Self-Assessment Tax Checklist for UK Freelancers (2025-26)

Important Deadlines

- 5 October 2025 Register with HMRC if required
- 31 October 2025 Paper return deadline
- 31 January 2026 Online return and payment deadline

Self-Assessment Checklist

- Register as self-employed with HMRC by 5 October 2025
- Keep digital records of all freelance income (clients, gigs, invoices)
- Track expenses directly related to your freelance work (equipment, software, marketing, etc.)
- Retain receipts and records for travel or home office use
- Monitor income received via platforms (e.g. Fiverr, Upwork, Etsy)
- Check for VAT registration if turnover exceeds £90,000
- Pay Class 2 and Class 4 National Insurance if applicable
- Submit your tax return online by 31 January 2026
- Make any required Payments on Account for the next tax year
- Set aside savings regularly for future tax payments

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