

Tax Technology for the real world

VAT Number Checker

RSM's VAT number checker validates customer and supplier VAT numbers in bulk – ensuring VAT risks are managed efficiently and effectively

Validating supplier and customer VAT numbers – and the real cost of getting it wrong!

RSM VAT number checker - why?

Failure to take reasonable care validating VAT numbers can result in unexpected VAT costs and penalties.

The misuse of VAT numbers is a key aspect of many VAT frauds and an area where a lack of due diligence in the supply chain can impact a business's reputation with HMRC and contribute to a change in HMRC risk rating.

Validating VAT numbers in bulk on a regular basis represents a key compliance check for most businesses, to ensure that the VAT treatment applied to an invoice (or self billed invoice) can be justified based on the profile of the supplier or customer.

Who will benefit?

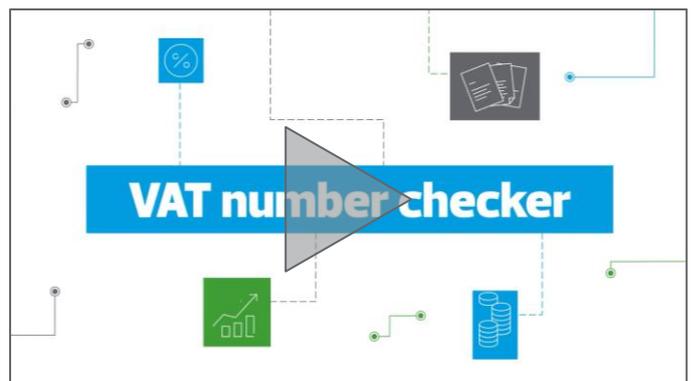
Businesses with a large volume of customers and/or suppliers and those using self-billing will benefit from the reduced administrative burden of carrying out manual checks.

It will also help to demonstrate robust controls within the VAT compliance framework, which is particularly important for businesses that have to comply with the Senior Accounting Officer (SAO) requirements.

What are the benefits?

- **Unlimited validation of UK VAT numbers with HMRC** - there is no restriction on how frequently you use the service.
- **Unrestricted, regular validation of EU numbers** using the EU VIES database.
- **Clear audit trail** - as part of the validation process a unique consultation number is generated, evidencing when checks were performed and the result.
- **Demonstrate good taxpayer behaviour** - the use of a third-party verification tool helps demonstrate 'due care', minimising the risk of errors and penalties. The tool will identify cases of customers and suppliers changing their VAT number or deregistering.
- **AI powered name and address cross matching** - allows verification of company name and address details stored against the tax authorities records, to identify if you have received a valid VAT number but it is not affiliated to the expected entity. This assists with ensuring accurate storage of VAT registration data for each customer and supplier, whilst potentially identifying instances of fraud.

[View our VAT Number Checker video below](#)



Versions

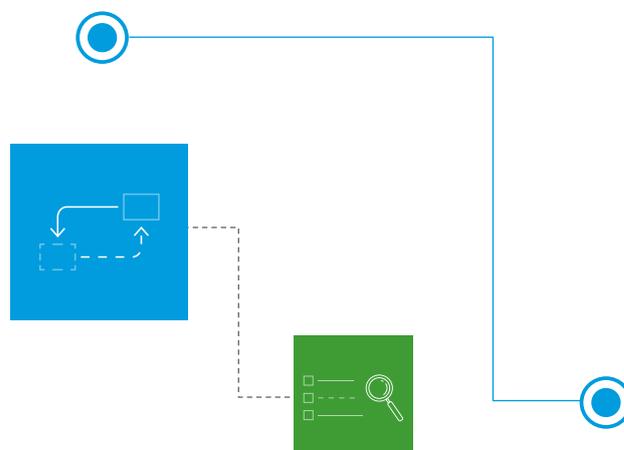
Features	UK only	UK plus EU	AI verification - UK and EU
Validate UK VAT numbers	✓	✓	✓
Unlimited frequency and number of VAT number validations	✓	✓	✓
Validate EU VAT numbers	✗	✓	✓
AI powered company name and address cross matching	✗	✗	✓
Specific EU VAT registration number per country	✗	✗	✓
Support helpdesk	✓	✓	✓

What does the validation process involve?

- Access to our website to log in and upload a spreadsheet containing the VAT numbers, name and address data to be validated.
- The system will check the VAT numbers against the HMRC and EU VIES databases.
- A VAT number validation report is issued in pdf format and sent via email, as well as the underlying data in Excel.
- The frequency is determined by the business and can be aligned to any risk assessment and the level of control required to manage this risk effectively.

What data will I need?

- Data must be loaded in an Excel format.
- VAT numbers must be in a single column, with a column header on row 1 and data on row 2 onwards.
- An example template is available if required.



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