# Credit Control Bad Debt.

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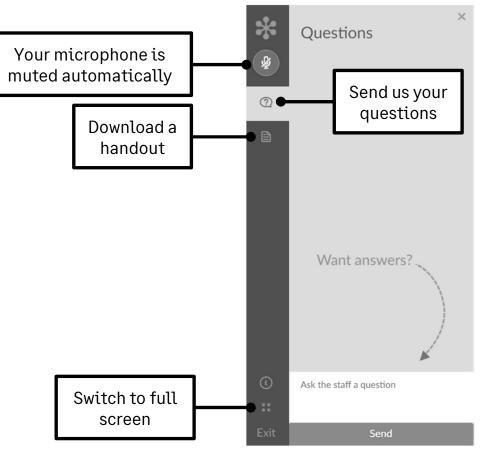








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#### Introduction

- You must have already accounted for the VAT on the supplies and paid it to HMRC.
- You must have written off the debt in your day to day VAT Accounts and transferred it to a separate bad debt account.
- The debt must have remained unpaid for a period of six months...

HMRC Notice 700/18 (February 2013) Relief from VAT on bad debts



### Setting up your Nominal ledger

- Settings > Control Accounts > Bad Debts
  - Default nominal code is 8100

Control Account	N/C	
Debtors Control	1100	
Creditors Control	2100	
Default Bank	1200	
VAT on Sales	2200	
VAT on Purchases	2201	
Sales Discount	4009	
Purchase Discount	5009	
Retained Earnings	3200	
Default Sales	4000	
Accruals	2109	
Prepayments	1103	
Bad Debts	8100	
Mispostings	9999	
Suspense	9998	
Credit Charges	4400	
Exchange Rate Variance	7906	
VAT Liability	2202	
Manual Adjustments	2204	



#### Writing off invoices – Manual method

- Customers > Batch credit
- VAT Schemes
  - Standard / Flat Rate Invoice based
  - Cash Accounting / Flat Rate Cash based
- VAT Return

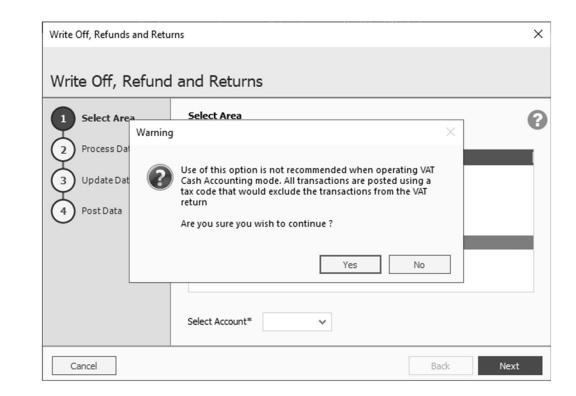
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#### Writing off invoices - Wizard

- Customers > Write offs
- VAT Schemes
  - Standard / Flat Rate Invoice based
  - Do not use for Cash Accounting / Flat Rate – Cash based
- VAT Return





#### **Reclaiming the VAT**

'To claim a refund you should include the amount of the VAT you're claiming in box 4 of your VAT Return...'

### HMRC Notice 700/18 (February 2013)

• Nominal codes > Journal entry

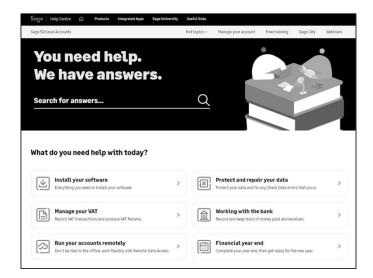
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## Usefullinks

#### www.sage.co.uk/help

- How to manually write off customer invoices to bad debt
- How to manually write off a customer account
- How do I reclaim the VAT on bad debt write offs?
- How do I use the Write off, Refunds and Returns wizard?
- Set up and manage a provision for bad debt
- HMRC Relief from VAT on bad debts (VAT Notice 700/18)





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