Daybook

HOW IT WORKS · FOR UK ACCOUNTANCY PRACTICES

AI does the sorting. Your accountants sign it off. HMRC gets the return.

Clients upload their bank statements. Daybook's AI agent sorts every transaction into the right HMRC category and explains why. **Your team reviews what it wasn't sure of**, and Income Tax and VAT go to HMRC through Making Tax Digital, under your practice's brand.

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WHY NOW

One return a year is becoming five touchpoints a year

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. For a practice, every client in scope means more deadlines, more chasing for statements and more figures to check.

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. 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

gov.uk/guidance/making-tax-digital-for-vat

The work that grows is the sorting: hundreds of bank lines per client, each needing a category before anything can be sent.

What clients send today

PDF statements, CSV exports, photos of paper statements, and questions in email threads and shared folders.

What Daybook changes

Statements come into one place, every line arrives already sorted with a reason, and your team only looks at the lines the AI flags as unsure.

SIX STEPS

From bank statements to a filed return

1 Statements in

Clients, or your team, upload PDF, CSV or photographed statements. Layouts of the main UK banks are recognised.

2 The AI sorts, with reasons

Each line gets an HMRC category: rules first, then what the client confirmed last year, then the AI model. Unsure lines are flagged.

3 Your accountant reviews

A review queue shows only the flagged lines, each with the AI's reason. Corrections are remembered for next year.

4 HMRC works out the tax

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

5 Final declaration or VAT return

Income Tax ends in the final declaration. For VAT, a rules engine works out the nine boxes; the AI never computes a figure.

6 Filed through Making Tax Digital

Submitted to HMRC through its MTD APIs, with HMRC's fraud-prevention headers, and the reference kept on the client record.

A person signs off. Always.

The AI sorts and explains. Rules and HMRC's calculation produce the figures. **Nothing is filed until a person confirms it**: your accountant, or the taxpayer where you choose to let them. Every correction and approval is recorded with who did it and when.

AVAILABLE NOW

What Daybook does for Income Tax and VAT

MTD FOR INCOME TAX

- Sole traders and landlords, including UK property
- Quarterly cumulative updates and HMRC's in-year calculation
- Final declaration, gated on an explicit declaration
- Residential mortgage interest as the 20% tax credit; commercial interest as a cost
- Employment, pensions, savings, dividends and other income for the full picture
- Learns from last year's confirmed categories

MTD FOR VAT

- Every line coded for VAT; the nine boxes come from a rules engine
- Flat rate, cash accounting and margin schemes
- Partial exemption, with the annual adjustment
- VAT groups and the capital goods scheme
- Act as agent for your clients through HMRC's agent authorisation
- Uncoded lines block filing until someone resolves them

From the demo (fictional client, HMRC's sandbox)

A landlord with 100 properties files the 2025-26 return. These figures come from the recorded demo, not from a real client.

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transactions sorted from what the client confirmed the year before, with no AI model call

1 line

flagged for a person to check

One click

for the client to confirm the year before it went to HMRC's sandbox

Live filing

The demos and videos use HMRC's sandbox with test taxpayers. Live filing needs HMRC production access for your installation, which we work through with you during the pilot.

YOUR BRAND, NOT OURS

Your clients sign in to your practice

Daybook runs under your practice's name, logo, colours and web address. Your clients see your brand; they don't need to know ours. Include it in your fees, or charge for it separately.

One place per client

Statements, sorted transactions, questions to your team and the return, instead of email threads and shared folders.

Your team in charge

Staff roles decide who can see and approve what. What clients upload arrives sorted and ready for review.

On the phone

The web app works on a phone for uploads and answering questions. Branded iPhone and Android apps are agreed during scoping.

SECURITY AND DATA

Built for client confidentiality

- Each practice's data is kept apart from every other practice's, and each client sees only their own
- Roles and permissions for every member of staff
- Two-step sign-in with an emailed code; single sign-on for your staff
- Every approval, correction and submission recorded with who and when
- HMRC's mandatory fraud-prevention headers sent with every submission
- The AI can run on a model in your own hosting, so client data needn't leave it; hosting location is agreed in the pilot

Daybook is built on OpsAPI, a multi-tenant platform. Your IT adviser can read how it works at opsapi.org.

PILOT

Payroll and Corporation Tax

The calculations are built and running in the demo. Filing with HMRC is in testing, so neither files with HMRC yet.

PILOT · FILING IN HMRC TESTING

Payroll

- Pay runs a person approves, for your staff or a payroll bureau
- PAYE, NI, student loans and sick pay on 2026-27 rates
- Payslip PDFs, and My pay for each employee
- RTI file built and checked; sending to HMRC in testing

PILOT · FILING IN HMRC TESTING

Corporation Tax

- Year-end wizard, approved by a director
- Marginal relief, capital allowances, losses and s455
- Computation and accounts PDFs
- CT600 filing with HMRC still to come

SEE IT WORKING

Try the live demo

demo.daybook.co.uk

A fictional practice, Harbour & Lane Accountants, with six tax clients, plus demo workspaces for a payroll bureau (three employers) and three limited companies at year end.

How to sign in

The sign-in details and a QR code for each demo are on the next page. The demos are read-only, contain only fictional people and businesses, and reset every 30 minutes.

SEE IT WORKING

Three demos for practices, one login

Scan a code on your phone, or go to demo.daybook.co.uk and sign in. Each code opens its own workspace.



The practice: Harbour & Lane Accountants

Six fictional tax clients: landlords, a sole trader, a VAT-registered café, a builder and an employee with a side business. The filing queue, the review queue, VAT clients you act for as agent, and HMRC's calculation.

`demo.daybook.co.uk/login?namespace=daybook-demo`



Payroll bureau (pilot)

Three employers with pay runs on 2026-27 rates: each deduction explained, approval, payslips and the ledger journal. Submission to HMRC is not built yet.

`demo.daybook.co.uk/login?namespace=daybook-payroll`



Limited companies at year end (pilot)

Three companies: marginal relief, capital allowances, an overdrawn director's loan (s455) and a dormant company, each through the year-end wizard. CT600 filing is not built yet.

`demo.daybook.co.uk/login?namespace=daybook-companies`

GO TO	demo.daybook.co.uk
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PASSWORD	Daybook-Demo-2026!
SWITCH	Pick another demo from the workspace menu, top right

- Read-only: look at everything, change nothing
- Fictional people and businesses only
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- Trade demos (plumbers, drivers, landlords and more) at daybook.co.uk/demos

RECORDED SESSIONS

Four videos, scan to watch

Real sessions in the software with fictional clients. Nothing in them was submitted to HMRC.

Daybook in 90 seconds

Statements in, the AI sorts, your team signs off. 1:42

daybook.co.uk/videos/daybook-in-90-seconds

A morning in the review queue

An accountant clears the lines the AI flagged, across six clients. 2:04

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Payroll: a pay run, checked and approved

Every deduction explained, payslips and the ledger journal. Pilot. 2:32

daybook.co.uk/videos/payroll-pay-run-to-fps

Corporation Tax: the year-end wizard

Adjustments, allowances, marginal relief and s455. Pilot. 2:10

daybook.co.uk/videos/ct-year-end-wizard

A 30-minute call, then a pilot

Tell us how many clients you file for and which ones take the longest. We scope a pilot under your brand, with the AI set up and tested on your sample statements.

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