

Self Assessment Deadlines 2026/27

The dates that matter for the 2025/26 tax year. Miss them and the penalties start.

5 Oct 2026

Register for Self Assessment (PASSED)

The deadline to tell HMRC you need to file has already gone. If you missed it, talk to us now - late registration can mean a penalty.

31 Oct 2026

Paper tax return deadline

The last day to file a paper return for 2025/26. Most people file online, but if you file on paper, this is your deadline. It falls on a Saturday this year.

30 Dec 2026

Pay through your PAYE code

If you owe less than £3,000 and you are employed, you can ask HMRC to collect it through your salary instead of paying it yourself. You must file online by this date to use it.

31 Jan 2027

Online filing + payment deadline

The big one. Your online return must be filed AND the tax paid by midnight. This covers the balancing payment for 2025/26 and the first payment on account for 2026/27. Miss it and there is an automatic £100 fine, plus interest on what you owe. It falls on a Sunday - file before the weekend.

31 Jul 2027

Second payment on account

The second half of your 2026/27 estimated tax bill. If your payments on account are too high, you can ask HMRC to reduce them.

This is general guidance, not advice. Deadlines are set by HMRC and can change - talk to us about your situation. Book a free call: abelaccounts.co.uk