

Relocation of VAT Central Unit

The VAT Central Unit has been located in Southend since 1973, but will soon be relocated to Shipley. HMRC have invested in more efficient technology to be used at Shipley aimed to improve the time taken to resolve taxpayers' problems with returns and payments

New business reply envelopes for VAT returns will be issued mid-2008 bearing the new address. It is important to ensure you are placing your VAT returns in the correct new envelopes to avoid delays or unnecessary default surcharges or additional interest. This will broadly affect those accounting periods ending 30 June with a due date on or after 31 July 2008.

New envelopes for other VAT accounting documents will be issued at the end of the year. The processing of ECSLs and Intrastat Declarations will remain at Southend.

Relevant Public Notices, forms and letters and remittance slips will be updated to reflect the new address in due course.