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# Alphatax UK Release Notes

Version 19.0.4



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# 1. Introduction

## About version 19.0.4

Welcome to version 19.0.4 edition of Alphatax UK. This is a patch release to resolve issues reported by customers in Alphatax UK 19.0, and we recommend that you upgrade to this version to ensure you are using the most stable version available.

The key points addressed in this release are as follows:

- A reduction in the size of generated PDFs that include both a computation & return.
- A fix to resolve a Report Viewer error message when exporting columns containing both text & values to Excel.
- A fix to resolve an issue with REITS calculations in long periods of account.
- A small number of other issues outlined below.

## Technical support

We provide a technical support help desk for users requiring assistance. The help desk can be contacted by telephone between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays.

If you require help or further information, please contact the support team on:		
UK:	Tel: +44(0) 1784 777 666	Email: <a href="mailto:support@taxsystems.com">support@taxsystems.com</a>
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*Please note: We recommend that you use the **E-mail Support** option from the **Help** menu in Alphatax to send copies of the computation directly to Support.*

## 2. Installation

### Installation key

Your 16-digit Alphatax installation key is provided in the email that you received announcing the release. The Alphatax installation key is required to both download and install Alphatax.

Should you have any queries, please contact the support team on 01784 777666 or at [support@taxsystems.com](mailto:support@taxsystems.com).

### Downloading and installing Alphatax

Please download the copy of Alphatax from the releases download site

**<https://releases.taxcomputersystems.com>**, which will require you to enter your email address and your 16-digit Alphatax installation key. This process will generate an automated email with a unique URL which will be sent to your email address.

The URL will allow you to download the Alphatax installer along with other applications which you are registered to use and also installation guides and release notes.

Click on '**Alphatax v19.0.4.exe**' to initiate the installation process for which the Alphatax installation key will again be required. Press the **Enter** key at the prompts. The installation process will override the old version of Alphatax. For detailed information on the installation process refer to the *Alphatax UK Installation Guide*. This can be retrieved from the user documentation section of the download screen.

Enterprise users, using the Oracle or MSSQL databases, should also run the database update script from within the Enterprise Manager utility. The database version is 39. The Enterprise Manager is automatically extracted from within the Alphatax Installer package.

*Please note:*

If you have already updated the database version in order to upgrade to Alphatax UK 19.0 then you do not need to take any additional action, as this **Alphatax UK 19.0.4** uses the same database version as **Alphatax UK 19.0**.

### Templates

The installation will reinstall the standard Alphatax templates to ensure that you have the latest version.

To allow you to retrieve your own versions of these templates, if applicable, the old templates are stored in a new folder called BACKUPXn (where n is a number incremented for each new installation).

*Please note: This part of the process may take some time. A progress bar displays the names of templates as they are being copied.*

*Folders called BACKUPXn created in the version 19.0 release are removed with this release.*

## 3. Tax changes

### Accounts Analysis

- Where an amount on the *Profit and loss account* Accounts Analysis statement had been sub-analysed, Alphatax UK 19.0 did not correctly display the prior period figure for the total amount in the analysis schedule. This display issue has been addressed in this patch.

### Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

- For Alphatax UK 19.0, we introduced an enhancement whereby a trade item may now be inserted for the tax-exempt part of a REIT business in order for tax adjusted profits to be derived. In a long period of account computation however, one of the indicators used for such a trade in our calculations was not evaluating as expected, which stopped the resulting taxable profits from being treated as tax exempt correctly. We have now resolved this issue.
- We have reversed the sign convention of the input **PRB-interest and other financial costs payable** on the *Tax Exempt* statement in the Group module to ensure this works in the expected manner.

### Miscellaneous tax logic changes

- We have resolved a display issue with certain rows in the *Tax charge per accounts* report statement, such as **Adjustments in prior periods**. Previously when the **Provisions now finalised and ready to print** option was set to Yes, rows with an amount in the prior period column but no amount in the current period column were not displayed, which created a casting issue. We have amended the display rules for these rows to ensure they display in this scenario.
- We have revised the logic used in diagnostic 1044: "Accounts analysis has been turned off, but the Statement of comprehensive income input statement contains values. Enable Accounts Analysis in order to remove the values" to ensure that it displays correctly in all circumstances.
- For Alphatax UK 19.0 we introduced a *Group deductions allowance allocation* statement which can be submitted to HMRC by the nominated company of a group. This report therefore does not form part of the nominated company's tax computation, however when print suppressing this we inadvertently also print suppressed the existing *Deductions allowance* report statement. We have now addressed this issue.
- We have added a small number of countries that were originally omitted from the list of territories included on the selection dialog attached to the **Territory of residence** input on the *Controlled foreign companies* input statement. Countries that have been added include Libya, Montenegro and South Sudan.

## 4. System changes

### Generated PDF attachments

- We made some changes to reduce the size of generated PDF attachments in Alphatax UK 19.0. We have made additional optimisations in this patch update to further reduce the size of PDF files that contain both a computation and tax return.

### Report Viewer

- In Alphatax UK 19.0 some users experienced a "Type mismatch" error when attempting to export data from columns containing mixed text and dates into Excel. The issue has been addressed in this patch update.

### Letter Writer

- We have made an enhancement to Letter Writer module to ensure that where tables cross a page break the table headings appear on subsequent pages.

### Alphatax Enterprise

- We have resolved an issue which led Alphatax Enterprise Manager to report that a backup of the database should be taken before upgrading, when a backup had already been performed.
- Users with databases whose name included "ALPHATAXCORPORATIONTAX" as a suffix experienced errors when upgrading databases in Alphatax UK 19.0. The associated issue has been resolved.

### Miscellaneous System changes

- We have resolved an issue which could lead to Alphatax crashing when it tried to open a file in which a link which had become corrupted.
- We have fixed an issue which meant that the new page 3 of form CT600I did not repeat as expected when relevant entries were made in the second accounting period only.
- Where Data entry generates an email from the template file that contains substitution fields such as @AP\_COMPANYNAME@, we have resolved an issue whereby only the first of these fields was substituted with the relevant text.



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