



VAT Online

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Business rules

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Please note that you must prepare the GovTalkHeader in accordance with the latest Gateway Protocol. This information is intended to provide further guidance relating to the Gateway Protocol; it is not intended to replace the protocol.

1. Envelope Version	
X path	GovTalkMessage/EnvelopeVersion
Mandatory or Optional	M
1. Must be set to 1.0 or 2.0	

2. Class	
X path	GovTalkMessage/Header/MessageDetails/Class
Mandatory or Optional	M
1. Must be set to < HMRC-VAT-DEC > for Live submissions 2. Must be set to < HMRC-VAT-DEC-TIL > Test in live submissions	

3. Transaction ID	
X path	GovTalkMessage/Header/MessageDetails/TransactionID
Mandatory or Optional	O
1. Not required for VAT submissions	

4. Audit ID	
X path	GovTalkMessage/Header/MessageDetails/AuditID
Mandatory or Optional	O
1. Not required for VAT submissions	

5. Gateway Test	
X path	GovTalkMessage/Header/MessageDetails/GatewayTest
Mandatory or Optional	O
1. If present must be set to 1 for testing to VSIPS 2. If present must be absent or set to 0 for live submissions 3. All messages to the Gateway including submit_poll and delete_request must contain the correct Gateway Test indicator	

6. Gateway Timestamp	
X path	GovTalkMessage/Header/MessageDetails/GatewayTimestamp
Mandatory or Optional	O
1. If present in submit_request message, value must be empty	

7. Sender ID	
X path	GovTalkMessage/Header/SenderDetails/IDAuthentication/SenderID
Mandatory or Optional	M
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SenderID supplied by SDS team for VSIPS testing 2. Live submissions must contain a genuine SenderID 	

8. Method	
X path	GovTalkMessage/Header/SenderDetails/IDAuthentication/AuthenticationMethod
Mandatory or Optional	M
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be set to clear or MD5 	

9. Role	
X path	GovTalkMessage/Header/SenderDetails/IDAuthentication/AuthenticationRole
Mandatory or Optional	O
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If present, should contain principal 	

10. Value	
X path	GovTalkMessage/Header/SenderDetails/IDAuthentication/Authentication/Value
Mandatory or Optional	M
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Value supplied by SDS Team for VSIPS testing 2. Live submission must contain a genuine password 	

11. Keys	
X path	GovTalkMessage/GovTalkDetails/Keys/Keys&Type
Mandatory or Optional	M
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be in the format <pre><Keys> <Key Type='VATRegNo'>NNNNNNNNN</Key> </Keys></pre> 2. Keys supplied by SDS Team for VSIPS testing 3. Live submissions must contain genuine keys 	

12. Organisation	
X path	GovTalkMessage/GovTalkDetails/TargetDetails/Organisation
Mandatory or Optional	O
1. If present, should be set to IR	

13. URI	
X path	GovTalkMessage/GovTalkDetails/ChannelRouting/Channel/URI
Mandatory or Optional	M
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must contain a 4 digit vendor ID issued by the SDS Team 2. This should be used instead of <Name> within <ChannelRouting> 	

14. Product	
X path	GovTalkMessage/GovTalkDetails/ChannelRouting/Channel/Product
Mandatory or Optional	M
1. Should contain the name of the software used to submit the return	

15. Version	
X path	GovTalkMessage/GovTalkDetails/ChannelRouting/Channel/Version
Mandatory or Optional	O
1. Should show the version of the software (as specified in the <Product> element) that is used to create the message	