SELF ASSESSMENT · FOR SELF-EMPLOYED CLEANERS

Your tax return, sorted. For cleaners.

Upload your bank statement. Daybook's AI sorts what your clients pay you, your supplies and your fuel, and tells you why. You check the few it isn't sure of. **Nothing goes to HMRC until you say so.**

SOUND FAMILIAR?

Every house sparkles. The paperwork doesn't.

> Weekly cleans, holiday-let changeovers and an office contract, all paid into my everyday account.

> Sprays and cloths from three different shops, mixed in with the family shopping.

> Is the new vacuum a business cost? What about my local adverts?

Making Tax Digital has started

Under Making Tax Digital for Income Tax, sole traders and landlords keep digital records and send HMRC an update every quarter, then finalise the year. Who it applies to, and when:

April 2026
Qualifying income over
£50,000

April 2027
Qualifying income over
£30,000

April 2028
Qualifying income over
£20,000

Qualifying income is self-employment plus property income, before expenses. Dates and thresholds as published by HMRC at the time of printing; check the current guidance before relying on them:

gov.uk/guidance/check-if-youre-eligible-for-making-tax-digital-for-income-tax

HOW IT WORKS

From bank statement to tax return

1

Upload your statement

A PDF, a CSV, or a photo of a paper statement from your bank.

2

The AI sorts it

Every line goes into one of HMRC's categories, with a short reason you can read.

3

You check a few

Only the lines it isn't sure of are flagged. Your answers are remembered for next year.

4

HMRC works out the tax

Daybook sends the figures and asks HMRC for its calculation, so the estimate is HMRC's own.

5

You file, or your accountant does

Only after a person confirms the figures and ticks the declaration.

HMRC's categories are the boxes on the self-employment pages of your tax return: supplies, travel, advertising and so on.

From Maria's year: what Daybook did with some of the lines

ON THE STATEMENT	SORTED AS	WHY
HOLIDAY LETS CHANGEOVERS	IN Income	A holiday-let company paying for changeover cleans.
OFFICE CLEANING CONTRACT	IN Income	The monthly payment for an office contract.
FP WEEKLY CLEAN	IN Income	A household client paying for weekly cleans.
CLEANING SUPPLIES	COST Supplies	Products and cloths used on jobs.
FUEL	COST Car and travel	Fuel for driving between clients.
PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE	COST Insurance	Cover for your work in clients' homes.
LOCAL ADS	COST Advertising	Adverts to find new clients.
MOBILE PHONE	COST Phone	The phone your clients call you on.
TRANSFER TO SAVINGS	OUT Kept out	Moving your own money isn't income or a cost.
HMRC SELF ASSESSMENT	OUT Kept out	Paying your tax bill isn't a business cost.
COMMERCIAL VACUUM	CHECK Maria checks	A vacuum that lasts for years is equipment. For the business, or for home?
AMAZON MKTP UK	CHECK Maria checks	Cleaning cloths and sprays, or household shopping?

Shortened from the fictional demo. Company names appear only as they would on a bank statement; Daybook has no link with those companies.

A person signs off. Always.

The AI sorts and explains. HMRC's own calculation works out the tax. **Nothing is filed until a person confirms it**: you, or your accountant if you have one. Every change and approval is recorded with who did it and when.

TRY IT NOW

Have a look round Maria's year

The demo is the real Daybook, with the year of Maria Santos, a self-employed cleaner, already in it. It works on a phone or a computer.

GO TO	demo.daybook.co.uk/login
EMAIL	cleaner@daybook.co.uk
PASSWORD	Daybook-Demo-2026!
OPENS IN	Sparkle Home Cleaning

- Opens straight into Maria's own workspace
- Everyone and everything in it is fictional
- Read-only: open any page; any change is refused
- Resets every 30 minutes

Things to try

- Look through Maria's year: home cleans, changeovers and an office contract, sorted with reasons.
- Open the new commercial vacuum, flagged as equipment for Maria to check.
- See personal spending kept out of the business figures.
- Try to change something. The demo is read-only, so it's refused.

Scan to watch

Real sessions in the software with fictional people, filing to HMRC's sandbox (HMRC's test service). New videos are being added; if one isn't up yet, its page says so.

A cleaner's tax return, sorted by Daybook

Maria's year, from bank statement to tax return. 1:55

daybook.co.uk/videos/cleaner-files-tax-return

Sole trader: AI bookkeeping to HMRC filing

Personal spending kept out of the business figures. 2:24

daybook.co.uk/videos/sole-trader-ai-bookkeeping-to-filing

The AI sorts, an accountant reviews

If an accountant helps you: they check what the AI wasn't sure of. 5:35

daybook.co.uk/videos/ai-sorts-accountant-reviews

GOT AN ACCOUNTANT?

They can use Daybook for you

Accountancy practices can run Daybook for their clients, under the practice's own name and logo. You upload your statements in your accountant's app, they check what the AI flagged, and they file for you once you've both agreed the figures. Show them this leaflet, or point them to **daybook.co.uk**.

TODAY AND NEXT

What Daybook does now, and what's coming

AVAILABLE NOW

- Making Tax Digital for Income Tax: sole traders and landlords, including UK property
- Quarterly updates, and HMRC's own tax estimate during the year
- The final declaration that finishes your year, sent only after you tick to confirm
- A job, pensions, savings or dividends alongside, for the full picture
- Learns from what you confirmed last year
- VAT-registered? VAT returns too: the nine boxes are worked out by fixed rules, never the AI

COMING, OR NOT YET

- Payroll, for when you take someone on: in pilot
- Corporation Tax, for limited companies: in pilot
- Neither files with HMRC yet: filing is in testing

Live filing

The demo and the videos use HMRC's sandbox, its test service, so nothing real is filed. Filing for real needs HMRC production access for the Daybook service you use: ask us where that stands before relying on it this year.

Want Daybook for your own return?

Email us and tell us what you do. We'll tell you how to get started and where live filing stands.

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