

If you are new to our CT software or using the accounts facility for the first time:

Please see the accounts section near the end of this manual. There are lots of screen prints to guide you.

PLEASE NOTE: THE CT600 WILL NOW PROCESS FRS102 ACCOUNTS AND THE ACCOMPANYING XML/iXBRL CHANGES FOR PERIODS STARTING ON OR AFTER 1ST JANUARY 2016

Please see 'what's new' on page 4.

Self Assessment Company Tax Return

CT6002026

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Software Support

Telephone support is available to help users solve any questions they have with the functionality of CT6002026 on the following numbers:

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The Supplier will provide support for the installation for approximately one hour to assist the customer in using CT6002026 for no extra charge. Any additional training time will be charged at £100 an hour by agreement in writing with the Customer.

The support will not provide technical tax advice. Enquiries about the tax return should be directed to HMRC.

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What is CT6002026?

CT6002026 (© Quality Management Software Ltd and Mercia Group Limited) is an Excel spreadsheet that is designed to assist tax practitioners completing Self Assessment Company Tax Returns. It allows the user to complete a Tax Return quickly and simply on screen as they would on paper providing all the necessary supplementary sheets on request. It performs the calculation of tax following HMRC's guidelines.

CT6002026 includes a database which allows you to keep track of client information from year to year and to store each year's return in less space than each spreadsheet requires.

What is new?

CT6002026 includes revised facsimiles for the full CT600 form and supplementary forms CT600A, CT600E and CT600L.

We have also updated page 10 of the CT600 return "Qualifying expenditure" following revised information from HMRC.

HMRC is planning changes to the computation, these changes will be introduced in a later version. They have advised us of some changes to the Short Life Assets schedule and Structured Buildings schedule and we have made appropriate changes.

Note from HMRC

Research and Development (R&D) tax relief

On 8 August 2023, the requirement to submit an Additional Information Form (AIF) was introduced for all customers claiming R&D tax reliefs. This was published on GOV.UK and communicated to customers and agents via our usual channels.

1. Additional Information Form requirement.

For new claims made on or after 8 August 2023, customers must send HMRC an 'additional information form' before they file their company's tax returns or their claim will be invalid.

[Find more information and a link to the additional information form at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/submit-detailed-information-before-you-claim-research-and-development-rd-tax-relief](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/submit-detailed-information-before-you-claim-research-and-development-rd-tax-relief)

2. Claim Notification Form requirement.

For accounting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2023, some customers will need to complete a 'claim notification form' to tell HMRC about their claim.

[Find more information at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tell-hmrc-that-youre-planning-to-claim-research-and-development-rd-tax-relief](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tell-hmrc-that-youre-planning-to-claim-research-and-development-rd-tax-relief)

Last year's version

Please note that if you used last year's software (CT6002025) with the database, you do not need to keep this available if you have uncompleted tax returns as you can use this year's version to complete any outstanding returns. You can read the return from the database with the "Open Client from the database" option. You can still use the "Open client from previous year" option on the Setup sheet in this version to bring forward client information and carried forward Written Down Values, unused losses and any unmatched non-corporate dividends.

Not using the database?

Use the Carry forward information option in the old return and then the Bring forward information option in the new return

ACCOUNTS

We include an Accounts template for straightforward accounts. This includes built-in XBRL tags. The accounts and the XBRL tags will be included automatically with the CT600 submission to the Revenue.

Loans to Participators

HMRC has advised us as follows:

Yes, if you try to use the new loans to participator rate of 35.75% after the live release of the V1.994 artefacts on 06/04/2026, the return will be rejected. This will be corrected as part of April 2027 changes.

We aren't expecting this issue to affect many users, but if a customer has a requirement to file before 06 April 2027 and they need to use the increased loans participator rate, then in that circumstance they should contact HMRC, who will be able to advise them on how they should proceed.

Companies House

You can submit the accounts prepared with our template to companies house provided you have registered for online filing with them.

Please see The Accounts section near the end of this manual for more information.

The following link gives you some information about Co House changes:

<https://changestoukcompanylaw.campaign.gov.uk/changes-to-accounts/>

Before installing CT6002026

CT6002026 has an optional database and you must ensure the appropriate Excel options are installed in order to use it. The Setup program in earlier versions of Excel or Microsoft Office includes these options. From Office 2000 onwards the options are automatically included.

If you wish to use the database please first run the Office Setup program. You may need your original Office CD or disks.

Run Setup and choose the Add/Remove option. Confirm that you have installed the options which allow Excel to use a database. These are referred to as:

Office 97 “Data Access”

Please select all the sub-options by selecting the “all” option or ticking the boxes with the mouse.

If you have any doubt please contact QMS for advice.

Getting started

What do you need to run CT6002026?

To run CT6002026 on your PC you should have:

- A Pentium with a minimum of 32 Mb of RAM, preferably 64 Mb
- Windows
- A copy of Microsoft Excel 97 or above
- A knowledge and understanding of the Tax Return and the company tax regime
- The Revenue has approved printouts from a HP Laserjet printer.

Installing the spreadsheet.

The CT6002026 spreadsheet should be copied into any suitable folder.

Insert the CT6002026 Spreadsheet memory stick into your USB drive.

- Select **Start, Programs, Windows Explorer;**
- Select the USB drive;
- Select the file **CT6002026.xls**
- Select **Edit, Copy**
- Find and Select the suitable folder
- Select **Edit, Paste**, this action should cause the **CT6002026** spreadsheet to be copied from the memory stick to your PC.

Installing the database - you only have to do this if you did not use the database last year.

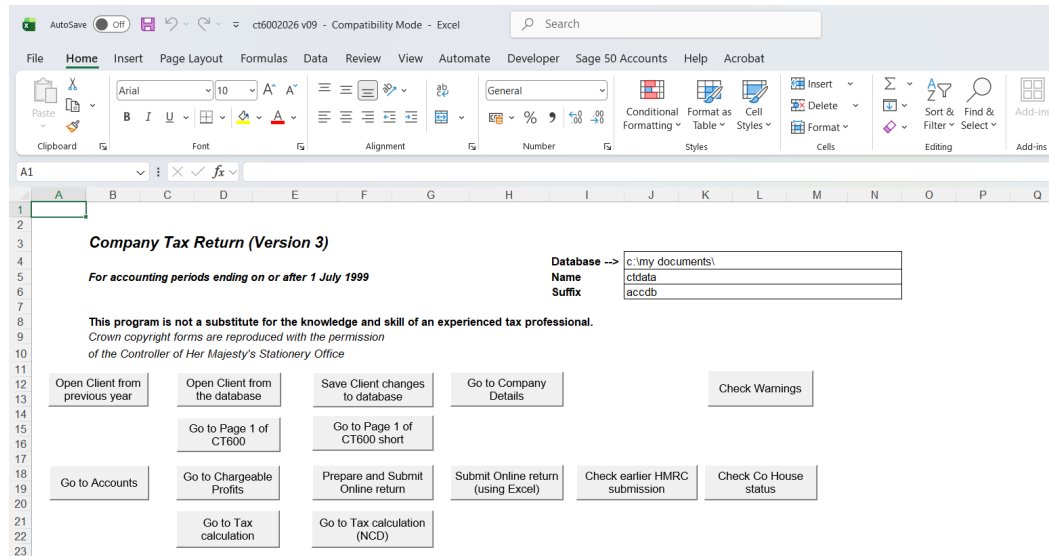
Insert the CT CD into your USB drive.

- Copy the file CTDATA.MDB from the memory stick to the C: drive in a similar manner to that used for the spreadsheet;
- You can choose the C:\My Documents\ directory, if you choose another directory:
- Update you master Spreadsheet with the name of the directory (see below).

Changing the CT6002026 master spreadsheet

You only need to change the master spreadsheet if you have copied the database to a directory other than the C:\ directory. The introductory screen shows a display similar to the following:

Figure 1



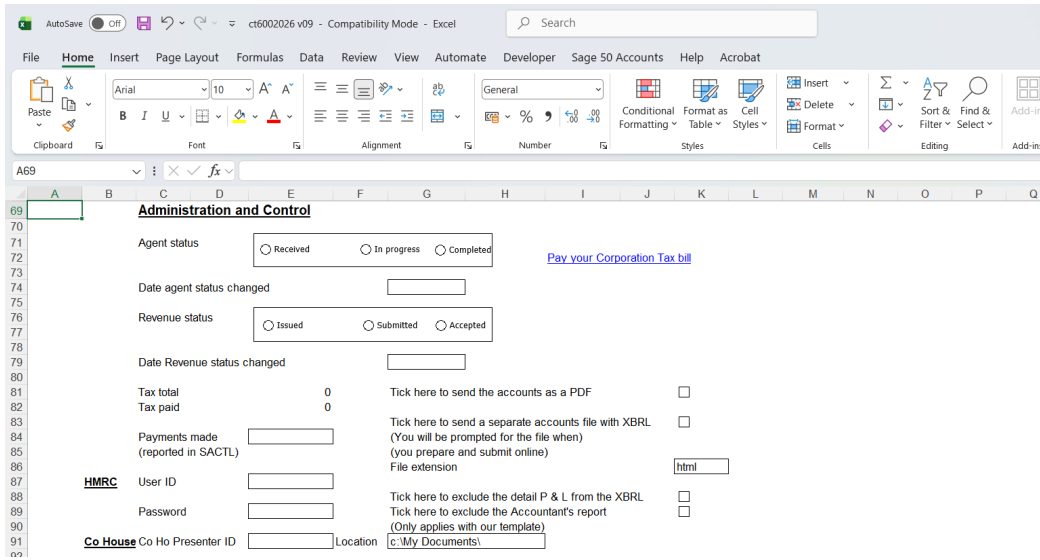
Enter the following database information:

- the location of the database in cell J4.

You will also have to change the database suffix and possibly the name if you have converted the database to work with Office 2013 or later. The suffix will be accdb and the name is what you chose when converting. It may be the same as the original – ctdata.

Remember to save the spreadsheet with **File** and **Save as a Spreadsheet**.

You can also enter your HMRC user id and password for online filing (the password will not be displayed) and Companies House codes lower down the setup screen as shown. When you prepare a return for online submission the program will display these and prompt you for any changes



You can use the administration options to keep track of the status of each client's tax return.

Remember to save the spreadsheet with **File** and **Save** back to the Spreadsheet directory.

Starting CT6002026

Open **Microsoft Excel**, select **File, New** and choose **CT6002026** from the spreadsheets available. This will create a new Tax Return from the spreadsheet.

Save the Tax Return

We recommend that you save the Tax Return immediately if you are not using the database options. Select **File** and then **Save As**, Excel will then prompt you for a name.

Filenames

You can use a long filename, up to 32 characters, for example 'James Brown Ltd2026.xls'.

Working with CT6002026

Introduction

CT6002026 is a computer system which helps agents prepares Self Assessment tax returns for clients. It is not a substitute for the knowledge and skill of a tax practitioner; it assists agents with the routine tasks of data entry, transcribing figures from one schedule to another and calculating tax.

What can it do?

CT6002026 allows you to enter all the necessary information for a client's tax return, it automatically calculates the tax liability and allows you to print a facsimile Tax Return or submit a return with HMRC's e-filing service.

CT6002026 uses the HMRC recommended method of calculating tax. It follows the rules in the HMRC notes and working papers and as advised to us. Consequently, the calculated tax will agree with the Revenue's calculation. If you enter all sources of income and allowances correctly then the tax will be correct.

You can use the database options to save each client's tax return information. There are two main advantages: the first is the saving of space as you do not need to store each client's return as a separate spreadsheet, the second is that the information will be available for next year.

Use the "Tidy up the database" option to do as it says, please remember to take separate copy of the database first. The Tidy Up option may take a few moments depending on how large your database is.

Using the database

You do not need to save and load each client's tax return as a separate spreadsheet. Use the "Save client to database" and "Open client from the database" buttons on the introductory page to save and retrieve the client's return. Please remember to use the "Save" option if you make any changes you wish to save; CT6002026 overwrites any existing information already in the database.

The "Open Client from previous year" button allows you to open a client stored in the database for the previous tax year. The company standing information is brought forward and the accounting period dates are moved on to the new year. If these change you can overwrite them.

Opening the Tax Return

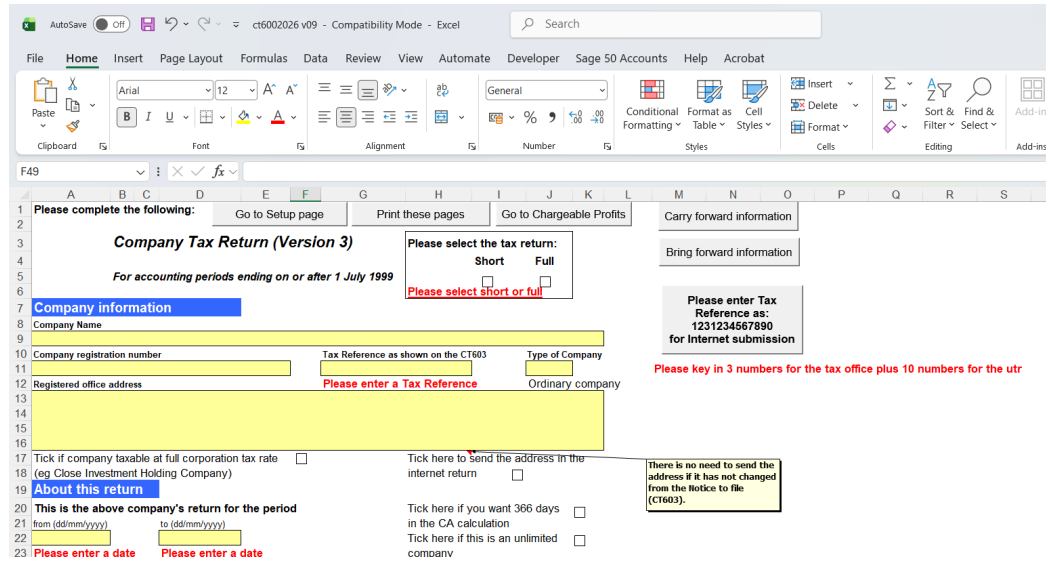
A new Tax Return

After opening Excel, select File then New and choose the CT6002026 spreadsheet. If you are not using the database options save the spreadsheet with an appropriate name as discussed above.

Opening a client from the database will automatically lead to a new screen; the 'company details' screen. This screen contains CT600 return information boxes which will be copied to page 1 of the short or full CT600 tax return depending on the option selected. You can return to this screen at a later time if do not have all the information for the client (by selecting 'Go to Company Details' on the setup page).

The company details screen also allows you to select whether you wish to complete the Short or Full tax return (for accounting periods starting on or before 31 March 2015):

Figure 2



This information will be copied to page 1 of the short or full or new style CT600 tax return depending on the option selected and the return starting date. This sheet also includes information such as:

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following sections and notes:

- Turnover:** Field 1 (Total turnover from trade or profession). Note: - the Upper or Lower limit for any **relevant** marginal relief has varied, and - the number of associated companies was different in the parts of the AP falling into the two financial years.
- Tax Calculation:**
 - 38 Franked investment income
 - 39 Number of associated companies in this period OR
 - 40 Associated companies in the first financial year
 - 41 Associated companies in the second financial year
- Effect of abolition of starting rate and NCD rate:** You will only need to use boxes 40 and 41 instead of box 39 in a period straddling FY2005 and FY2006 if:
 - the starting Rate and/or NCD Rate is being used for FY2005, and
 - the number of associated companies was different in the parts of the AP falling into the two financial years
- Small repayments:** (These details will be copied to the Short or Full tax return)
 - 77 Do not repay £20 or less
 - 78 139 Enter 'x' if appropriate
 - 79 Do not repay sums of 140 or less. Enter whole figure only
- Bank details (for person to whom the repayment is to be made):**
 - 81 Repayment is made quickly and safely by direct credit to a bank or building society account. Please complete the following details:
 - 82
 - 83
 - 84

Callouts and notes:

- If you are expecting a repayment you need to provide bank details everytime you submit a return.**
- Please enter the 6 digits only**

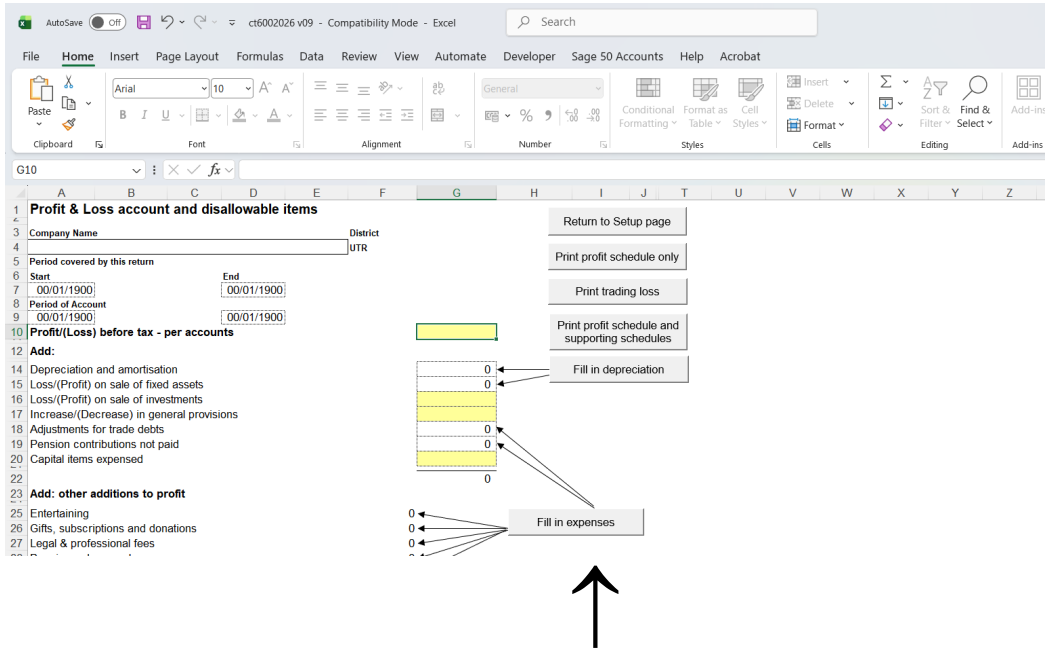
Note that the computation of Marginal Rate Relief (if required) expects you to use box 326 rather than boxes 327 and 328 unless the AP straddles two FYs and the limits have changed.

Payment information:

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following sections:

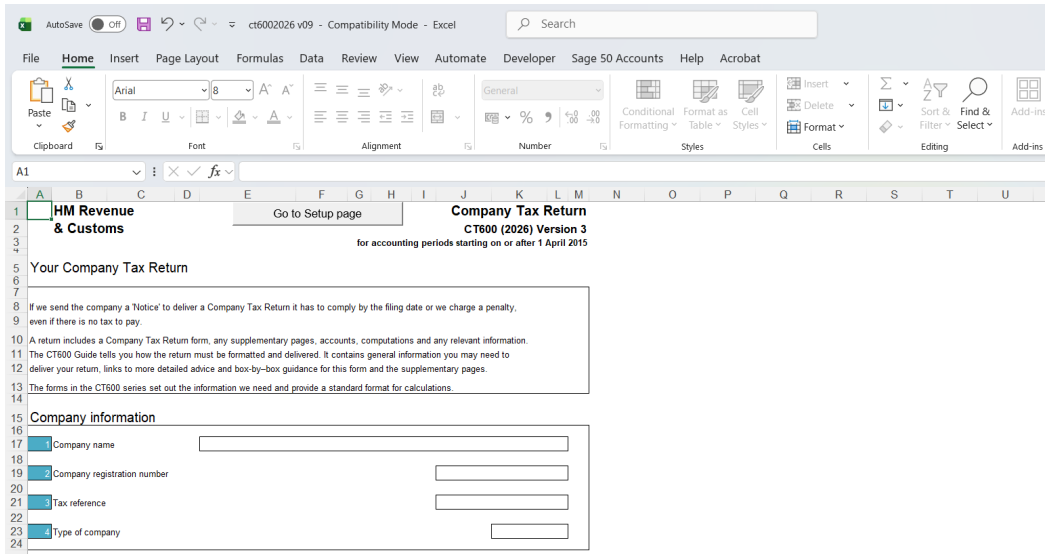
- Payments to a person other than the company:**
 - 92 Complete the authority below if you want the repayment to be made to a person other than the company.
 - 93
 - 94 I, as (enter status - company secretary, treasurer, liquidator or authorised agent, etc.)
 - 95 154
 - 96 of (enter name of company)
 - 97 155
 - 98 authorise (enter name)
 - 99 156
 - 100 (enter address)
 - 101 157
 - 102
 - 103
 - 104
 - 105
- Nominee reference:**
 - 106
 - 107 158
 - 108 to receive payment on the company's behalf.
 - 109 Name (in capitals)
 - 110 160
- Declaration:** (These details will be copied to the Short or Full tax return)
 - 112
 - 113 Warning - Giving false information in the return, or concealing any part of the company's profits or tax payable, can lead to both the company and yourself being prosecuted.
 - 114

After completing the company details then move to the Chargeable Profits sheet to complete the accounting and tax details:



Each page of the tax return is stored in a separate sheet: these are identified by tab labels at the bottom of the screen.

Page 1 of the new style tax return looks like:



There are also options to move to the Supplementary pages of the tax return from buttons on page 2.

Opening existing Returns

If you would like to review an existing return:

- Open Excel
- Select File and then Open;
- Locate the return you would like to review.

Alternatively with the database:

- Open Excel
- Load the master spreadsheet CT6002026 (you must re-load the spreadsheet before opening each client or click the button “Remove details from all screens” first)
- Click the button “Open Client from the database” or “Retrieve Client from last year”
- You will be prompted with a list of clients (name and year-end), select one;
- CT6002026 refreshes the spreadsheet with the previously stored client information.

Getting around the Return

We have added grey navigation buttons to help you move to and from the different sections of the return and from the main return to the supplementary pages (the buttons are not printed). Clicking on these buttons allows you to move to your desired destination. You can also click the left and right arrows immediately to the left of the tab labels at the bottom of the screen to move quickly to the required page or sheet.

Clicking on the button marked “Company tax return” on each supplementary section will take you back to page 1. Each page is laid out as the printed equivalent. You can print a “blank” page (there are print buttons at the top of each page) if you wish, you do not need a stock pile of returns and supplementary pages.

Page 1 of the Tax Return (or Page 2 of the new style) allows you to move to each supplementary section in turn. Click on the “Fill in” button to go directly to the section. You can move within each section in a similar manner to the Tax Return. Clicking on the Tax Return button underneath the last page of each supplementary section takes you back to page 1 of the Tax Return. The “x” next to the “Fill in” button for each question will be completed automatically when you have completed the supplementary section.

If you are lost

If you are lost a combination of the Control key (Ctrl key) and the arrow keys (up and left) will get you back to the top left of the sheet. The Control key and the letter “o” together will also get you back to the top left of the sheet.

A short guide

An introduction for new users who are not familiar with the workings of the tax return spreadsheet.

The most usual sequence of steps is first to fill in the Company Details (please access using the button on the Setup page). You can only complete the boxes which are coloured yellow. Boxes that are used for text or reference information, such as the company name or the company registration number: please position the cursor on the left hand side of the box and type the required information. Dates and financial numbers: please position the cursor on the right hand side of the box.

Secondly you need to consider the accounts. If you are providing the accounts in iXBRL form from alternative software: go back to the Setup page, scroll down and tick the:

Tick here to send a separate
accounts file with XBRL
(You will be prompted for the file
when)
(you prepare and submit online)

If you are using our accounts template please chose the Accounts button on the Setup page, step through the pages and complete the required information in the template. Once again please use the yellow boxes, text on the left hand side and dates and numbers on the right hand side.

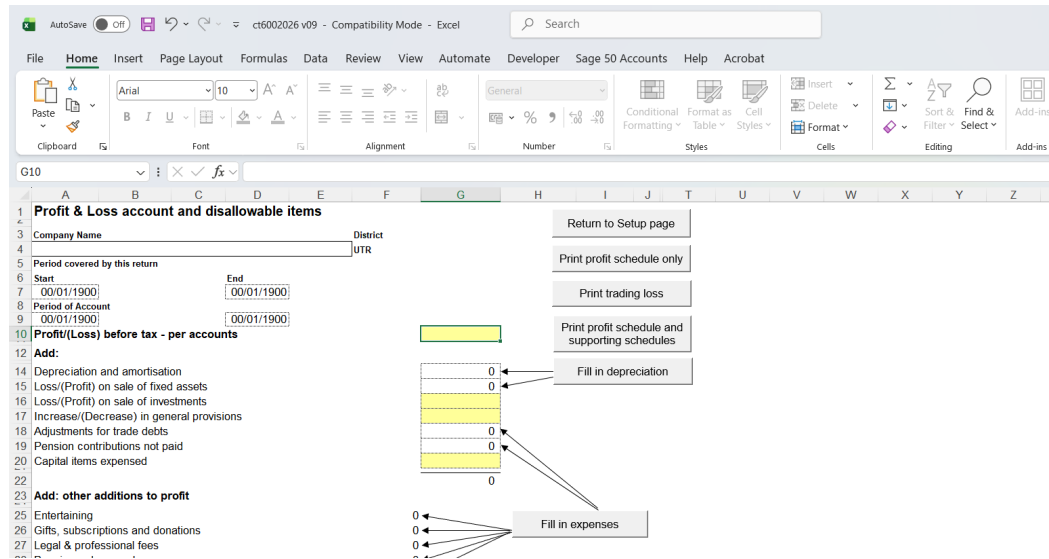
Thirdly: the computation controlled by the Chargeable Profits page. Please return to the Setup page and select Chargeable Profits button. Start with the accounting profit or loss and work down the page with the various adjustments to end up with the profit chargeable to tax. The tax will be calculated automatically. When a box is not coloured yellow there will be a button to the right-hand side which takes you to a supporting schedule, for example Depreciation. Fill in the necessary details on the supporting schedule, the totals will be copied automatically to the Chargeable profits page.

Finally, the prepare and submission stage. Go back to the setup page and select the Prepare and submit online return. There will be a question and answer session prompting for HMRC or Companies House, your id and password, Yes for new, Yes or No for a test of live submission, the special code you buy from our website (Pay as you go version) and a final prompt to submit the return. There will be a short delay before you see a response on the screen with an option to print the response.

Using the Tax Return

After completing the Company Details screen you should use the Chargeable Profits screen, enter the profit as per the accounts and build up the various adjustments to reach the taxable profit. The “Go to Chargeable profits” from the introductory screen takes you to:

Figure 3



You start with Profit/Loss as per the accounts, enter depreciation and other disallowable items and continue down the page moving to sections such as Capital Allowances.

The information from the Chargeable Profits page is automatically used to complete the tax return pages.

Capital allowances

The “Fill in Capital Allowances” button takes you to the Capital Allowances summary page:

Figure 5

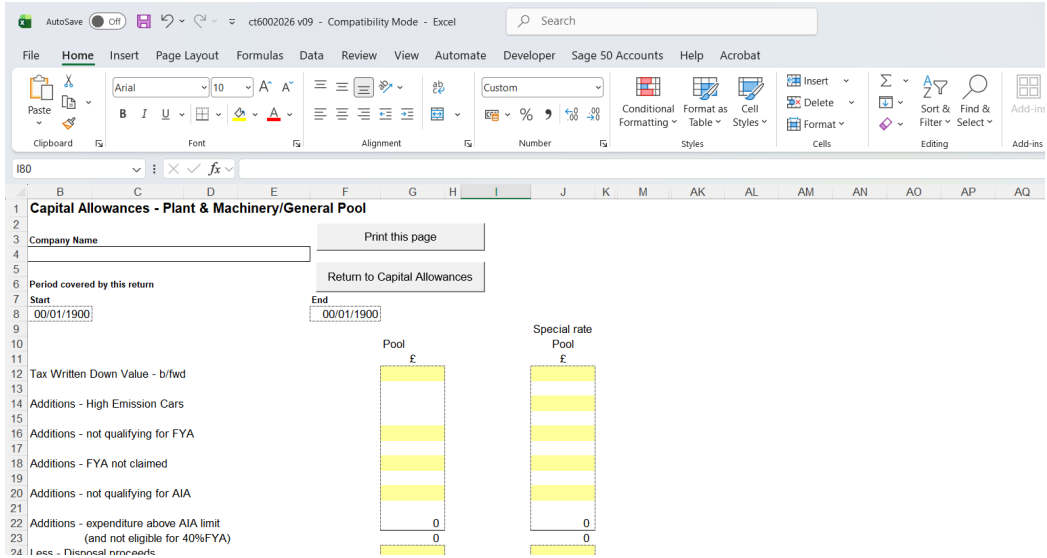
	Total Claimed	Total Trading	General Pool	Special Rate pool	Short Life Assets	Expensive cars	Structures & Buildings Allowances	Industrial Buildings Allowances	Agricultural Buildings Allowances	BPRAs Traders	Property General Pool	Income Special Rate pool	Flat Conversion & Bu	Stru Allowances
	£	£	Fill in	Fill in	Fill in	Fill in	Fill in	Fill in	Fill in	Fill in	Fill in	Fill in	Fill in	Fi
15 Brought forward			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 Additions not qualifying for FYA		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17 Additions not qualifying for AIA		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18 Super deduction and Full expensing		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19 AIA qualifying expenditure		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 De-pooled assets		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21 Disposal proceeds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22 Balancing charge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23 Balancing allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

This page summarises the Brought forward, First Year Allowances, Writing Down Allowances and Carried forward amounts for the different type of allowances.

The Carried Forward amounts are stored in the database and appear as the Brought Forward amounts in the following year’s tax return.

Each “Fill in” button takes you to the detailed page, for example the Plant and Machinery page:

Figure 6



The allowances are calculated automatically, and the totals are copied back automatically to the Capital Allowances Summary page and the Chargeable profits page.

There is a new sections for the Super-deduction allowance and Full expensing at the bottom of the page.

Supplementary Sections

Navigation buttons on page 1 of the short or full Company Tax Return or page 2 of the new style return allow you to move to each Supplementary Section

Each Supplementary schedule has its pages arranged on separate worksheet pages. The pages are laid out as the printed equivalent. Some boxes can be calculated from other boxes (following HMRC's specification) and the calculated total is provided. The time taken for each calculation depends on the capacity of your PC but will generally be at most a few seconds; the calculation is immediate with fast computers.

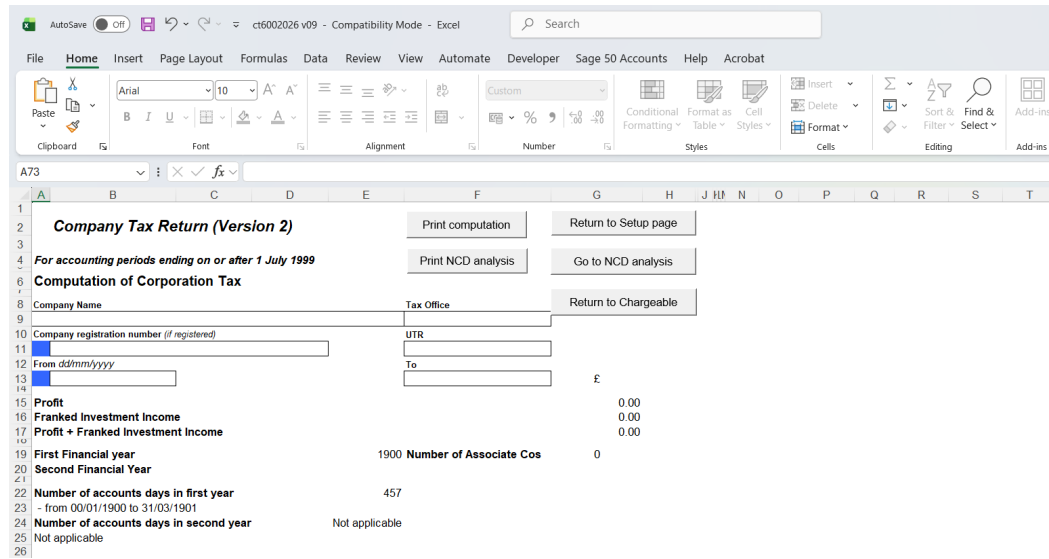
Print Options

Choose the “Print all the return” button on the introductory page to print the complete return. The program prints either the short or full return depending on the option selected on the Company Details screen. Each page has its own print button as well.

Calculating tax

CT6002026 calculates tax automatically. The Tax calculation sheet summarises the calculation. The rounding procedure follows the Revenue’s guidelines. You can move to the calculation by clicking the “Tax calculation” button on the introductory screen.

Figure 7



The tax calculation page summarises the tax computation and should accompany the tax return. The page sets out the calculation of marginal relief for small companies (if appropriate).

Filing by the Internet

HMRC has introduced some changes to the way the online process works. You have some choices:

- File on paper, this is possible for old years or to re-submit a previously accepted return;
- Use the standard computation but you must provide in most cases the accounts as an XBRL attachment prepared by other accounting software;
- Use both the computation and accounts template with XBRL which our software provides.

If there is a reason for not providing the computation and accounts please go to the Company Details screen, move down the page to see this screen:

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following content:

Row	Column	Text	Value/Status
39	A	Disclosure of tax avoidance schemes	
40	A	Notice of disclosable avoidance schemes	<input type="checkbox"/>
41	A		
42	A	Transfer pricing	
43	A	Compensating adjustment claimed	<input type="checkbox"/>
44	A		
45	A	Company qualifies for SME exemption	<input type="checkbox"/>
46	A		
47	A	Accounts	
48	A	I attach accounts and computations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49	A	for the period to which this return relates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
50	A		
51	A	for a different period	<input type="checkbox"/>
52	A		
53	A	If you are not attaching accounts and computations, say why not	
54	A		
55	A		
56	A		
57	A		
58	A		
59	A		
60	A		
61	A		

Additional text in the screenshot:

- Red text: "Please mark to attach accounts or select a reason"
- Red text: "INTERNET SUBMISSION"
- Red text: "In almost all cases you need an X in one or other of these boxes"
- Text: "Please select the reason you are not attaching accounts and computation"
- Text: "(Accounts reason)"
- Text: "(Computation reason)"
- Text: "Click here to remove both"
- Text: "From the CT600 guide: You will only need to use boxes 40 and 41 instead of box 39 if all of the following apply: - the AP straddles two financial years, and"

and select the reasons for not attaching.

Note: in almost all cases you need an X in one or other of these boxes.

The XBRL option for the accounts

The default option is to include accounting information from our accounts template but you can change it. Go to the Setup screen and move down to the Administration and Control (scroll down the page):

The screenshot shows the 'Administration and Control' section of the Sage 50 Accounts software. It includes the following fields and options:

- Agent status: Radio buttons for Received, In progress, Completed.
- Date agent status changed: Text input field.
- Revenue status: Radio buttons for Issued, Submitted, Accepted.
- Date Revenue status changed: Text input field.
- Tax total: 0
- Tax paid: 0
- Payments made (reported in SACTL): Text input field.
- HMRC User ID: Text input field.
- Password: Text input field.
- Co House Co Ho Presenter ID: Text input field.
- Location: Text input field with 'c:\My Documents' as a placeholder.
- Options:
 - Tick here to send the accounts as a PDF
 - Tick here to send a separate accounts file with XBRL (You will be prompted for the file when you prepare and submit online)
 - File extension: Text input field with 'html' as a placeholder.
 - Tick here to exclude the detail P & L from the XBRL
 - Tick here to exclude the Accountant's report (Only applies with our template)

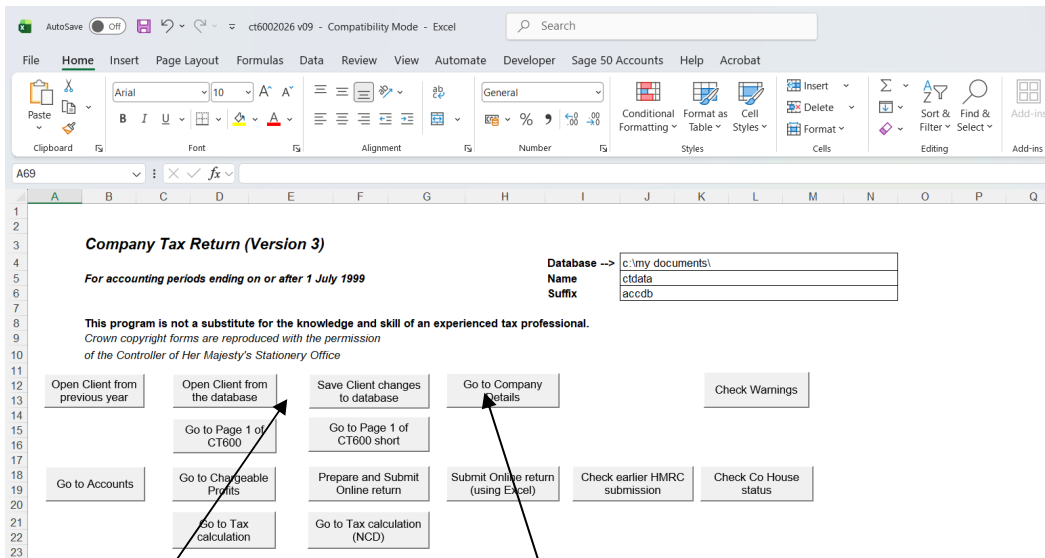
The program will automatically include accounts from our template in XBRL form in the submission unless you choose to send your own accounts as a PDF. Tick in the box and you will be prompted for a PDF file of accounts when you prepare the online return.

Alternatively you can provide a separate accounts file from third party accounts software. Tick the second box if appropriate. There are tick boxes to exclude some information from our accounts template, note: these tick boxes are only used if you using our accounts template.

Please tick the Companies House option and optionally the Abbreviated or Abridged accounts option if you want to file to Companies House before using the Prepare button. **The two submission processes are quite different, you need to Prepare and Submit twice.**

Each prompt will allow you to select one or more files. **Almost always you will select one file.** Select the Cancel option in place of a second file prompt when requested.

Return to the setup sheet to see the following display:



Use the Prepare and Submit online return button to prepare the internet return. You will be prompted for your HMRC user id and password (or the Companies House equivalent) and, depending on the tick boxes (see previous page), any attachments which you wish to include. These must be in the form of PDF or XBRL files and typically will be prepared by third party accounts software. One convenient method of preparing PDF files is with a PDF printer driver such as WIN2PDF available on the internet.

After the tax return is prepared you will be prompted to submit immediately and select yes if appropriate. Alternatively, you can select the Submit button (The Excel method). The Excel method is quick and needs Excel from Office 2002 onwards. You must use the Excel method to submit to Companies House.

Sometimes HMRC is too busy to process the return immediately. You will see a prompt to continue polling (reading the response from HMRC). If you don't want to continue polling you can come back later and use this option to check a previous submission. A typical sequence is:

Submit a CT return

Poll for 10 times

No response

Receive a message "Do you want to continue polling?"

If yes: poll for 10 more times

If no: polling stops

At a later time select the new option Check earlier submission

Start polling again but the return "should" have been processed.

Receive response (success or failure)

If the return has not been processed poll for 10 times

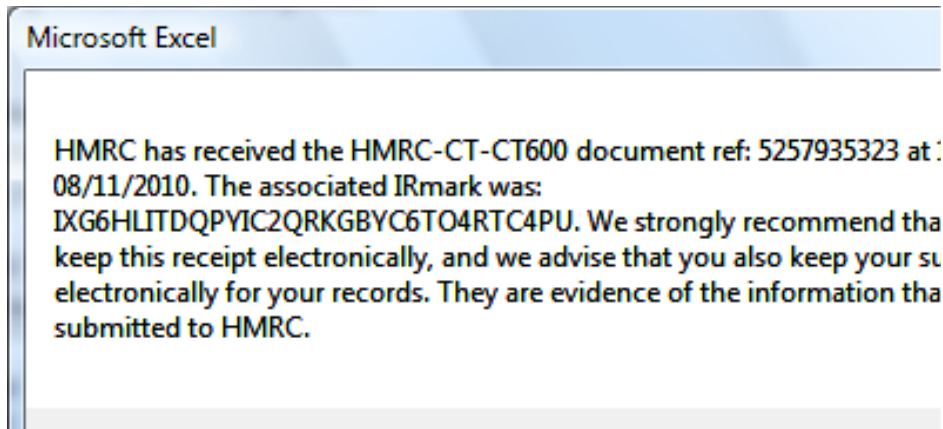
The above sequence can be repeated

The “prepare and submit” processes may take a little time depending on the speed of the computer and the complexity of the tax return and accounts. HMRC’s specification of the return requires a large file for a simple return. The XBRL tag names are inordinately long, if not verbose. Since neither the accountant as sender nor the tax inspector as receiver sees the actual tag name we do not understand HMRC’s rationale for the long tag names.

A typical tag name is “uk-gaap-pt:VehicleRunningCostsAdministrativeExpenses”

The Excel method of submitting the tax return

A red warning message is displayed indicating progress in reading the gateway, then acceptance or rejection of the return:



And then a further screen to print for your records.

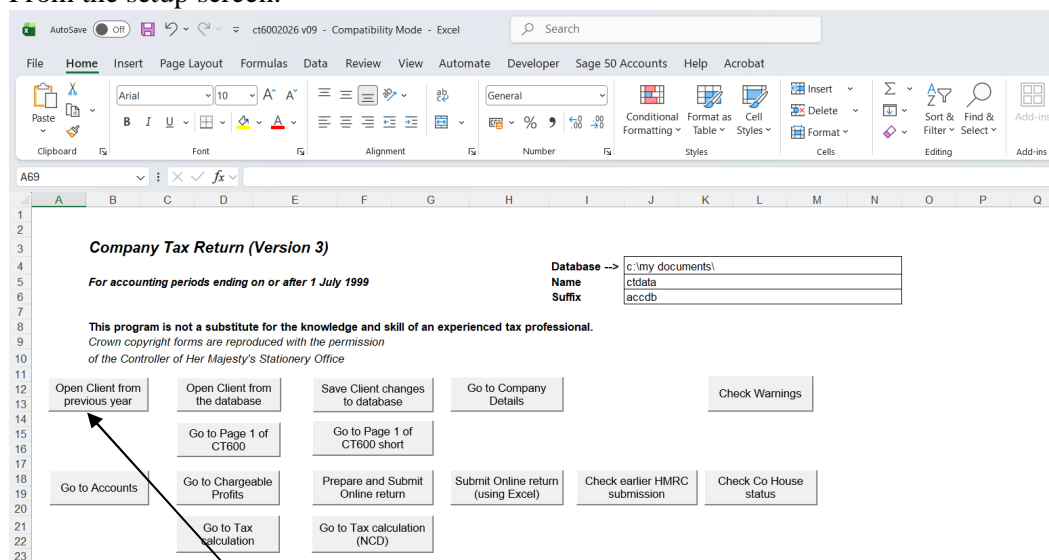
Submitting accounts to Companies House is quicker as there is no tax return or computation.

The Accounts

Most internet CT filings require a set of accounts. Accounting periods ending after 31 March 2010 and filed after 31 March 2011 require the accounts to be in XBRL form. You can use accounting software which prepares accounts in XBRL form or you can use our accounts option. We have introduced a simple accounts template with built in XBRL tags for internet filing.

The CT filing will include the XBRL accounting information automatically unless you specify otherwise in Aministrartion and Control section on the setup page.

From the setup screen:



Please select the Go to Accounts button to take you to accounts section.

Our template is a straightforward set of accounts and notes pages. It is not complicated and will handle the accounts of the vast majority of small limited companies.

The accounts template has been updated for FRS102 smaller companies and FRS105 for micro entities.

Printing and filing the accounts

You do not have to use all the lines in the accounts or all the analysis and notes. Provided you use the special print buttons for each page then unused lines and notes will not be printed. The internet filing process will also ignore unused lines and notes – the only items which are sent are what you want to send. If you don't select a note then it will not be sent.

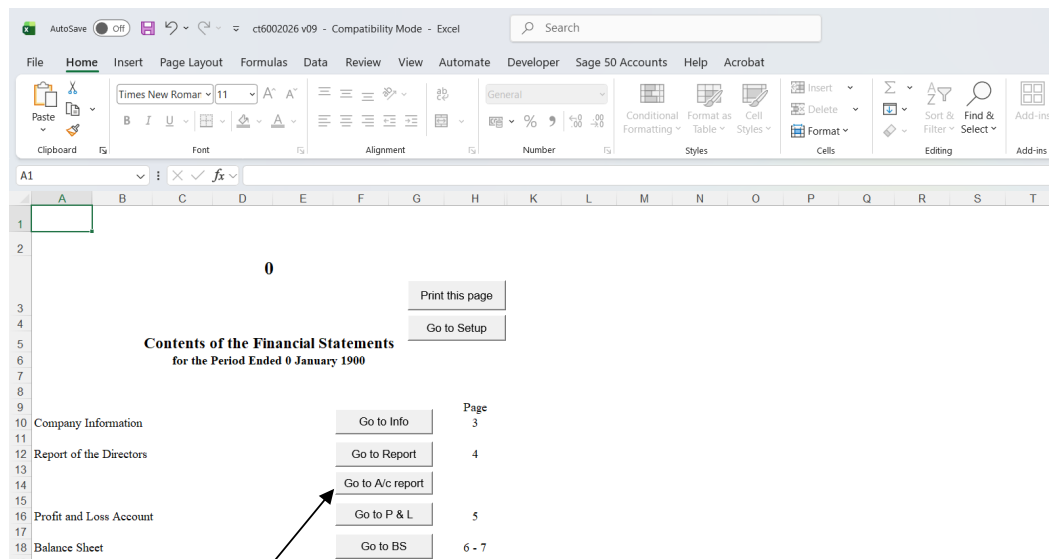
The Template

The template is like many other accounts templates, it has a title page, a table of contents, information about the company, profit and loss page, balance sheet, notes and a detailed schedule of costs and expenses.

One of our guidance models is HMRC's accounts template which is included in its CT software. Ours is a lot easier to use when you move around from page to page. It is designed for small and medium sized companies with straightforward accounts. A CT return for a large company may need more specialised accounting software.

The template needs comparative figures the first time you use it. Provided you use the database facilities (see above) the template behaves as you would expect: this year figures become the comparatives when you move onto the next year's accounts. (Not like HMRC's).

It starts with the introductory page:



And you select a button to move to the page you require.

Profit and Loss

The screen looks like:

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet titled "Profit and Loss Account for the Period Ended 0 January 1900". The spreadsheet has columns for "1900 £" and "#NUM! £". The rows are as follows:

	1900 £	#NUM! £
Turnover	0	0
Cost of sales	0	0
Gross Profit(Loss)	0	0
Distribution costs	0	0
Administrative expenses	0	0

Buttons for "Go to note" and "Go to detail" are present next to the Turnover row. A note box for Turnover is visible, containing a checkbox and the text "Go to note".

Some figures, such as Turnover, come from a supporting note. Tick the note box and the note number will show, then select the "Go to note" button to go to the note, complete it and the total will show automatically in the P and L.

Other figures don't warrant a note; please enter the items directly in the yellow shaded boxes.

Calculated figures are updated automatically as you enter the data, our software uses the standard facilities of Excel spreadsheets.

Sign convention

Most figures are positive numbers. For example on the line for Interest receivable the interest figure is usually positive. On the line for Interest payable the interest figure is also usually positive. The calculated subtotals and totals include the appropriate formulae.

Notes

Note 1 for accounting policies is mandatory. You need to choose which paragraphs to print and whether turnover includes or excludes VAT.

Other notes are automatically numbered in sequence depending on the note tick box in the Profit and Loss or Balance Sheet. A typical set of notes is as follows from the notes turnover sheet:

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Period Ended 0 January 1900

	1900	
United Kingdom	£ 123	£
Europe		
North America		
Other		
Total	£ 123	£ 0
2 Opening profit/(loss)	1900	#NUM!
Profit before tax as stated after charging the following	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets		

Note not required!!!!. Turnover

Please check the notes

Please complete as appropriate, zero value rows will not be printed.

First note on the screen

This note has not been selected on the P & L, hence the title of the note. However the user has entered some figures and the red warning message reminds you to check the note selection.

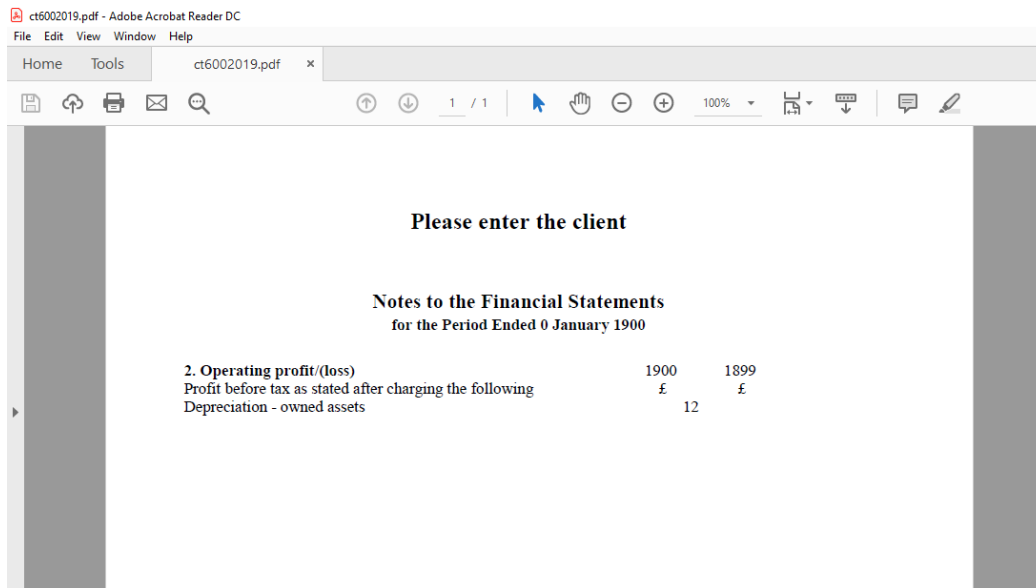
Second note on the screen

This has been selected and is to be completed with some figures.

Printing and filing

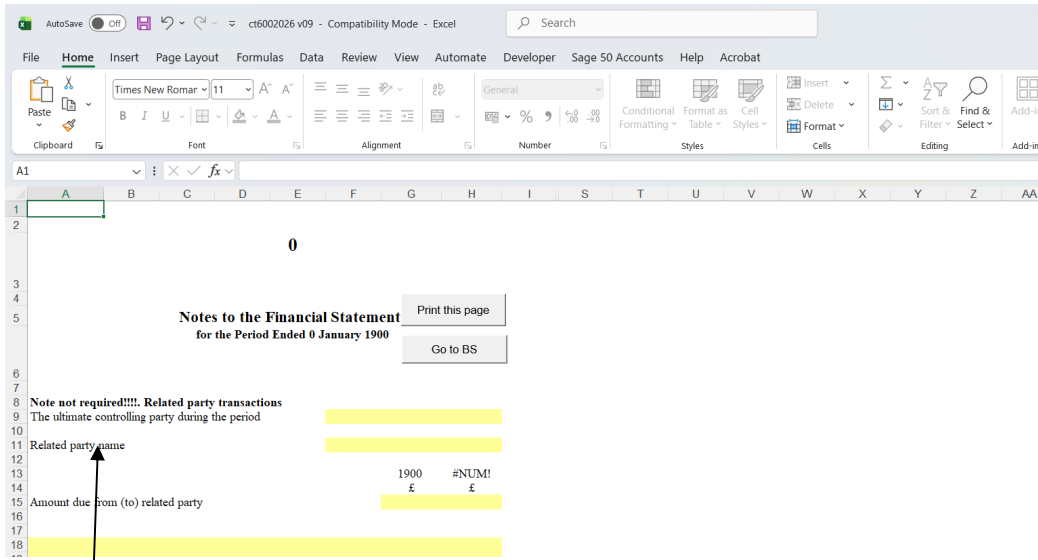
Notes that have not been selected are not printed (provided you use the Print button provided in the software) and are excluded from the submission to the Revenue. Lines without figures are excluded from printing and filing.

The corresponding printout for the notes on the previous page appears as follows:



More about notes

Some notes allow for a limited amount of free form narrative. The “notes other” worksheet allows you to describe, for example, “Related party transactions”:



All the text in the narrative will be included in the submission with the appropriate XBRL tag.

WARNING:

Excel is peculiar if you copy and paste text from say Word or another Excel spreadsheet into a protected sheet. You may not be able to edit the text after pasting and the text may be too long. The best thing to do is “Copy” and then “Paste Special”, and choose Value or Text, please DO NOT “Copy” and “Paste”.

The maximum length of text in any one cell is 120 characters for storing the database. This is more than the width of the shaded boxes in the template.

The Detailed Profit and Loss section

These two pages have been designed to be consistent with the remainder of the Financial Statements. The two pages come after the notes pages and the first looks like:

Detailed Profit and Loss for the Period Ended 0 January 1900		
	1900	#NUM!
	£	£
Turnover	0	0
Cost of Sales		
Opening stock - raw materials		
Opening work in progress		
Opening stock - finished goods		
Purchases		
Wages and salaries		
Employer's NI contributions		
Directors remuneration		

You must enter opening stock and WIP (if required) here and the closing values lower down.

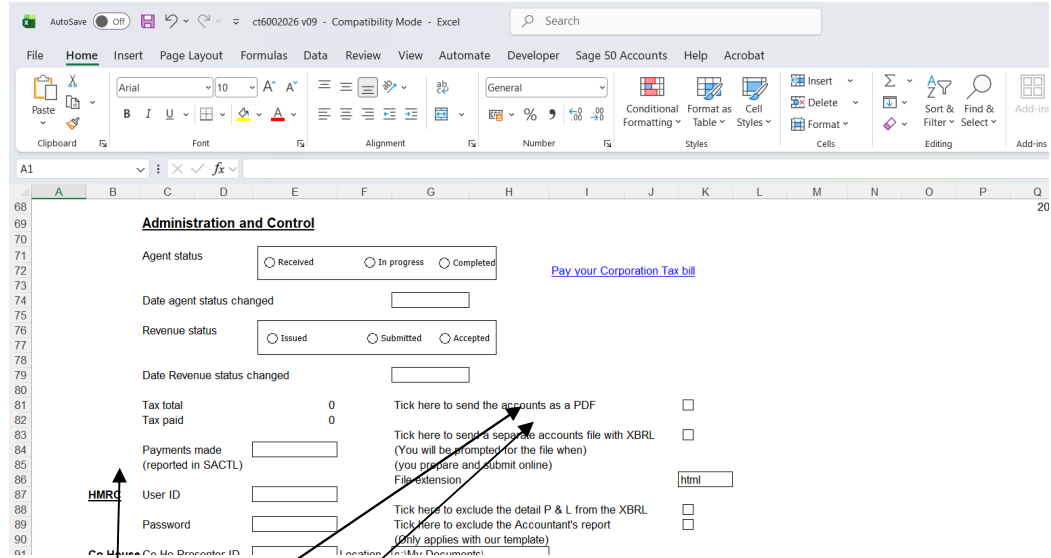
This page is also used for the Cost of Sales figures on the main Profit and Loss schedule.

There are a few lines which allow you to include free form narrative together with appropriate figures.

The second detail page is used for the analysis of Distribution and Administration costs.

The carry forward of information from one year to the next is sensible, the closing stock and WIP becomes the opening stock and WIP, and the current year figures are transferred to the comparative figures.

Only those lines which are non-zero (in either year) are included in the XBRL submission. However you can choose to omit the detailed section from the filing submission. Please return to the Setup page and move down to the Administration and Control section (scroll down the page):



Select the tick box to exclude the detail schedules from the file sent to HMRC.

You can also exclude the Accountant's report from the file sent to HMRC by selecting the second tick box.

If you wish to exclude either of the two you must select the appropriate tick box before you run the Prepare stage.

Submitting accounts to Companies House

Companies House (CH) uses its own identifiers for the “presenter” or submitter of the information. You must also provide an Authorisation code for the company. We allow the option of sending Abridged or Abbreviated accounts.

CH usually rejects invalid accounts immediately but stores accounts for later acceptance. You need to check the status of a previous submission later, possibly after one day, and we provide an option to perform this check (see next page). If you check the status immediately after submission (within seconds or a minute) you may receive an error message. We advise you to wait some minutes and check again.

There may be rare circumstances when you have to re-submit a return for the same company and the same year and month to CH. If so, please indicate in the Resubmission number box the appropriate number, for example put 1 for the first resubmission.

Checking the status of a submission

The screenshot shows the Sage 50 Accounts software interface. The title bar indicates the file is 'ct6002026 v09 - Compatibility Mode - Excel'. The ribbon includes tabs for File, Home, Insert, Page Layout, Formulas, Data, Review, View, Automate, Developer, Sage 50 Accounts, Help, and Acrobat. The main window displays the 'Company Tax Return (Version 3)' screen for accounting periods ending on or after 1 July 1999. A database selection table is visible with the following data:

Database	Name	Suffix
c:\my documents\	ctdata	accdb

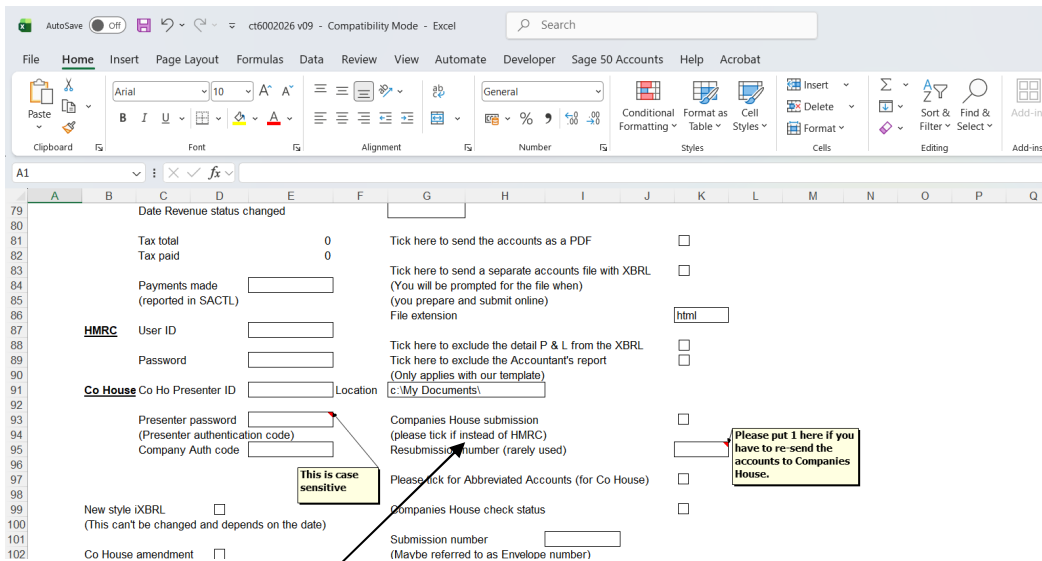
Below the table, there is a grid of buttons for navigation and actions:

- Open Client from previous year
- Open Client from the database
- Save Client changes to database
- Go to Company Details
- Check Warnings
- Go to Page 1 of CT600
- Go to Page 1 of CT600 short
- Go to Accounts
- Go to Chargeable Profits
- Prepare and Submit Online return
- Submit Online return (using Excel)
- Check earlier HMRC submission
- Check Co House status
- Go to Tax calculation
- Go to Tax calculation (NCD)

An arrow points from the 'Go to Company Details' button to the text below.

Use this option to check the status of a previous submission to CH. You need to make sure you have the correct company and accounting period on the company details screen first.

Alternatively CH may also advise you by email of previous submissions which have not been checked. These submissions are identified by an envelope number or submissions number. Please move down the screen to:



And enter the Submission number here before selecting the button to Check Co House status. Please don't include the Presenter ID here, just the last 6 characters advised by CH. It is case sensitive.

Companies House Identifiers

Every company must have an authorisation code. You can obtain this from CH and you can write to CH to change it.

Each person or organisation, whether it is the company or an agent acting on their behalf, needs a "presenter id" in order to present or submit accounts. You can apply for the id from:

From 3rd June 2024 you can also use this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-to-file-with-companies-house-using-software>

Previously:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-companies-house-online-filing-presenter-account>

or

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/405077/Electronic_Filing_Account_Applicationv1.2.pdf

The form is a "Presenter account application".

Please Note

Neither CT6002026 nor this manual can replace the skills of an experienced tax adviser. Matters which require detailed technical considerations from a tax point of view will still need to be addressed under CT, and we recommend that consideration is given to tax planning issues before the tax return completion is commenced. These matters should be a separate exercise which precedes the preparation of the tax return.

Detailed guidance on the tax technical aspects of completion of the forms is best obtained from the HMRC package of guidance notes and help sheets on the forms. Other technical guidance should be sought from appropriate reference manuals on the subjects concerned.