

## **Complete VAT Payment Checklist**

Business Name:	
TIN:	
Date:	
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	VAT Registration Essentials
	Verify eligibility for VAT registration.
	Obtain a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) from the FIRS
	Gather necessary documents, including certificates, evidence of address, and director details
	Complete the VAT registration form accurately
	Navigate through the verification and inspection process

<b>✓</b>	Filing VAT Returns
	Understand the filing deadline (before the 21st day of the month following sales)
	Learn the steps for online filing using the TaxPro Max platform
	Ensure accurate record-keeping to avoid legal issues
	Know the penalties for non-compliance and late filing

✓	Payment Methods and Online Procedures
	Explore the online payment process through the TaxPro Max platform
	Understand the importance of verifying information before submission.
	Receive and keep the confirmation and payment receipt securely.

✓	Offline Payment Guidelines
	Review financial records for VAT calculation
	Utilize VAT Form 002 for offline payments
	Print the payment reference slip with the Remita Retrieval Reference (RRR) number
	Pay at approved banks by the 21st of the following month
	Submit stamped payment receipt and VAT form to the nearest FIRS office

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	VAT Record-Keeping
	Keep invoices and receipts with accurate VAT information
	Retain copies of VAT returns for at least six years
	Record assets and liabilities related to your business
	Ensure that bank statements align with your financial records.
	Specify VAT amounts in your purchase records.
	Maintain proof of VAT payments and receipts from FIRS.
	Preserve records of international transactions and VAT-related documents.

Keep records of items that are VAT-exempt.
Consider using accounting software and digital tools for efficient record-keeping.
Retain copies of VAT invoices issued and received for a complete audit trail.
Maintain an organized VAT-related ledger.
Use a dedicated filing system to store your VAT records, making them easy to access for future reference.
Ensure that your invoices clearly state the VAT amount charged for transparency.
Be prepared for audits and compliance checks, and make sure all your records are in order.
Conduct regular self-audits to ensure that your VAT processes remain accurate and compliant

✓	Calculate Output Tax
	Calculate the total VAT to be charged on sales (output tax).
	Ensure accuracy in calculating VAT on different products or services.

✓	Adhere to Payment Deadlines
	Understand VAT payment deadlines to avoid late payment penalties.
	Establish a payment schedule with reminders.
	Maintain accurate financial records.
	Utilize online filing and payment systems.
	Consider the services of a tax professional for compliance.
	Automate VAT payments to reduce the risk of errors and ensure punctual remittances.

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	VAT Compliance Culture
	Embrace vigilant record-keeping for all transactions.
	Stay updated on regulatory changes and tax landscape nuances
	Seek professional advice for navigating complex tax scenarios
	Consider VAT compliance as a strategic advantage for your business
	Regularly review and improve your VAT compliance processes to stay efficient and cost-effective.

<b>√</b>	VAT Analysis and Contingency Planning
	Develop contingency plans for potential VAT issues, such as disputes or changes in VAT rates.
	Analyze how VAT affects your pricing strategy and profit margins to maintain competitiveness.