

AA Road Show 2019 – 19 March, Bristol - How will Making Tax Digital shape the future of accountancy?

0800 - 0900	Registration and breakfast
0900 - 1000	<p>Panel Session 1</p> <p>Panel 1 – The Tax Journey: How Far Have We Come and What Will MTD Bring Next?</p> <p>The Making Tax Digital deadline is upon us, but the process has been dogged by fears that many companies risk not being ready in time. What have those who have begun the process learned, and how far do we still have to go? Above all, what will MTD mean for the changing role of the accountant in future years?</p> <p>Key outcomes and takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What final preparations should you make? • What’s next following the April 2019 deadline? • Hear examples of both successful and challenging implementation case studies. • Understand how to advise clients on the digitisation process. • Be inspired by how MTD can transform the accountant’s role to a critical, strategic one, giving advice to clients in real time. <p>Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Sullivan, Intuit QuickBooks [Moderator] • Brian Palmer, Tax Policy Expert at AAT • Helen Bassett, Associate Director, Assurance and Business Services, Smith and Williamson • John Smith, MTD Expert, Bailey Group
1000 - 1100	<p>Round table session</p> <p>Roundtable 1 – Automation: Will MTD Improve our Productivity?</p> <p>The arrival of AI and automation have been greeted with fear and excitement in equal measure. Amid the talk of how robots will change our job roles and create new ones, can we take advantage of opportunities to spend less time on menial tasks and more time bringing value to our clients with the advent of automation?</p> <p>Key outcomes and takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learn which software products could save you time and on which tasks - Understand how to mitigate the risks associated with adopting new MTD-compliant software. - Understand which important new activities the accountant will spend time doing, and which current tasks will be taken over by automation. - Discuss whether automation is a blessing or danger to the future of our jobs. Will it simply be a change? <p>Roundtable 2 – Future Proofing Digital Tax: What Risks Do We Face?</p> <p>The technology sector is one of the fastest growing industries across the globe, but with rapid innovation comes heightened risk. Staying on top of cybercrime can be both time-consuming and fraught with complications.</p>

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Key outcomes and takeaways:

- Understanding the cybersecurity risks that threaten the industry
- Who might the perpetrators of cybercrime be?
- How to be best prepared to tackle these cyber risks
- Who qualifies for digital tax?

Roundtable 3 – From Accountant to Advisor: How is MTD Influencing the Changing Role of the Accountant?

Making Tax Digital marks a huge change in the accountancy industry: how will this impact the role of the accountant going forwards? There have been calls that the measure is delayed by up to three years, but is this just an excuse to put off the inevitable?

Key outcomes and takeaways

- The importance of communicating exact plans of action and next steps
- Who qualifies for which stages?
- The most challenging aspects of this new system.
- The benefits MTD will have on accountancy.

Roundtable 4 – Strong Relationships: How Can you Support Your Clients in Reaping the Benefits of MTD?

Making Tax Digital has largely been viewed as a pain point by many who are involved in it, from the businesses who must be compliant to the accountants who must support their clients on the journey but if you persevere what you will find is a host of ways MTD will help your business. Marketing your practice as MTD ready is a huge part of this, so discover how you can do this effectively.

Key outcomes and takeaways:

- What new opportunities will MTD bring to UK businesses?
- In what ways can accountants support their clients through MTD-related challenges?
- How can accountants help all their clients benefit from MTD?
- Why is marketing your practice as MTD ready important?

Roundtable 5 - The Bigger Picture: What is MTD's Role in the Future of the Digital Accountant?

It's easy to get lost in the everyday preparations necessary for MTD, but where does the new regulation sit in the wider context of the digital future of accountancy? Why is it important for local firms to embrace this requirement to submit taxes digitally and use it as an opportunity to fully commit to a future in which accountancy and technology are much more intertwined.

Key outcomes and takeaways

- In what ways could MTD position your firm as more of a digital player?
- What other digital changes might you make in your firm?
- How can MTD help you grow and improve your strategy and results through technology?
- How does the employee skillset need to change to move forwards in the future of finance?

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1100 - 1120	Coffee break
1120 - 1220	<p>Panel session 2</p> <p>Panel 2 – Accounting Transformation: Preparing your Practice for Change in the Tax World</p> <p>With change can come uncertainty, risk, and confusion but it does not need to be the case. How can you navigate the potential challenges of MTD and guide your clients through smoothly with enough room to make the most of the opportunity to go digital? Hear from firms who are doing it already. What have they learned and what will they do going forwards?</p> <p>Key outcomes and takeaways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to future proof your firm to embrace MTD going forwards • Gain insight into potential risks MTD could bring to you and your client and how to manage these challenges • Find out how to build a resilient practice that is ready to take on any future regulatory changes and necessary developments to embrace the digital future of finance. • Gain insight from real experiences as our expert panel of local accountants discuss their own learnings from the MTD process. <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth McLoughlin, Managing Editor, Accountancy Age [Moderator] • Nick Longden, Free Agent • Richard Wild, Head of CIOT Tax Technical Team • Rebecca Hutton, Head of the External Stakeholder Team, Making Tax Digital for Business Programme, HM Revenue & Customs
1220 - 1330	Lunch
1330	End of event