Disallow Incorrect GST Registration No's	N
	TRANSNAT	Nature of Transaction Code (Intrastats)	
	TXNATPAY	Transaction Types treated as VAT At Pay	
	VATDISC	Settlement Discount Before GST	N
VP - VAP	CSTNRVAT	NR VAT Costing Mask	
	DEFVATCD	Default VAT Code	PO
	REBVAT	Rebate Sales Ledger invoice VAT code	SO
	VATDIST	VAT distribution: +/-; Item ID; VAT Code	-,CITB2,P0
	VATFIRST	Create VAT Distribution first time only	N

Module	ID	Description	Value
	VATNRACC	Include non-recoverable VAT in Accruals and Commitments (OA)	
	VATUPD	Update VAT code on certificate header	Υ
HS - House Sales	EXCREVAT	Exclude Recoverable VAT in journal fields	
	EXINPGRS	Input gross value of extras	
	GRVATJNL	Journal for ground rent billing with VAT	
	JNLIOV	Use VAT code setup to determine input/output VAT	Υ
	OCVATJNL	Journal for other manual charges with VAT	
	SCVATJNL	Journal for service charge bill with VAT	
	BDACCT	Bad Debts Control Account	00.6898
	PAYSPLIT	Split Pay Into Net And VAT By Default	
	VATTEXT1	VAT text 1	
	VATTEXT2	VAT text 2	
	WEBVAT	List of VAT Codes for web certificate input	S0,S1,S10,S20,APAY,O*,AAA

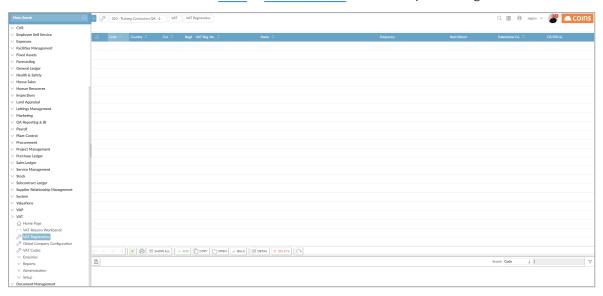
Module	ID	Description	Value
BQ - Bill of Quantities	DEFNOVAT	Default VAT code for non- VAT registered subcontractor	P0
	DEFVAT	Default VAT code for VAT registered subcontractor	P1
CI - Company Information	CENTVAT	Use centralised VAT registration?	Υ
	STOPVAT	Disallow incorrect VAT Registration No's	N
ST - Stock	TXBYITEM	Dual taxability option	
	VATPRFIX	Luckins: Prefix for mapping GST codes	
ST - Stock Total			
AT - AT	VAT	VAT	LABEL=GST HELP=Enter GST Code
	VATREG	VAT Reg No	
SCAUS - SCAUS	GSTDATE	GST Activation Date	
PO - Procurement	VATREGNO	Display 'VAT Reg No' for PO Orders on COINSplus screens	Υ
SW - Small Works	XSVATCDE	VAT Code For Excess Invoices	

Module	ID	Description	Value
GL - General Ledger	VALIDVAT	Validate VAT/GST value (yes/no)	
PC - Plant Control	PERS-USE	VAT codes split when Personal Use set	50:50

# 1.3 Setup and Registration

# 1.3.1 Set Up VAT Registrations

Location: COINS OA Modules > VAT > VAT Returns > To set up VAT registrations



Coins Vat Registration captures details for every VAT registration and dummy registrations.



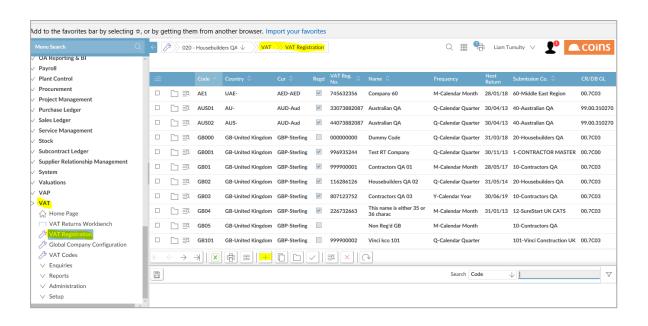


Column	Example	Comment
Code	GB03	A unique code to identify this VAT registration  Maximum Length: 8 characters
Country	GB - United Kingdom	The country where this company is based

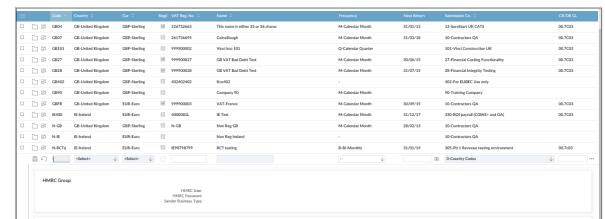
Column	Example	Comment
Cur	GBP - Sterling	From Drop Down
Regd	yes	Whether this entity is currently VAT registered This can be unticked for companies or sectors: which are not VAT registered for any reason, or which have become dormant so no longer required to submit returns.
VAT Reg. No.	807123752	Country code of GB or IE will validate this field using standard VAT Registration number rules.
Name	Contractors QA 03	VAT Registration Name. Enter this as it appears on the VAT Registration Certificate and should appear on the VAT Return.
Frequency	M - Calendar Month	How often Returns need to be made.  M - Calendar Month.  Q - Calendar Quarter.  Y - Calendar Year. COINS does not support annual electronic Returns so you will have to make the Returns outside of COINS.  A - Agreed with HMRC. If you have agreed nonstandard Return periods, for example, based on your accounting periods.
Next Return	31/03/2018	The date on which the next Return is due. When you set up the record initially, you need to set the date manually. COINS updates the date automatically each time a Return is generated, based on the Return frequency and the end date of the Return. You can override this date at any time to allow for changes in Return periods, although this should rarely be necessary. For non-standard VAT periods where HMRC have agreed that they are not based on calendar months, you need to update the Next Return date as part of the return process.

Column	Example	Comment	
Submission Co.	10 - Contractors QA	The COINS company (kco) from which the submission will be made.  If the registration covers part or all of one company then this will be that company. If the registration spans more than one company then this will be one of the companies - the user will need to be logged onto the submission company when processing and submitting the return.	
CR/DB GL	00.7C03	The creditor/ debtor General Ledger account.  The General Ledger account to which the Returned VAT amount should be transferred on posting the return. This needs to be a single account (not masked) which is valid in the submission company.	
Details for C	Details for Government Gateway		
HMRC User	384669182053	The Government Gateway User ID for electronic submissions.	
HMRC Password	Password	The Government Gateway password for electronic submissions.	
Sender Business Type	Company	The Sender Business Type to be used for electronic submissions.	
Details of the person HMRC should contact if there are any queries about the Return.			
First Name	Liam	The Contact First Name.	
Surname	Tumulty	The Contact Surname.	
Telephone	07917574615	The Contact Telephone.	
Email	liam.tumulty@coins- global.com	The Contact Email.	

Using VAT > VAT Registration, set up a record for each VAT registration (each entity that is registered with the tax authority and that will make VAT returns).



## Complete the Details and click



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For companies or sectors that are not VAT registered, set up a separate "dummy" registration record with the Regd field unticked.

Note: Testing can be completed without entering HMRC regisration details, set parameter to test mode.

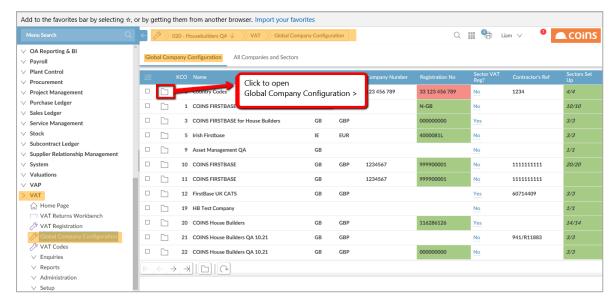
Contact Details

## 1.3.2 Add a Company to a VAT Registration:

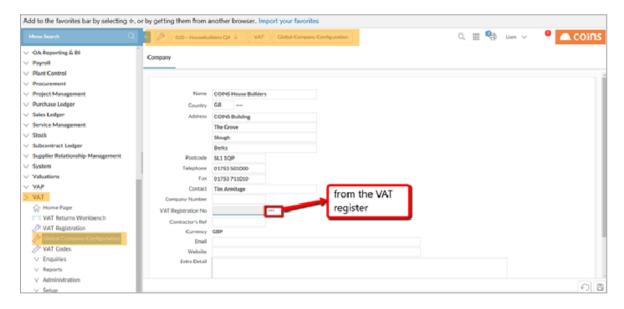
To add a company (and all sectors within) to a vat registration

The VAT workbench provides a link to Company Configuration.

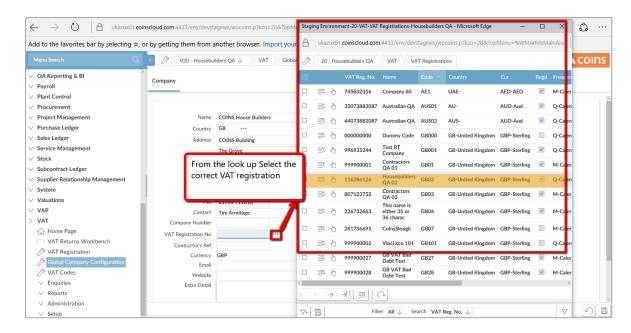
Click to open Global Company Configuration



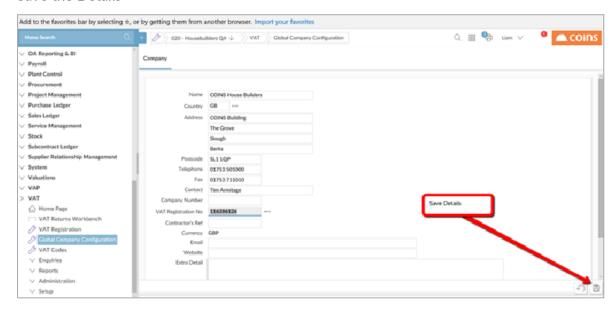
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this open the VAT registrations



#### Save the Details

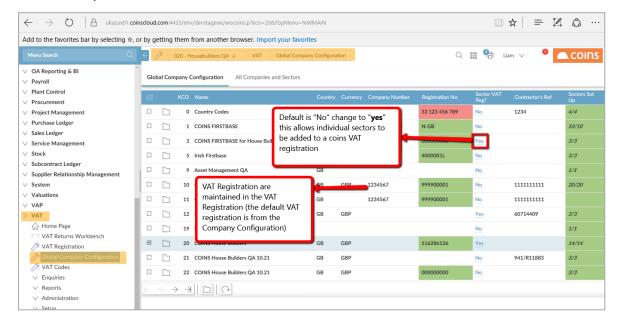




### 1.3.3 Add a Sector to a VAT Registration:

#### 1.3.3.1 Add a Sector to a Registration:

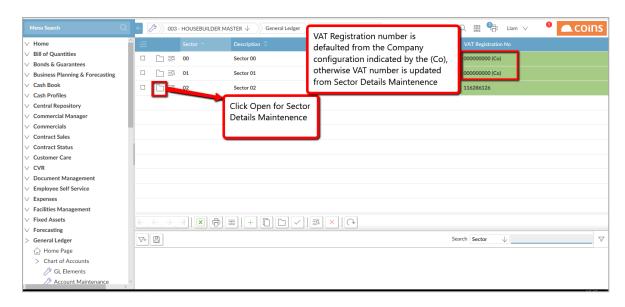
Where a Company has Sectors with different Vat Registration then the sector can be added to the registration. This is completed by updating the GL Sector. The VAT workbench provides a link.



Click on the "Sector VAT Registration" this will open Sector Details Maintenance.

#### 1.3.3.2 Sector Detail Maintenance

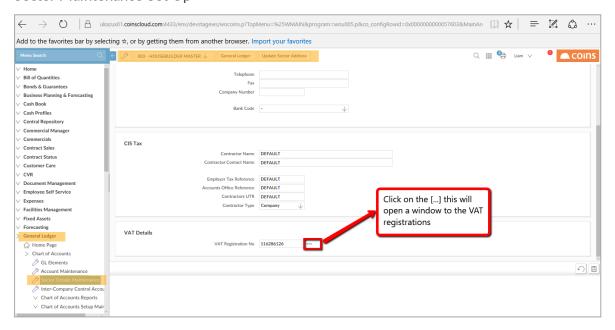
Sector Details Maintenance allows you to set to add VAT registration to a sector (Sector Details also maintains other details for example address, CIS details)



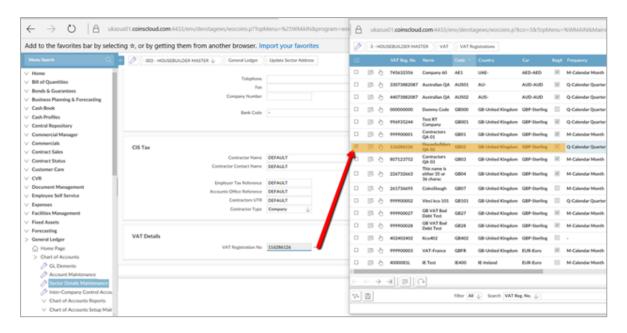
VAT Registration number is defaulted from the Company Configuration indicated by the (Co), otherwise VAT number is updated from Sector Details Maintenance

#### Important - Every GL Element requires a Sector

#### Sector Maintenance Set Up



Click on the Look up [...] this open a window to the VAT registrations.



Select the Appropriate VAT registration for the sector and save.

If a VAT registration is not available this will need to be added to VAT registrations first.

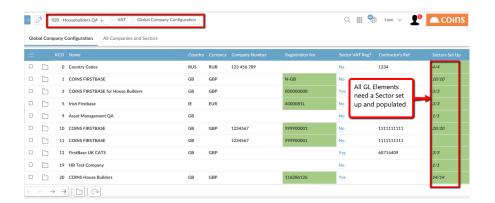
Associated Parameters,

GL/SECTOR (Current Value: Y)

Set this to Y if you wish to use sectors.

See also the parameters SECTGLEL, SECTICO and SECTTYPE

Important – Every GL Element requires a Sector



## 1.4 Posting and Submitting

#### 1.4.1 Creating a VAT Return

When you have checked that you are ready, create the Return. This identifies which transactions will be included when calculating the figures that will be submitted to HMRC.

#### 1.4.1.1 Ensure all transactions have been posted

Firstly you need to ensure that all relevant transactions have been entered.

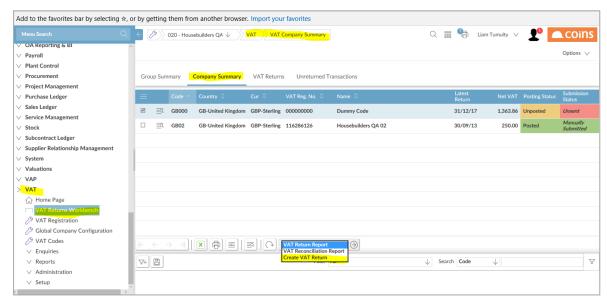
You can then use

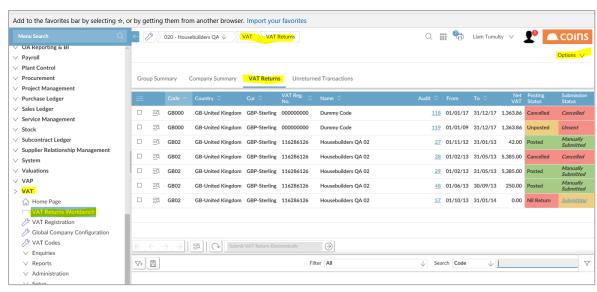
- Batch Status Report (single company) or
- Batch Status Report (Multi-company)

to confirm that all batches have been posted.

#### 1.4.1.2 To create the VAT Return:

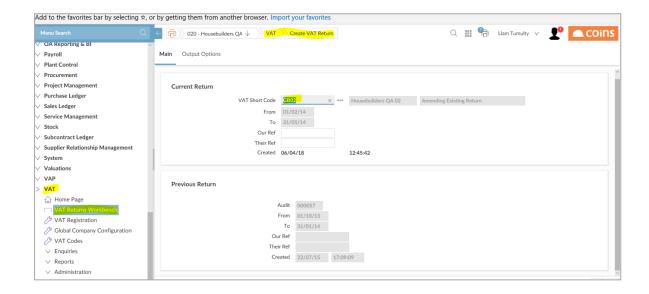
- 1. Go to VAT Returns Workbench.
- 2. Either:
  - On the Company Summary tab, select the registration you want to produce the return for.





• Or from Options choose the Create VAT Return action.

Use the short code to select the registration use [...] to lookup VAT returns.



The From date of the Return is the day after the To date of the previous Return. The To date is controlled by the frequency set up on the VAT Registration.

A from date will be required on the first return completed in the workbench. Subsequently returns will use the date from previous returns.

Creating a VAT Return assigns an audit number to all VAT transactions with a tax point date on or before the end date of the Return (excluding any that have already

been included in an earlier Return). Any back-dated transactions (entered since the end date of the previous Return but with a tax point date before this) will also be included.

The process of assigning VAT audit numbers ensures that transactions are correctly processed once only, with no danger of double counting or missing out items by mistake. This process does not delete VAT transactions – any VAT Return can be reprinted at any time.

# 1.4.2 Reports and Reconciliation

The VAT Module has the following Reports:

- VAT Report produces a report that gives details of VAT transactions, arranged by VAT code.
- VAT Report By Ledger produces a report that gives details of VAT transactions, arranged by VAT code.
- VAT Return Report allows you to produce a report based on the latest VAT Return. It provides:
  - A summary for the details in the 12 VAT boxes.
  - Details on each VAT transaction (VAT Code, Company, Sector, Financial date, Source, Type, Batch, Contract, Reference, Tax Date, Net Amount, VAT Amount, Supplier Name, Registration No, Extra Reference)
- VAT Exception Report is designed to help you identify any transactions on which the calculated VAT amount has been manually overridden, so that you can check these overrides are appropriate.

## 1.4.2.1 VAT Reconciliation Report

The VAT Reconciliation Report can be used to reconcile VAT Transactions to the VAT control accounts in the General Ledger. This Report is only available after a VAT report has been created.

 The report runs for a single VAT registration and selects the companies and/or sectors linked to that VAT registration - for both the VAT transactions and the GL balances to include.

- The layout of the report follows a concept similar to a bank reconciliation.
- The report reconciles either the latest VAT return on the system (if you tick Current Period) or the latest VAT return dated on or before the General Ledger period selected.
- The report always includes a summary section. You can also choose to include sections giving transactional details of various figures from the summary.
- VAT transactions with non-recoverable VAT codes are ignored.
- The sign convention is as for the General Ledger,
  - debit GL balances are shown as positive
  - credit GL balances as negative.

For VAT transactions,

- VAT input VAT is shown as positive
- VAT output VAT as negative.

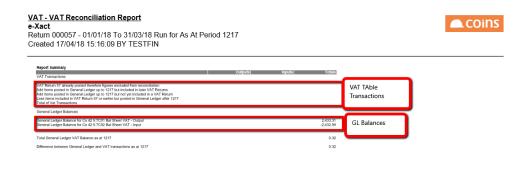
The report is based on the following assumptions:

- The amounts which have been returned are transferred out of the VAT control accounts in the period following that in which the return ends.
- No direct manual postings are made to the VAT control accounts other than the transfer of returned amounts as detailed above.
- If the business makes VAT returns to more than one jurisdiction (country)
   from within one COINS company then separate VAT codes and separate GL
   control accounts are used for each jurisdiction.

# 1.4.2.2 To run the VAT Reconciliation Report:

- 1. Go to VAT Returns Workbench.
- 2. On the Company Summary tab, select the registration you want to reconcile.

3. Choose the VAT Reconciliation Report action.



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The most likely reason for differences is direct postings to the VAT control accounts. If this is the case, COINS recommend reversing out such postings and reinput them as VAT journals (with a VAT code analysis rather than being coded to the VAT control accounts). To prevent this happening in future, the VAT control accounts should be set to not to allow manual postings.

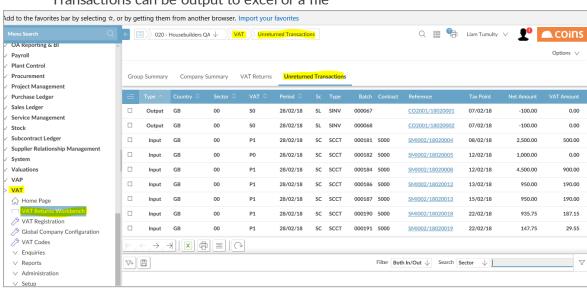
This can be done either in Account Maintenance or in GL Elements, depending on the settings in Configuration.

## 1.4.2.3 Review returned transactions

You should check for any exceptional transactions before creating the VAT Return.

### 1.4.2.4 To review unreturned transactions:

- 1. Go to VAT Returns Workbench
- 2. Click the Unreturned Transactions tab.

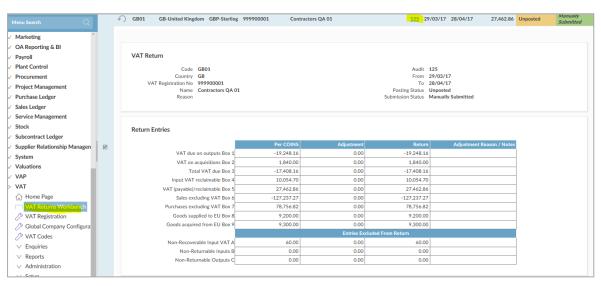


## Transactions can be output to excel or a file

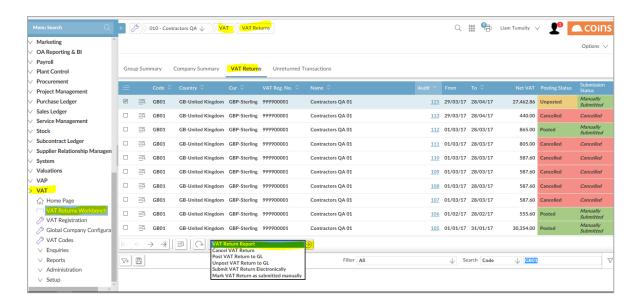
# 1.4.2.5 Vat Return Report

The Detailed transactions for the VAT return can be listed by running the VAT report.

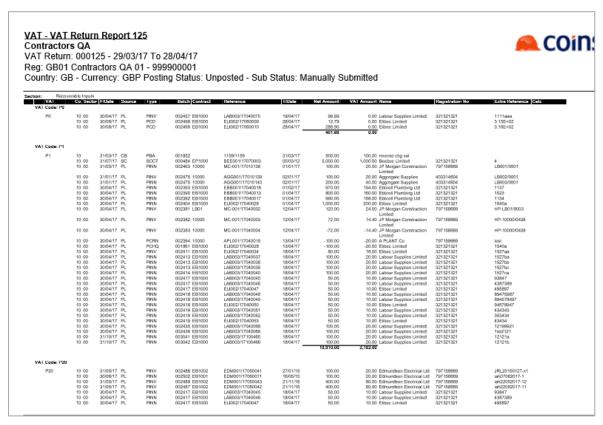
### VAT Return:



Run the VAT Return Report



### Sample of output:

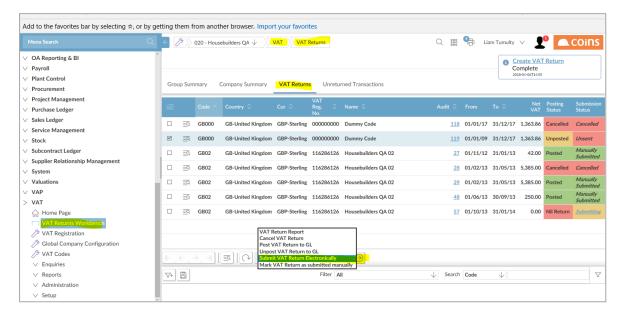


Summary page:

#### <u>VAT - VAT Return Report 125</u> Contractors QA Coins VAT Return: 000125 - 29/03/17 To 28/04/17 Reg: GB01 Contractors QA 01 - 999900001 Country: GB - Currency: GBP Posting Status: Unposted - Sub Status: Manually Submitted VAI Return Form Semmary Instructions Ideal Semmary set Cone Adjustment Return Adjustment Massocin Robus Box 19248-16 19248-16 0.00 19248-16 Box 2: VAT due from you (but not paid) on acquisitions from other EU Countries -17,460,16 10,054,70 27,482,86 -127,237,27 78,756,82 9,200,00 9,350,00 00,00 0,00 Box 3: Total VAT due (Total of Box 1 and Box 2) -17,408.16 0.00 10,054.70 10,054.70 Box 4: VAT reclaimable on your purchases 27,462,86 Box 5: VAT payable or reclaimable (Boxes 4 minus Box 3) 27,462.86 -127,237,27 -127,237.27 Box 6: Your total sales excluding VAT Box 7: Your total purchases excluding VAT 78,756.82 78,756.82 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 9,200,00 9,300,00 80,00 0,00 9,200.00 Box 8: The total value of goods you supplied to other EU countries Box 9: The total value of goods you acquired from other EU countries 9,300.00 A: Non-Recoverable Input Vat 60.00 B: Non-Returnable Inputs

# 1.4.3 To submit a Return electronically

- 1. Go to VAT Returns Workbench.
- 2. On the VAT Returns tab, select the Return you want to submit.



3. Choose the Submit VAT Return Electronically action.

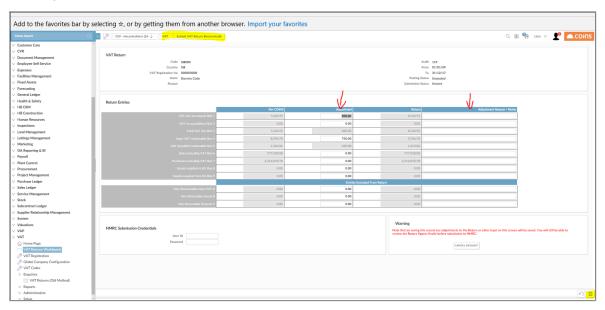
This shows the figures that will be returned.

VAT Adjustment made during the VAT Electronic Submission process.



### 4. Click save

Any adjustments to the Return or other input on this screen will be saved.



This screen can be backed out of the adjustments here are not posted with the GL posting

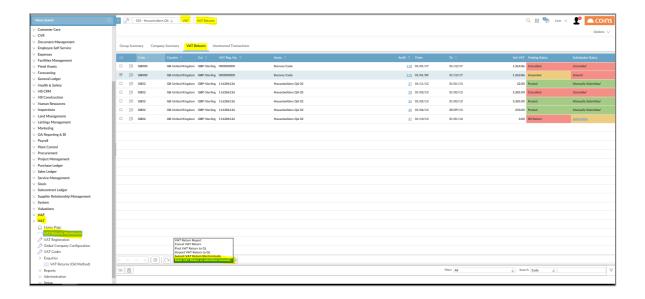
On Save COINS submits the Return electronically to the Government Gateway

Note: Once a VAT Return has been submitted to HMRC, it cannot be cancelled within COINS (except as noted under <u>Cancelling a VAT Return</u>). Note that there is no facility for COINS to send an amendment or cancellation of a submitted VAT Return to HMRC. If a VAT Return which has been submitted to HMRC needs to be amended or cancelled, you will need to contact HMRC.

# 1.4.4 To mark a Return as Manually Submitted:

- 1. Go to VAT Returns Workbench.
- 2. On the VAT Returns tab, select the Return you want to submit.
- 3. Choose the Mark VAT Return as submitted manually action.

This updates the submission status from "Unsent" to "Manually Submitted".



Note: Currently COINS only supports electronic submission of UK VAT Returns. Submissions to other jurisdictions, including Ireland, should be marked as manually submitted. COINS do not support electronic submissions for VAT Returns under the annual accounting scheme as this requires additional entries, and very few COINS clients would qualify for this scheme

# 1.4.5 Posting a VAT Return

After the VAT Return has been submitted, it must be posted. The posting Status is colour coded

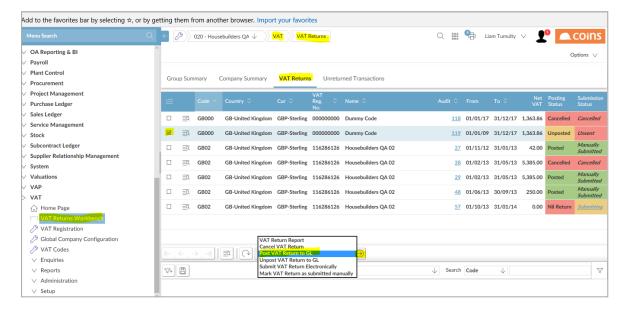
Green = Posted

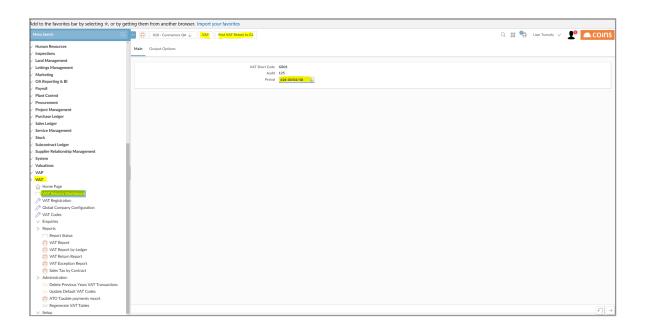
Amber = Unposted

Red = Cancelled

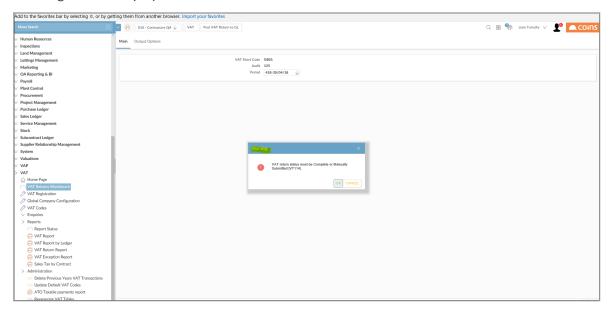
# 1.4.5.1 To post the Return:

- 1. Go to VAT Returns Workbench.
- 2. On the VAT Returns tab, select the Return.
- 3. Choose the Post VAT Return to GL action.

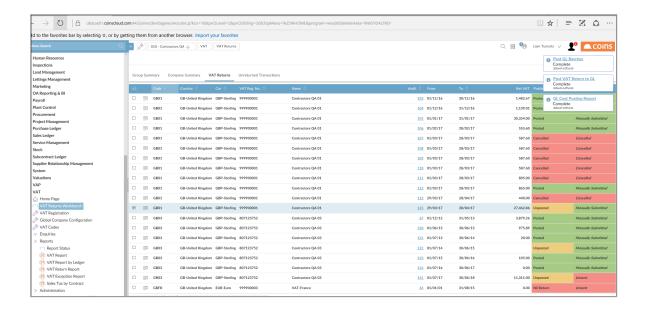


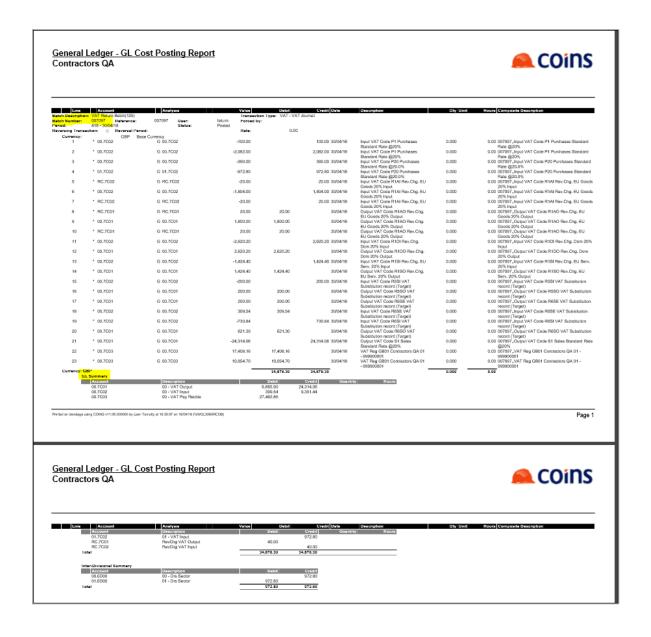


If GL posting is completed before Submitting or Marking manually Submitted a warning will be displayed



## **VAT Workbench**





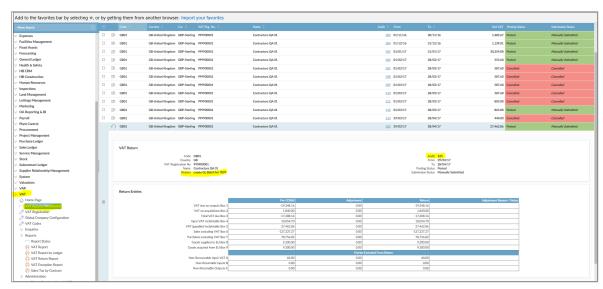
Posting a VAT Return will transfer the returned balances from the VAT control accounts to a separate VAT Debtor/Creditor Account. The balance on this account will then be cleared by posting of the cash payment/receipt to/from HMRC.

### This process;

- avoids the need to allow manual postings to the VAT control accounts for this monthly/quarterly cash posting.
- Only unposted returns can be posted.
- create and post a GL batch

- with one line per unique GL control account for VAT codes (excluding non-recoverable VAT input VAT codes) included in the return with a value of the total VAT for VAT Codes linked to that GL Control Account (Positive VAT output VAT creates a Debit entry and Positive VAT input VAT creates a Credit Entry).
- The total of these lines is then reversed and posted to the Creditor/Debtor Account for the VAT Registration.
- Sets the Posting Status for the Return is changed to "Posted".

The VAT Return is updated with the GL Batch Number



A posted return can be unposted.

- 1. Go to VAT Returns Workbench.
- 2. On the VAT Returns tab, select the Return.
- 3. Choose the Unpost VAT Return to GL action.

This makes the reverse entries to those that were made when the VAT Return was posted.

Note: For Multiple Company returns Intercompany posting must be enabled

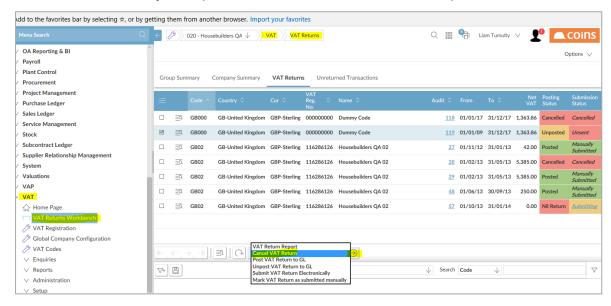
# 1.4.6 Cancelling a VAT Return

If a VAT Return within COINS is incorrect and needs to be created again, it can be cancelled subject to the validation rules below:

- If the posting status of the VAT Return is 'posted' and/or the submission status is 'complete', the VAT Return can only be cancelled by the sysadmin user on input of the day password). If the Return is 'posted' it can be unposted using:
  - VAT Returns Workbench, VAT Returns tab, Unpost VAT Return to GL action or
  - VAT Returns Workbench, any tab, Cancel VAT Return option

If the VAT Return has not been manually submitted, then it cannot be cancelled. If you need to cancel a VAT Return which has already been submitted to HMRC, please contact the COINS support desk and/or HMRC directly for assistance.

• If the VAT Return does not have posted or complete status, users can cancel the Return subject to permissions set in the CB/VATIDCAN parameter.



Note: There is no facility for COINS to send an amendment or cancellation of a submitted VAT Return to HMRC. If a VAT Return which has been submitted to HMRC needs to be amended or cancelled, you will need to contact HMRC.