



# A Complete Guide to VAT and TOMS in Travel

3 April 2019 • ABTA, 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ

## Agenda

09:30 Registration, tea and coffee

10:00 Welcome from the moderator

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

10:05 Introduction

- How does VAT apply to travel?
- Explanation of the framework within which VAT is applied
- What is TOMS and why is it important?

**David Bennett**, VAT Consultant, **Elman Wall**  
**Bennett**

**Laura Chipp**, Associate Director – Head of VAT,  
**Elman Wall**

11:25 Tea and coffee

11:50 ABTA's work around VAT

- VAT guidance for ABTA Members
- ABTA's lobbying work
- Current issues ABTA is working on

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

12:05 Practical exercise one – how to calculate TOMS

- Delegates will be given a practical example of TOMS to work out and will then be guided through the answers.

**Laura Chipp**, Associate Director – Head of VAT,  
**Elman Wall**

13:00 Lunch

13:50 Welcome back

13:55 Agent/principal contracting

- Introduction to the Med Hotels, Hotels4U and Opodo cases
  - What do they mean?
  - What difference does agency make?
- The legal and practical implications of the Med Hotels case

**David Bennett**, VAT Consultant, **Elman Wall**  
**Bennett**

14:25 Practical exercise two – working out VAT issues

- Delegates will be given a practical example of a travel business and asked to consider its VAT position. There will then be a group discussion of the issues raised.

**Laura Chipp**, Associate Director – Head of VAT,  
**Elman Wall**

**David Bennett**, VAT Consultant, **Elman Wall**  
**Bennett**

15:20 Tea and coffee

15:45 What does the future hold?

- Updates on EU reform
- What will the impact of Brexit be on TOMS?
- The work of the Office of Tax Simplification
- Making Tax Digital

**David Bennett**, VAT Consultant, **Elman Wall**  
**Bennett**

16:10 Ask the experts

- Your chance to ask the speakers any final questions from the day

16:30 Close

### Event partner



**Elman Wall Bennett**  
Travel VAT and TOMS Consultants

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## About the event

The Tour Operators Margin Scheme (TOMS) is an EU wide simplification measure that protects tour operators from having to register for VAT in every member state in which they operate. If your business buys-in and re-sells travel, accommodation and certain other travel services as a principal to a consumer within the EU, then you have to use the TOMS to account for your VAT.

ABTA's one-day seminar will give you a **comprehensive guide to what this means and how TOMS VAT is calculated**. This event will give you **an overall understanding of VAT in travel** before looking in detail at TOMS itself where delegates will hear about the importance of TOMS and **what the current legal issues regarding TOMS are**.

The seminar will look at how Brexit may affect TOMS with the content being tailored to reflect the ongoing negotiations. The new **Making Tax Digital** legislation and **The Work of the Office of Tax Simplification** will be discussed.

## Benefits of attending

- Take part in **two practical exercises** to fully understand how TOMS is calculated
- Get **invaluable perspectives** from the experts on how **TOMS will be affected by Brexit**
- Understand what measures you need to put in place to comply with **Making Tax Digital**
- Hear about the work that **ABTA does around VAT** and how this can help your travel business
- **Network with peers** and hear about the finance issues your industry colleagues are facing

## Prices

ABTA/Member partner    **£229 plus VAT**  
Non-Member/Partner\*    **£349 plus VAT**

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## Who should attend?

Finance teams within large and small tour operators. This event is open to ABTA Members, non-Members and the wider travel industry.

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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.

## Upcoming events

### Data Management and Protection in Travel

30 April 2019, London

### Mergers and Acquisitions in the Travel Industry

7 May 2019, London

### The Travel Law Seminar

22-23 May, London