Response Number 265

Q.1 What are your views on the proposal to introduce real-time reporting for B2B and B2G transactions?

I had a panic moment when I saw this in my Ros in box, ours is a small business, and I deal with the wages, VAT and all returns that our business has to do, I have used excel forever, to do all these, and now, I have to have a payroll package (additional annual cost), as the wages have to be done on line, I am not using the payroll to its full capacity, and now I have to figure out the expense returns that have to also be done on line, and create a new expense sheet to facilitate the data that has to be returned to Revenue, and this is now a 2 return process, and probably an additional payroll add on cost, and I haven't adjusted to this, and I have to think about a different VAT system. All our invoices are done in Excel, and I keep track of the VAT also on excel, and returns are on a monies received basis, so this minute I want to scream stop with regard to any additional changes.
Ye should consider providing in person training, when making changes, on line is not satisfactory for me or perhaps my age group, and also it is not reasonable to feel written off in the workforce, we have serious aegism bias which I have a fundamental problem with and which the government and its administration is only paying lip service to. On line webinars are targetted at the average person, not the person who is struggling to keep up.
Also it is completely disingenous to tell the customer that these changes (with an ever increasing cost and workload overhead) are for their benefit, when in fact they are not and I can only see more hardship for me in this scenario.

Q.2 What matters should be considered in planning for a transition to a new VAT Reporting system?

Ye could leave well enough alone, ye could provide meaningfull education to those who are struggling with all this, and what software is one to change to, and how do I set up for this change which is assuming that I have an invoice software package, and an associated VAT package, when in fact I use excel. Will my existing paying VAT on receipt of payments continue, or will I have to pay the VAT on creation of the invoice, which is a completely unfair system, when some of our clients pay us after 12 months, and some not all.

Q.3 If your business is currently subject to a VAT reporting programme in another EU or non-EU country, can you please share best practice, recommendations or lessons learnt?

N/A

Q.4 Have you any observations, concerns or recommendations on a move to mandatory electronic invoicing for B2B & B2G domestic VAT transactions?

Yes I would require a new software package

Q.5 Revenue is particularly interested in hearing views from businesses that are already engaged in eInvoicing Public Bodies within Ireland or engaged in B2B eInvoicing throughout Europe and beyond. How did you prepare and what challenges prevailed in your preparations for eInvoicing?

N/A

Q.6 What suggestions would you offer in Ireland’s arrangements for a mandatory B2B and B2G eInvoicing programme?

Dont complicate the lives of small businesses and exclude them further from being able to do business with government

Q.7 Revenue are cognisant that small businesses may have different perspectives and requirements to large businesses, so what information prompts would you find useful for businesses in completing the VAT return?

I am happy with the current system