SELF ASSESSMENT · FOR MOBILE AND SELF-EMPLOYED HAIRDRESSERS

Your tax return, sorted. For hairdressers.

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

SOUND FAMILIAR?

On your feet all day. Then the tax return.

> Card takings, bridal parties paid by transfer and the care home's monthly payment, all in one account.

> Colour, products, scissors, the booking app, Instagram ads. What counts?

> The last thing I want after a full day is an evening of spreadsheets.

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: products, travel, advertising and so on.

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

ON THE STATEMENT	SORTED AS	WHY
SUMUP PAYOUT	IN Income	Card takings paid out by SumUp.
CARE HOME	IN Income	A care home paying for residents' appointments.
BRIDAL PARTY HAIR	IN Income	A group booking paid by bank transfer.
SALON SUPPLIES	COST Products	Colour, developer and products used on clients.
BOOKING APP	COST Business cost	The app your clients book through.
COLOUR MASTERCLASS COURSE	COST Training	Updating skills you already use.
INSTAGRAM ADS	COST Advertising	Adverts to find new clients.
FUEL	COST Car and travel	Fuel for driving to clients.
CLOTHES SHOP	OUT Kept out	Everyday clothes are personal.
HMRC SELF ASSESSMENT	OUT Kept out	Paying your tax bill isn't a business cost.
PROFESSIONAL HAIRDRYER	CHECK Chloe checks	One used on clients is equipment; one for home isn't. Which is it?
CHEMIST	CHECK Chloe checks	Products for clients, or personal toiletries?

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 Chloe's year

The demo is the real Daybook, with the year of Chloe Evans, a self-employed mobile hairdresser, already in it. It works on a phone or a computer.

GO TO	demo.daybook.co.uk/login
EMAIL	hairdresser@daybook.co.uk
PASSWORD	Daybook-Demo-2026!
OPENS IN	Chloe's Mobile Hair

- Opens straight into Chloe'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 Chloe's year: card takings, bridal parties and a care home, sorted with reasons.
- See clothes shopping kept out of the business figures.
- Open the lines flagged for Chloe: a new hairdryer and a trip to the chemist.
- 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 mobile hairdresser's tax return, sorted by Daybook

Chloe's year, from bank statement to tax return. 1:54

daybook.co.uk/videos/hairdresser-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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