

## Self-Assessment penalty deadline extended

Today, HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) has announced that Self-Assessment customers will not receive a penalty for filing their 2019-2020 tax return late, as long as the return is filed online by **28 February 2021**.

Customers still need to pay their Self-Assessment tax bill by the **31 January 2021** deadline, with interest being charged from 1 February on any outstanding liabilities.

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**Please note:** Individuals who deferred their 31 July 2020 payment on account must also ensure that this is paid by 31 January 2021, or that the balance is included in a Time To Pay arrangement reached with HMRC (see below).

*Don't forget to use your 10-digit Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR), followed by the letter K, as the payment reference for any electronic payments!*

If you owe less than £30,000, you may be able to set up a Time To Pay arrangement to spread payments across up to 12 monthly instalments. You must have filed your 2019-2020 tax return before you can apply for the payment plan, and you will need a Government Gateway account to apply online.

Use HMRC's online Time To Pay service here: <https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/pay-what-you-owe-in-instalments/arrangement/determine-eligibility>

If you cannot use the self-service tool above, call the Self-Assessment Payment Helpline on **0300 200 3822** between 8am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

For further information on paying your self-assessment tax bill, the GOV.UK website here: <https://www.gov.uk/pay-self-assessment-tax-bill>

### **PLEASE BE AWARE OF SCAMS!**

We have been made aware of various scams through emails, phone calls, and texts. If someone contacts you claiming to be from HMRC, saying that financial help can be claimed or that a tax refund is owed, and asks you to click on a link or to give information including your full name, credit card or bank details, please do not respond.