# Making Tax Digital: Easement welcomed

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ATT and CIOT have welcomed the announcement that taxpayers joining Making Tax Digital (MTD) forIncome Tax from April 2027 will benefit from a temporary easement from late submission penalties during their first year in the regime.

Were pleased to see that common sense has prevailed and the government has acted on our call to extend late filing penalty easements to those joining MTD next year, said Emma Rawson for ATT.

Moving to a new reporting system is a significant change and it is sensible to give taxpayers time to get used to it before penalties start to bite, said CIOTs Ellen Milner. However, she added that a delay to penalties must not become a delay to preparation.

Claire Thackaberry, Technical Officer at LITRG, also called the announcement sensible, noting that taxpayers joining MTD from next April are more likely to be

managing their tax without professional help and to be using accounting software for the first time. She stressed the importance of HMRC providing clear, timely communications and guidance.