

## Pay VAT deferred due to coronavirus

The guidance on how to pay VAT payments deferred between 20 March and 30 June 2020 has been updated with an added section on 'Correcting errors on your VAT returns relating to the VAT payments deferral scheme', including information on how to defer any extra payments resulting error corrections and HMRC VAT assessments.

If you deferred VAT between 20 March and 30 June 2020 and still have payments to make, you can:

- / pay the deferred VAT in full on or before 31 March 2021
- / opt into the VAT deferral new payment scheme when it launches in 2021
- / contact HMRC if you need more help to pay

The online opt in process will be available in early 2021 and you must do this yourself.

Instead of paying the full amount by the end of March 2021, you can make up to 11 smaller monthly instalments, interest free. All instalments must be paid by the end of March 2022.

The scheme will allow you to:

- / pay your deferred VAT in instalments without adding interest
- / select the number of instalments from 2 to 11 equal monthly payments

To use this scheme you must:

- / still have deferred VAT to pay
- / be up to date with your VAT returns
- / opt in before the end of March 2021
- / pay the first instalment when you opt in

If you opt into the scheme, you can still have a time to pay arrangement for other HMRC debts and outstanding tax.

See: [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/deferral-of-vat-payments-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_source=1dea07fe-13bb-409e-8518-47e6015adde6&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/deferral-of-vat-payments-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=1dea07fe-13bb-409e-8518-47e6015adde6&utm_content=daily)