YEAR-END ROADMAP

Accounts & CT600 with Xero

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Your books are kept in Xero. Connect once, sync the balances, map them, and the same figures run through the accounts and the CT600. Bold words are the buttons and tabs you will see on screen.

☐ A step to do ⬚ A question: "Yes" goes right, otherwise carry straight on

SET UP

1 Add the company and its codes
Enable Accounts on the dashboard (or **Create Additional Organisation**). On the Organisation page: **Companies House** tab for the number, authentication code and presenter ID; **Tax & VAT** tab for the **Corporation Tax UTR**.

? Has the company already filed accounts at Companies House for an earlier year?

Yes →

Set up last year first
Sync from Companies House sets this year's period up with last year's dates. For comparatives, also create last year's period, enter its figures, choose **Already filed at Companies House** and **Lock** it. This year, **Pull in Prior Year Figures** brings them across.
Then carry on down ↓

No — first year ↓

2 Create this year's period
Accounts and Corporation Tax → **Sync from Companies House**, or **Create** and enter the start, end and due dates.

? Are this year's accounts already filed at Companies House?

Yes →

Only the CT600 to do
On the period **Overview** choose **Already filed at Companies House**. Enter figures that match the filed accounts. Don't use **CT Dates** → **Override**. Skip the Companies House stage.
Then carry on down ↓

No ↓

GET THE FIGURES IN

3 Connect and sync
Period menu → **Trial Balance** → **Connect to Xero**, sign in and allow access. Then **Sync from Xero** pulls the period's balances. Changed the books? Sync again.

4 Map your accounts
Imported Data tab → **Needs mapping** → pick a **Common Account** for each row (or **AI-map all unmapped**) until **Totals** reads 0.00 → **View trial balance**.

ACCOUNTS

5 Finish the accounts
Accounts → **Company Information** (untick **Draft accounts** when final), **Directors** (choose who signs) and **Notes**.

6 Check, preview and lock
Fix every **Validation** error (warnings can be dismissed). Read the preview, then **Lock** the period on the **Overview**.

COMPANIES HOUSE

7 File with Companies House
Period menu → **File with Companies House** → **Validation** → **Review Document** → **Submit to Companies House**.

CORPORATION TAX

8 Check the computation
Computation: **General**, **P & L** (tick **Disallowable** costs), **Assets** (**AIA Allocation**), **Losses**. Optional: **Add tax charge to accounts**.

9 File the CT600 with HMRC
File CT600 with HMRC → **Errors** (Gateway login, UTR, signage date) → **Review Document** → **Review Calculation** → **Submit to HMRC**.

✓ **Pay HMRC**
Pay any Corporation Tax by 9 months and 1 day after the year end.

Xero: good to know

Good to know

- Mapping is remembered. Next year, only new Xero accounts need mapping.
- Finish your bookkeeping in Xero first, including the bank reconciliation, depreciation and any year-end journals. Then sync.
- Adjustments that only belong in the accounts, such as a reclassification, can go in as a journal in Tax Optimiser so the books stay untouched.
- Connected to Xero already through a practice? Your accountant may have linked it for you. Look for the **Sync from Xero** card.
- Already filed at Companies House for an earlier year? Set up last year's period too. Last year's closing balances are this year's comparatives, and the accounts must show both years.
- One submission fee per period covers both the Companies House filing and the CT600.

If something goes wrong

It says **Needs reconnecting**	The link to Xero has expired. Click **Reconnect to Xero** and sign in again. Nothing is lost.
The balances look wrong	Check the period dates match your Xero year end, then **Sync from Xero** again.
Validation shows errors	Each error says which screen to fix it on. Errors stop filing; warnings can be dismissed.
Companies House rejects the filing	Usually the authentication code or company number. Check the **Companies House** tab, then file again.
HMRC rejects the CT600	Usually the Government Gateway login or the UTR. Fix it, then submit again. The help guide lists every HMRC error.
You need to change locked accounts	**Unlock period** on the Overview, make the change, then lock again before filing.

Deadlines

Accounts to Companies House	9 months after the year end (21 months from incorporation for the first accounts)
Corporation Tax payment	9 months and 1 day after the year end
CT600 to HMRC	12 months after the year end

Need more detail? Every step on this roadmap has a full guide with screenshots in the Help Centre at **taxoptimiser.co.uk/help**. Search for the button name you are stuck on. Other roadmaps in this series:

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