

VAT registration and VAT registration numbers – Finance-Specialist Accounting-Tax Team

It is possible to check whether a UK VAT registration number is valid using an online service provided by HMRC <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-vat-number>. It is good practice to check the VAT registration number for a UK supplier especially when a large amount of VAT will be reclaimed.

Where taxable services are supplied to customers based in the EU, it is important to obtain their VAT registration number because whether or not an EU customer is registered for VAT will help to determine whether VAT should be charged on the invoice.

The list below shows the UK entities in the University's group structure that are registered for VAT, and their VAT registration numbers, with the prefix GB.

University of Reading	GB 200 0126 59
Henley Business School Limited	GB 996 8987 06
Thames Valley Science Park Limited	GB 209 5970 84
Reading Real Estate Foundation	GB 861 4155 33

Contact for further information

The rules relating to VAT registration are complex. If you would like more information, please contact vat@reading.ac.uk.