



# Travel Tax Briefing

23 October 2019 • Grant Thornton, 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2A 1AG

## Agenda

10:00 **Registration, tea and coffee**

10:30 **Welcome and introduction from the moderator**

- Specific challenges facing the travel industry
- Changing commercial needs and business models

**Carolyn Watson**, Director of Finance and Resources, **ABTA**

10:40 **Brexit and the political landscape**

Hear about ABTA's current communications and public affairs priorities and get a timely update on ongoing Brexit negotiations.

**Jonathan Smith**, Head of Media and PR, **ABTA**

11:00 **Corporation tax update**

- Research and development (R&D)
- International tax
  - Establishment overseas
  - Digital tax
  - Offshore receipts and tangibles
  - Transfer pricing
- Capital allowances
- Entrepreneur's relief and tax efficient "exit"

**Yvonne Chappell**, Head of Travel, Tourism and Leisure, **Grant Thornton**

11:45 **Networking tea and coffee break**

12:15 **VAT update**

- VAT TOMS – Brexit implications including deal and no-deal scenario guidance
- Cancellation charges guidance
- Making Tax Digital (MTD)

**Franklin Mac**, VAT, Senior Manager, **Grant Thornton**

12:45 **Employment taxes**

- IR35 and non-payroll employees – preparing for April 2020
- Global mobility update
- Apprenticeships levy

**Justin Rix**, Head of People Advisory, **Grant Thornton**

**Bethan Gill**, Talent Solutions Associate Director, **Grant Thornton**

13:15 **Networking lunch**

14:00 **Practical session: a focus on tax planning**

This in-depth and interactive session will take a practical look at how the morning's topics apply to a travel case study and how to address challenges for different businesses.

Led by **Yvonne Chappell**, Head of Travel, Tourism and Leisure and **David Wood**, VAT, Senior Manager, **Grant Thornton**

15:30 **Close and key takeaways**

**Carolyn Watson**, Director of Finance and Resources, **ABTA**

15:40 **Networking drinks reception**

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## About the event

ABTA's new Travel Tax Briefing will provide a comprehensive update on the latest tax issues facing finance departments within travel companies of all sizes. Stay up-to-date with changes in the world of tax and discuss solutions for your business.

Featuring sessions spanning indirect, income and corporate tax, this key event will address practical tax issues affecting businesses. Tailored for travel, get the latest on the hot topics facing businesses including VAT-TOMS, international tax, Making Tax Digital (MTD), IR35 and entrepreneurs' relief.

From April 2020, medium and large companies will be responsible for determining whether their non-payroll employees, including contractors, fall within the scope of IR35 legislation and are liable to pay a higher rate of tax. Ensure you are up to speed on what's required of your business and are prepared for the changes ahead.

Discuss the implications for tax as we prepare to exit the EU at the end of October. Take a timely look at how Brexit may affect VAT-TOMS with the content being tailored to reflect the ongoing negotiations.

Ensure that you are complying with the requirements of HMRC's Making Tax Digital programme and get practical guidance from the experts.

The briefing will run from 10:30am-3:40pm and will be followed by a short drinks reception. Receive an update on the 'hot topics' facing the travel industry in the morning. Network and discuss how these updates affect your businesses over lunch and learn how to address changes during an in-depth practical case study in the afternoon.

## Benefits of attending

- Improve your understanding of the **current tax issues** facing travel businesses and prepare for changes ahead including TOMS and Brexit
- Get guidance on how to address key challenges through a **practical travel case study**
- Put your questions directly to travel tax experts and **get solutions for your business**
- **Network with peers and speakers** during lunch and a post-event drinks reception

## Prices

ABTA Member/Partner **£225 plus VAT**  
Non-Member/Partner\* **£345 plus VAT**

*\*To qualify for the ABTA Member/Partner discount you must have a current ABTA Member/Partner number or your application must be in progress when the event takes place. For details on becoming an ABTA Member or Partner visit [abta.com/join](http://abta.com/join)*

## ABTA Conferences and Events

ABTA Conferences and Events delivers practical training for the travel industry. Our aim? To keep the industry up to date on the most important, business critical issues, with a key focus on practical learning outcomes.

ABTA is the UK's leading travel association with a membership of around 1,200 travel companies.

Our vision is to enable the British public to travel with confidence – supporting our Members as they build their businesses and acting as an emblem of quality and assurance for their customers.

Our level of brand recognition and trust among consumers is high. 75% of people feel more confident booking with an ABTA Member.

## Who should attend?

The event is ideal for large and SME companies within the travel industry, including the following:

- CEOs and directors
- Finance directors, financial controllers and finance managers
- Finance, tax and commercial teams.

This event is open to ABTA Members, non-Members and the wider travel industry.

## Register now

You can book online and pay by credit card or request an invoice. Visit [abta.co.uk/abtaevents](http://abta.co.uk/abtaevents) to book.

You can view our terms and conditions on the event webpage at [abta.com/eventstermsandconditions](http://abta.com/eventstermsandconditions)

## Group booking discounts

Book **three places** and get **50% off the third place**

*This discount will be automatically applied when you book online.*

**If you are looking to book for a larger group please contact [events@abta.co.uk](mailto:events@abta.co.uk) for a bespoke discount.**

## Upcoming events

**A Complete Guide to VAT and TOMS in Travel**

19 September, London

**Exit Planning: Preparing to Sell or Exit your Travel Business**

2 October, London

**Essential Travel Finance for Non-Financial Directors**

5 December, London