



LIMITED COMPANY · FILING REMINDER

THEY STOP THE DAY YOU FILE

LATE ACCOUNTS & CORPORATION TAX

Your Filing Fines Are Adding Up

Every month you wait, the penalties climb to the next band. The good news: they stop the day you file. Here is exactly what late filing costs, and how to stop the clock now.

ACCOUNTS, OVER 6 MONTHS	DOUBLED IF LATE 2 YRS	PLUS HMRC, FROM
£1.5k	£3k	£200+

• WHY WAITING COSTS MORE

The longer you wait, the more it costs

A late limited company has two clocks running, both set by waiting: the Companies House penalty on your annual accounts, and the HMRC penalty on your Company Tax Return. Both climb in fixed bands. Neither is a surprise, and both stop the moment you file.

Companies House, late annual accounts

HOW LATE YOUR ACCOUNTS ARE	PENALTY	IF LATE 2 YEARS RUNNING
Up to 1 month	£150	£300
Over 1 month, up to 3 months	£375	£750
Over 3 months, up to 6 months	£750	£1,500
More than 6 months	£1,500	£3,000

Source: GOV.UK, Annual accounts: penalties for late filing (private limited company). The penalty is doubled if your accounts are late two years in a row.

HMRC, late Company Tax Return

WHEN IT LANDS	PENALTY	RUNNING TOTAL
1 day late	£200	£200
3 months late	Another £200	£400
6 months late	10% of the unpaid tax	£400 + 10%
12 months late	A further 10% of the unpaid tax	£400 + 20%

Source: GOV.UK, Company Tax Returns: penalties for late filing. Plus interest on any Corporation Tax paid late. The £200 penalties rise to £1,000 each if you file late three times in a row.



EVERY BAND ABOVE IS REACHED BY WAITING

Filing a single month earlier can **halve** the accounts penalty. And the HMRC penalties at 6 and 12 months are a percentage of your unpaid tax, so they never trigger at all if the return is in first. The cheapest move is always to file now.



THE CLOCK STOPS THE DAY YOU FILE

These penalties do not grow forever. They escalate in fixed bands while you wait, then **freeze the moment your filing arrives**. The fastest way to stop the bleeding is simply to get it filed.



— FREE RECOVERY CALL · STOP THE CLOCK TODAY

Stop the clock. **File now.**

Penalties stop the day you file, so the fastest way to stop the bleeding is to file now. Our fast-track team files your outstanding accounts and Company Tax Return within 5 business days of receiving your data, and appeals the penalty where there is a reasonable excuse.

- ✓ A fast-track filing of your overdue accounts and CT600, in 5 business days
- ✓ A penalty appeal on your behalf where there is a reasonable excuse
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