

# Making tax compliance less taxing

Avalara VAT Expert gives companies the ability to identify the correct VAT treatment for any transaction, drawing on one of the most comprehensive online VAT regulation libraries.

## Powerful cloud-based advisory tool

Avalara VAT Expert is a powerful cloud-based VAT advisory tool that gives tax and finance professionals the ability to quickly and easily check the correct VAT determination for their business transactions.

### Key features

- Stand-alone, cloud-based system that requires no systems integration
- Detailed coverage of VAT for European entities trading within and across Europe
- Personalisation via an upload of customer and supplier data
- Create both electronic and paper invoices to match local VAT requirements
- Direct link to VIES to check the validity of all customer and supplier VAT numbers

Avalara VAT Expert is powered by VAT content that covers all 400+ articles in the VAT Directive 2006/112/EC, the local member state derogations as well as wider international VAT determination.

## How can it help?

### VAT professionals

 Users both in practice and in industry use it to quickly assist their internal and external business customers to determine the right VAT treatment. VAT Expert can be used for both complex input and output VAT flows and to help set up and validate the logic in internal ERP systems.



### Finance teams

 Users in smaller companies can use the system directly to avoid having to pay for external VAT advice and to ensure that they bill their customers properly. They may also choose to use the system to send compliant invoices to their customers.

VAT Expert can also be used to help you assist your trading partners to understand their VAT implications, including providing guidance on how to report transactions on each party's VAT return.



### Accountants

 Users in smaller accounting firms use the system to advise their customers on complex VAT flows.



## The risks of getting it wrong

Getting the VAT treatment incorrect or issuing VAT invoices that are not compliant can carry significant risks.

### Trading partner risk

- Not being paid by your trading partner until you get the VAT right
- Being seen as uncompetitive and losing business if you overstate the VAT
- Unable to reclaim the VAT on your purchases

### Tax authority risk

- Incurring heavy fines and penalties for non-compliant filings or invoicing
- Costs of regular audit after an infringement
- Potential for becoming liable to VAT register in a foreign country

### Reputational risk

- Incurring reputational damage through poor perception in the business community, investors, and public as a result of bad tax decisions

VAT Expert reduces these risks by giving easy access to online VAT treatment and invoicing advice.

## How it works

Use a simple analysis screen to enter details about your transactions such as who the customer and vendor are, and what the taxable transaction is.

Depending on the type of transaction, VAT Expert will present further relevant questions. Once all the data for the invoice has been completed Avalara VAT Expert will return:

- The correct VAT treatment
- The correct compliant invoice messages in local language
- The invoice message citations can be clicked on to give the user the full legal article in the local languages
- A compliant legal invoice, both in XML format and in PDF format. This can be sent to a customer directly from the system if required or used for guidance purposes
- Additional VAT guidance messages that can help sellers and buyers understand the VAT on the invoice
- Guidance on which VAT Return boxes the invoice will need to be reported on for both the buyer and the seller

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