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MAKING TAX DIGITAL

For your V.A.T returns for periods starting on or after 1st April 2019, the Making Tax Digital system is being introduced. Catalyst have demonstrated our compliance with the new system to HMRC and we are on the list of software suppliers who conform to the requirements of the new system. In fact, we do now have clients successfully uploading their VAT submissions.

You will need a programme update (free to those of you with live software maintenance) that is available to download. There is an authorisation process which is documented on the Platinum Knowledge Base "How do I authorise Platinum for Making Tax Digital" that needs to be done as part of your first submission under the new system, but this is quick and simple to carry out. For those who are not submitting electronically now, it will depend on individual circumstances as to what is involved in complying with the new system, but for the majority, it should be quite straight forward.

Jeff Kingsbury-Smith, Managing Director, says "Whilst this change has involved a considerable amount of work behind the scenes, we have been able to keep the V.A.T submission process nearly identical to that which customers have been using up to this point if they were submitting electronically under the old system. As ever, we have made every effort to minimise the impact of the change on our customers"

BEPKO ORDER EXPORT

Dealers using Platinum can now upload their parts basket/orders directly into the 'Bepko Parts' ordering system.

The Bepko basket upload tool is a new feature of Catalyst's powerful and flexible DMS, helping Dealers save time, become even more efficient and drive success.

More and more Agricultural Dealers are using Platinum to move their business operations forward. Dealers are reassured by Catalyst's proven solution, continuous development program and the back-up provided by full-time, dedicated and experienced support teams.

Using the Shift+F3 (Order Export Report) in the "Add/Edit/Process Purchase Orders" at the order or order item listing will output items on the current order for uploading to the Bepko website.



A word from Les

We have had a busy start to the year in the programming department with various projects, Early on in the year we were given compliance from the HMRC to use their new Making Tax Digital system for uploading VAT information. The pilot for Making Tax Digital was launched last October ahead of the new rules coming into force in April and if you are part of that pilot you can now register and use Platinum to upload your VAT submissions. We do already have clients successfully uploading. We will be looking at our Payroll over the next month getting it ready for the new PAYE tax year starting in April.



We have been adding features to our new Booking and Hire module with hire item statuses and a comprehensive pricing system. A hire items link to the CRM is currently in checking stage of its development. We have more features that are in the pipeline for this great new module such as extras and add-ons, attributes and replacements.

Our Stock Enquiries has been successfully overhauled with a better user design giving you more flexibility for information about your stock, stock levels and orders. Of course you can still use Platinum Online for any Stock Enquiries when you are not near your desktop computer.

The new version of Platinum Online is on track for release in March using the very latest in mobile technology and will be incorporating all our Platinum Mobile app options. Platinum Mobile will be phased out throughout 2019 along with the current version of Platinum Online. Support for iOS will allow the current offline ability of the Platinum Mobile which is currently only available on Android to be extended to Apple devices. It already has some great new features such as barcode scanning using the device camera, real time unit check sheet monitor, favourites and configurable sections.

We have some exciting ideas for Platinum Online going forward as this new technology allows for a greater number of opportunities for the software running on your mobile device. Making contact notes in the Sales Prospecting, scanning receipts, closer ties with the Personnel Planning module and uploading videos to YouTube to attach to units to name just a few.

Platinum is great for KPI's. Did you know you can configure Platinum Online to give you KPI's via charts and reports on your mobile device if you are out and about? Dashboards for various modules don't need any configuration, the information is always available via Platinum Desktop or Online.

Follow our website RSS and social media feeds to keep up to date with all our developments. Free updates are always available to anyone with a valid maintenance or rental contract.

Your success is our priority.

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VEHICLE ADVERTISING

Agricultural Dealers using Platinum can now export their vehicle records to Farmers Weekly.



Motorcycle Dealers can feed to Catalyst Findit, Bike Catcher, Auto Trader, PistonHeads, eBay Motors Pro & Gumtree, MCN & MCN Under 125cc & The Bike Market.

Caravan Dealers can feed to Catalyst Findit, Auto Trader, eBay Motors Pro, Practical Caravan, Out & About Live & Caravans for Sale.

Advertising on our national Catalyst Findit site is completely free to advertise your Bikes, Cars, Caravans and various Agricultural machines.

Get in touch with our Sales team should you wish to add any of the above vehicle advertising feeds to your system.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook or Twitter?

Whichever you prefer, we are on there!



Please like our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter to see our latest enhancements and news. Also, take a look at our Youtube channel for tutorial videos on various areas of the system which have recently been updated!



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HARDWARE HEALTH CHECKS

Maintaining your Hardware is a key process which you should keep on top of to ensure you are getting the best performance from your system. Catalyst offer health checks for computer systems to ensure they are working as efficiently as possible.

We can offer sensible advice on the steps that can be taken to improve performance, reliability and security. All health checks are carried out by senior experienced Catalyst staff.

What does a Hardware health check involve?

- We will survey all of your Hardware, from Servers to PC's.
- We will ensure all PC's are configured correctly and system performance is as expected.
- Where possible, we will disassemble PC's and remove excess accumulated dust, which will prevent over-heating.
- When the health check is complete a report will be given to you, this will reflect the state of all equipment. We will then recommend any changes or upgrades to improve your system. We offer a service for all your Hardware and maintenance needs.

Contact our Sales team to discuss arranging a Hardware health check for your business.

Call us on 0116 230 1500 or email sales@catalyst-uk.com

TRAINING COURSES

Here at Catalyst we recognise that with such a comprehensive system it can be challenging to absorb all of the system's potential. The solution? Catalyst Training Courses! With excellent staff and on-site facilities it's the easy way to digest all that you need to know with a particular module. The courses have been tailor-made to ensure that every individual leaves as an expert. Got a new staff member joining? Get them booked in today!

MARCH

- *The Joy of Accounts*
Tuesday 12th March
- *Report Generator - So Simple*
Tuesday 19th March
- *Stock Control in a Day*
Tuesday 26th March

APRIL

- *Logistics in a Day*
Tuesday 9th April
- *Vehicle Sales in a Day*
Tuesday 16th April
- *A Guide to Workshop Control*
Tuesday 30th April

MAY

- *The Customer Retention Centre*
Tuesday 14th May
- *The Joy of Accounts*
Tuesday 21st May
- *Stock Control in a Day*
Tuesday 28th May



....Full day courses are £140 per person
Book a Private Training room for £300 for up to 6 people!

COURSES GO FAST SO MAKE SURE YOU BOOK YOURS TODAY!

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