

SmartAccounting Version 1.9.44 Release Notes

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Welcome to the latest release for SmartAccounting. Special thanks to all our valued EP clients for your feedback and suggestions.

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What's New for All Productions?

1. Incentive Cost Report

- The Incentive Cost Report (CR-165) functions similarly to the Cost Report (CR-160) EA-EF and allows selection of which Account Types appear above and below the Custom Sub Total.
- Privileges must be assigned to use the Incentive Cost Report.

2. Required Free Fields

• The System Setup > System Defaults for Required Free Fields has been updated. Only selected Free Fields and INS must be filled in when marked as required.



- Required Free Field(s)	
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☐ F2	
☐ F3	
☐ F4	
Insurance	

Figure 1: Required Free Fields

3. Re-Open Closed Reporting Period

- New privileges allow re-opening of closed reporting period if there are no transactions entered in the Current or Future periods.
- Access the Re-Open Period button in Period Management on the toolbar.

4. Historical Cost Reports

Changes to Purchase Orders in the current period no longer affect historical cost reports.

5. New Chart of Accounts Privileges

- New privileges to add, edit, delete, and view in Chart of Accounts are available for Attached Sets by Account Type and can be assigned together or separately.
 - o Company Setting 55 OFF Attached Sets in Chart of Accounts Entry can be used.
 - Company Setting 55 ON Attached Sets cannot be used.

Note: Upon SmartAccounting Upgrade, all users on shows with Company Setting 55 disabled will be granted all Attached Sets privileges.

6. Flagship Send

- Added an additional record type called COMPANY. Work with your Account Manager to have the COMPANY record type added to your Flagship Send.
- Added additional fields to the APM record type.
 - Social Security Number
 - o Tax ID Number

7. Flagship Recon

• Added COMPANY record type and COMPANY record count to the FREP record.

8. Feature Suggestion

Suggest a missing feature by selecting "Missing a feature? Tell us about it." on the Start Page.



9. Help on Toolbar

• The Toolbar features a new "Show Help" button that opens a pop-up guide with on-screen instructions.

UK VAT Enhancements

1. Customizable VAT Account Tagging

- Identify balance sheet accounts as Sales or Purchase VAT Accounts in the Chart of Accounts (COA) to enable the following VAT enhancements:
 - VAT Reconciliation Report
 - VAT discrepancy warnings
 - VAT double taxation prevention
 - VAT change guardrails on posted transactions

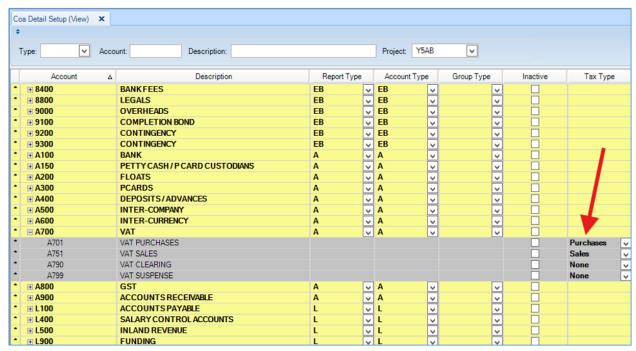


Figure 2: Chart of Accounts (COA) Balance Sheet Accounts

2. VAT Reconciliation Report

- The new VAT Reconciliation Report highlights variances between VAT box totals and Trial Balance VAT totals, ensuring accurate VAT charges or claims. Reports are available as PDF or Excel files.
 - The SmartAccounting VAT reports: VAT rates specified in the applied Tax Codes are used for calculations.



 The VAT accounts on the Trial Balance: VAT accounts on the Trial Balance reflect actual VAT amounts processed by the Accounts team and are designated as either Purchase (input) VAT or Sales (output) VAT.

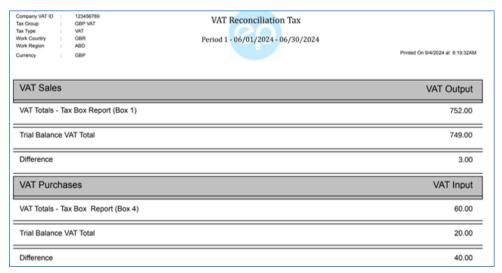


Figure 3: VAT Reconciliation Report

Note: Postponed or Reverse Charge VAT for goods or services purchased outside the UK may not appear in Trial Balance VAT accounts.

3. New VAT Codes: Import VAT

- New VAT codes including C79 and Postponed VAT for imported goods support Reverse Charge VAT reporting. VAT tagged with these codes automatically maps to the appropriate boxes on the VAT report.
- Productions can choose between two processes for handling import VAT:
 - C79 Certificates Displays in VAT report boxes 4 and 7, with corresponding VAT amounts in the Trial Balance VAT account.
 - Postponed Import VAT Displays in VAT report boxes 1, 4, and 7 with a net-zero impact on the VAT return, without any VAT amount reflected in the Trial Balance VAT account.

4. New VAT Codes: Reverse Charge

- Tax codes reflect the transaction in the correct VAT boxes on the VAT reports, showing a netzero impact to the VAT return.
- Tax codes appear in box numbers 1, 4, 6 & 7 in the VAT reports, with no VAT amount in the Trial Balance VAT account.



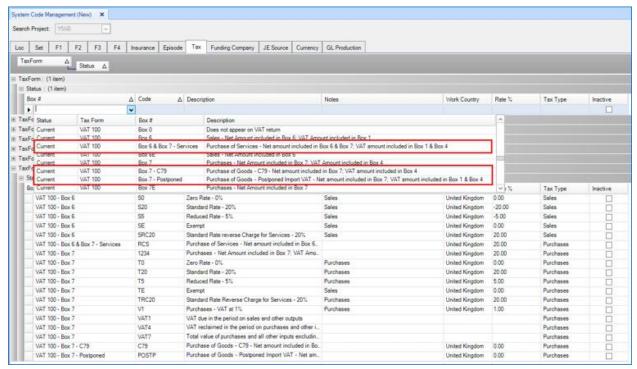


Figure 4: New VAT Codes

5. VAT Code Guardrails

- Modification and deletion of used tax codes on transactions are prevented. Changes to unused tax codes require confirmation before saving.
- Guardrails ensure VAT data integrity across prior and current tax periods, protecting against unauthorized changes to tax codes.

Note: When Postponed and/or Reverse Charge VAT has been applied to the purchase of goods and services from outside of the UK, the new VAT Reconciliation Report will show a variance.



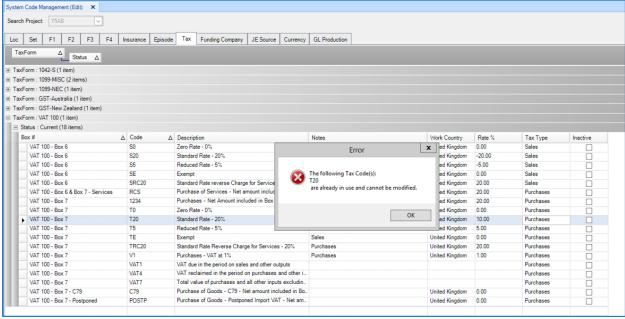


Figure 5a: VAT Code Error Guardrail

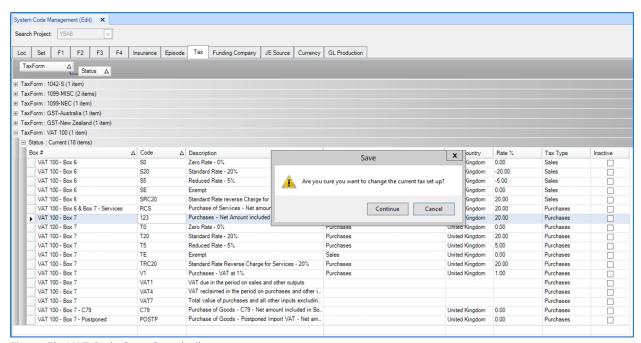


Figure 5b: VAT Code Save Guardrail



6. VAT Discrepancy Warnings

- Resolve variances between VAT on transaction line items and VAT balancing lines with assisted validation.
- Identify data discrepancies at the entry point to maintain compliance for both purchase and sales VAT transactions.
- Prevent errors from impacting financial reports and tax filings impact, reducing manual checks and streamlining workflows.

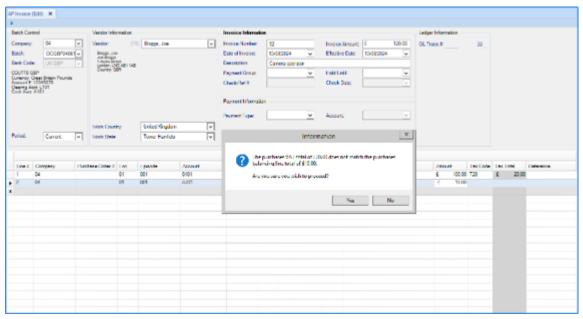


Figure 6: VAT Discrepancy Warning

7. VAT Double Taxation Prevention

- Tax Code field Is automatically disabled when selecting a VAT balancing account on a balancing line, eliminated the risk of double taxation.
 - Before Overstated VAT reclaims occur when a tax code is applied to a VAT balancing line. SmartAccounting calculated VAT on both the VAT amount and the net item line.
 - Now VAT is accurately calculated by preventing tax code entry on VAT balancing lines.



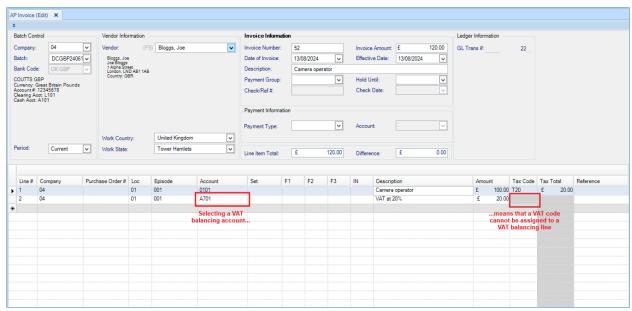


Figure 7: VAT Double Taxation Prevention

8. VAT Change Guardrails on Posted Transactions

- Receive guardrail messaging that confirms the creation of a Distribution Change after changing the VAT Account or a Memo Change after changing the Tax Code on a posted transaction.
 - VAT Account Change Guardrail verifies the creation of a Distribution Change after changing the Tax Account to a Non-Tax Account on a posted transaction.
 - Tax Code Change Guardrail verifies the creation of a Memo Change after changing the Tax Code on a posted transaction.

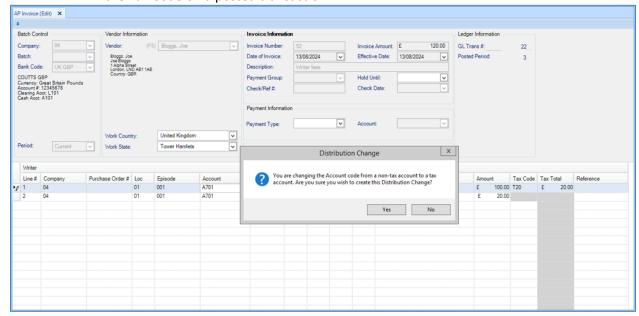


Figure 8a: Distribution Change Guardrail



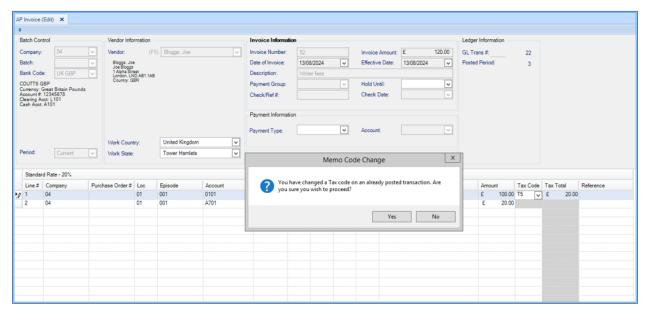


Figure 8b: Memo Code Change Guardrail

9. VAT Reports Rounding

- VAT reporting box totals to be rounded to whole numbers on VAT reports, in line with HMRC's format.
- This update applies to the following reports:
 - VAT Reconciliation
 - VAT Reporting Summary By Box
 - VAT Reporting Detail By Box



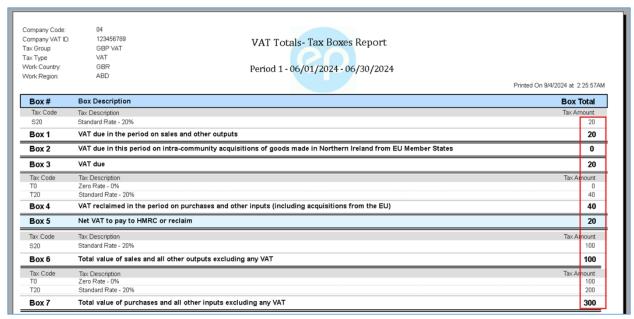


Figure 9a: VAT Totals - Tax Boxes Report

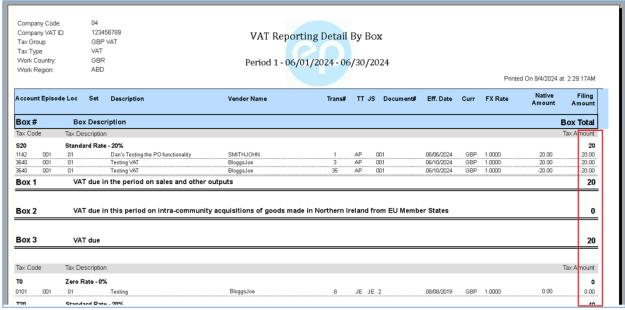


Figure 9b: VAT Reporting Detail by Box

Note: VAT transactions less than 0.5 of one penny round down. VAT transactions greater than 0.5 of one penny round up.

Australia & New Zealand GST Codes

1. Default GST Codes



Clients in Australia and New Zealand now have access to default GST tax codes to facilitate
accurate data flagging. Codes are available as separate Tax Forms in System Setup > Codes >
Tax.

Note: Reports utilizing VAT for GST workarounds will not support new GST codes. General Ledger reports support new GST codes.

2. GST and Transaction Entry

• New default GST codes can be assigned to any transaction type that supports tax codes. Selecting available GST codes on line items depend on the currency of the selected bank.

3. GST and Tax Totals

• The 'Tax Totals' form supports the new GST codes and calculates the tax totals.