

# Thousands of companies missed crucial accounts deadline last year

More than 25,000 companies missed last year's September accounts deadline and incurred a late filing penalty as a result.

30 September marks a common deadline for many companies, and a total of 25,049 companies failed to meet this date for filing in 2018.

Another 643 companies narrowly avoided a penalty, filing their accounts in the final hour before the deadline. In total, 223,640 late filing penalties were handed out in 2018.

Last year we revealed some of the most bizarre excuses that some people have given for failing to file their accounts on time.

## Bizarre late filing excuses

With this year's deadline fast approaching, we're urging people to file their accounts on time and online by using our quick, simple and secure digital services.

Senior Enforcement Manager Ian Gronland said:

With the summer holidays over and the school year now upon us, September can be a busy time for many people.

However, if you are a company director you should be aware of your responsibilities to file annual accounts with Companies House on time. Failure to do so will result in a late filing penalty.

Filing electronically is easier and faster, and our digital services have in-built checks to ensure that any necessary information is provided before accounts can be submitted.

These figures include all corporate bodies to which late filing penalties apply, such as private limited companies and limited liability partnerships.

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