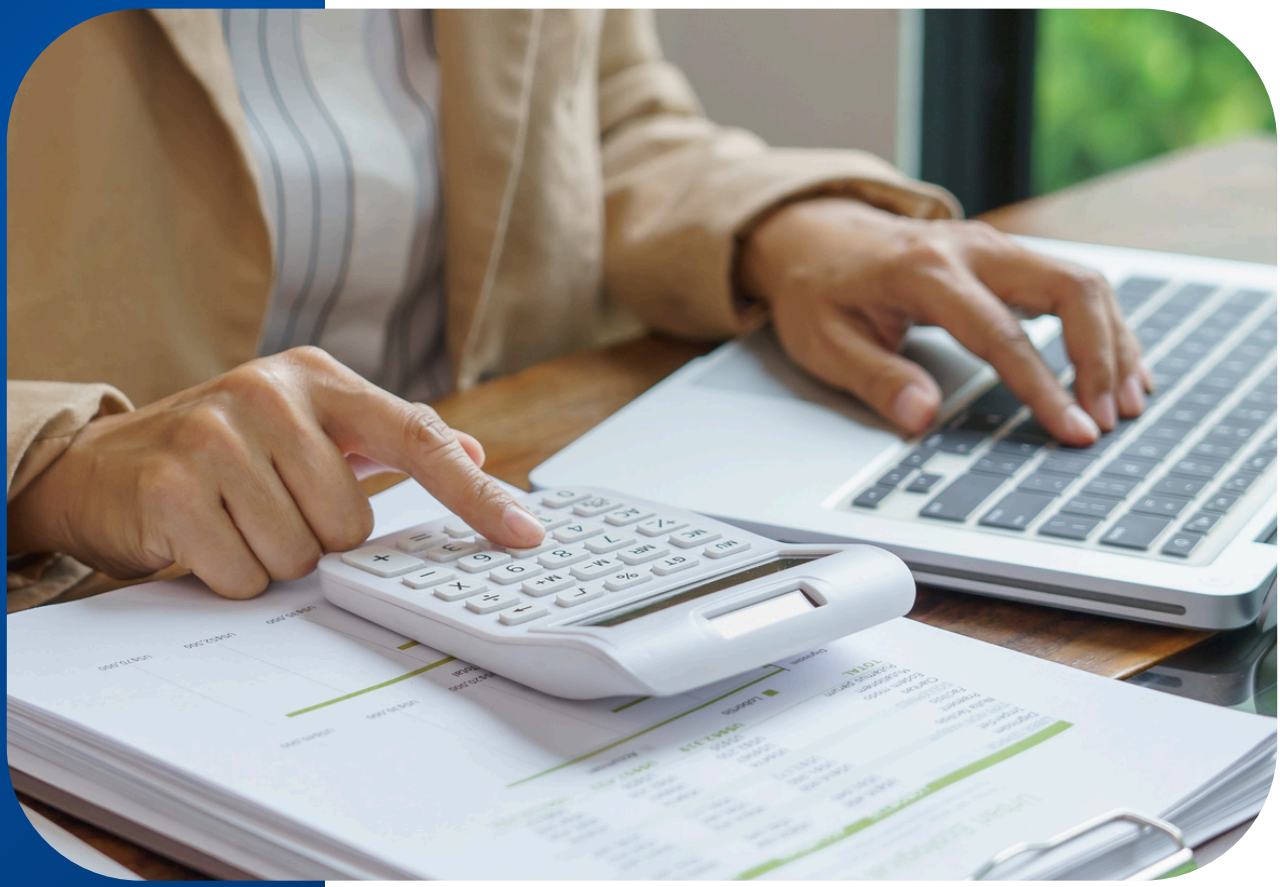
Making Tax Digital for Self-Employed Genistar Agents



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1) Introduction

Making Tax Digital for Income Tax changes how self-employed Genistar agents tell HMRC about their income. If you work for yourself as a sole trader, you may need to keep your records on software and send updates more often. This does not change the tax rules. It changes how you report your income to HMRC.

2) Who Is Affected

This affects self-employed Genistar agents who work as sole traders and fill in a Self Assessment tax return, if their qualifying income is above the set amount. It can also affect people who get income from property. It does not apply to limited companies right now. Partnerships are expected to join later. This means each agent needs to look at their own self-employed and property income to see if the rules apply to them.

3) Reporting Requirements

If these rules apply to you, you must keep digital records using software that works with HMRC. You must send updates to HMRC every 3 months for your self-employed income and/or property income. After the tax year ends, you must also send a final declaration by 31 January. The quarterly updates are only a summary of your income and costs. They do not show your final tax bill.

4) Phase-In Dates and Income Thresholds

The new rules start in steps, based on income. From 6 April 2026, they apply if your qualifying income is over £50,000. From 6 April 2027, they apply if it is over £30,000. From 6 April 2028, they apply if it is over £20,000. These are the main amounts to check.

5) Is It Based on Turnover or Profit?

The test is based on turnover, not profit. This means HMRC looks at your income before you take away expenses. So even if your profit is not very high, the rules can still apply if your total income is above the limit. HMRC adds together your self-employed income and property income for this test. PAYE wages, dividends, and pension income are not included.

6) What This Means for Self-Employed Genistar Agents

For self-employed Genistar agents, this means keeping income records in digital form and sending information to HMRC more often. If you now do your tax once a year, or keep paper notes, you may need to change how you work. It is a good idea to check your income for the 2024 to 2025, 2025 to 2026, and 2026 to 2027 tax years so you know when these rules will start for you.

7) Recommended Actions

- Check your total self-employed and property income.
- Remember that HMRC looks at gross income, not profit.
- Find out which start date applies to you.
- Choose software that works with HMRC.
- Get ready to send updates every 3 months and a final year-end return.
- Make sure you have an accountant so you can focus on your Genistar Business

In short, Making Tax Digital for Income Tax will affect self-employed Genistar agents whose income is above the set limits. The rules start in stages from April 2026. The test is based on total income before expenses, not profit. If agents check early and get their records ready, the change should be much easier to manage.

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