

# Lost Your Estonian VAT Number? Here's How to Fix It (2025 Guide)

Did the Estonian Tax Office (Maksuamet) revoke your VAT number? **This can happen if:**

- VAT returns were not filed (even for "zero" periods)
- Unpaid VAT debts (tax authorities enforce strictly in 2025)
- Company was deleted (automatic VAT deregistration)
- Suspected fraud or inactivity (new anti-abuse rules)

## **Immediate Risks of Losing VAT in Estonia:**

- Cannot issue valid EU VAT invoices (clients may reject payments)
- Import/export delays (customs blocks without active VAT)
- Fines for non-compliance
- Personal liability if taxes remain unpaid

## **How to Restore Your VAT Number**

### **1. Reinstate Your Company First (If Deleted)**

Before reapplying for VAT:

- Re-register the company (if deleted by Äriregister)

- Clear all tax debts (VAT, payroll, income tax)
- Submit overdue reports (annual + VAT returns)

## 2. Reapply for VAT Registration

Submit a new VAT application (Form KMKR) with:

- Proof of future taxable transactions (contracts/orders)
- Bank statements showing economic activity
- Tax debt payment confirmations (if applicable)

Processing Time: \*2-4 weeks\* (longer if under audit)

## 3. Avoid Future VAT Cancellation

- File returns on time (even €0 turnover)
- Keep an Estonian contact person (required by law)
- Use accounting software (we recommend [Xero/1Office Tools])

## Emergency Help for VAT Issues

If you need to issue invoices urgently while VAT is suspended:

- ✓ Apply for temporary VAT reactivation (case-by-case).

**Contact 1Office for help: [estonia@1office.co](mailto:estonia@1office.co)**