DIANO

WHAT IS DIANO?

Your business, in order.

Quotes, invoices, stock, payroll and your books, one trusted place, built for South African businesses.

Who it is for

Businesses registered in South Africa: from a one-owner business to a team of ten, and the accountant who keeps their books.

Where you use it

Online on any device: your phone, tablet or laptop. You sign in through your web browser. There is nothing to install.

One place for the whole business

Sales, buying, stock, the bank, your books, VAT figures, staff and your files work together, so each record is captured once.

Built for control

Each person has a role. Some steps need a second person. Months can be locked. The audit trail shows who changed what and when.

What DIANO does today

Sales

Customers, quotes, sales orders, VAT-correct invoices, credit notes, delivery notes, receipts and customer statements. A quote becomes an invoice. Send documents as a PDF, by WhatsApp or from your own e-mail program.

Buying

Suppliers (approved before you can pay them), purchase requisitions, purchase orders, goods received, supplier invoices, supplier payments and supplier statements. DIANO checks the order, the goods received and the invoice against each other.

Stock

Items and services, stock levels, cost of sales and stock takes.

Bank

Import your bank statement (CSV, OFX, QFX or QIF), match each line, and reconcile the bank month by month.

Books and reports

Double-entry books, expenses and staff expense claims, journals, recurring invoices, trial balance, profit and loss, balance sheet, cash flow, general ledger, debtors and creditors ageing, and month locks. VAT201 figures from your books.

HR and payroll Growth

Employees, leave, monthly payroll runs and payslips. EMP201 figures, marked "Preview — check with your tax practitioner".

DIANO Drive

Your company's files and folders, 2 GB on every plan, with sharing you control.

Your accountant

Your accountant signs in free: the Accountant role does not use one of your users.

DIANO prepares your VAT201 and EMP201 figures. You submit them on SARS eFiling yourself: DIANO does not file anything with SARS. Management reports and annual financial statements are marked Preview until an accountant has reviewed how DIANO builds them.

Moving across, including from Sage

Moving from another program? Start here: **Settings › Bring data into DIANO › Move to DIANO**. DIANO has step-by-step guides for Sage Business Cloud Accounting, Sage Pastel (Partner, Xpress, 50cloud), Sage 200 Evolution and Sage Payroll, and for other programs and Excel.

1. **Choose your program** and your start date. DIANO recommends the first day of this month.
2. **Export a few reports** from your old program: the trial balance, unpaid customer and supplier invoices, and your customer, supplier, item and account lists.
3. **Upload them.** DIANO compares every figure. Nothing changes in DIANO yet.
4. **Bring it across.** DIANO e-mails you when it is done. If a move stops, nothing is left half-done.

The steps are public at **diano.co.za/help/move**.

Training for your whole team

We train your people before and after the move, online or on site. Every new client is offered a free 60-minute online group onboarding.

Executive overview
Owners and the MD. 45 minutes.

Finance Manager and CFO
Control, VAT, month-end and reports. 2 × 90 minutes.

Company Administrator
Users, roles, settings and documents. 3 hours.

Staff, by role
Sales, Delivery, Procurement, Finance User, HR Payroll. 60–90 minutes each.

Module by module
A short course for each part of DIANO. 20–40 minutes each.

Coming from Sage
What's where in DIANO, and the move-day checklist. 45 minutes.

Keeping records safe

In the Trust Centre's words (diano.co.za/trust):

- ✓ Your business records (customers, quotes, invoices, users and the audit trail) are stored in Google Cloud's Johannesburg region, called africa-south1.
- ✓ A full backup of the database is made every day and kept for 14 days.
- ✓ Nobody can edit or delete entries in the audit trail. Only DIANO's server writes them.
- ✓ A Company Admin can download all the company's records at any time as one ZIP file.
- ✓ People can only see their own company's records.

Built with POPIA in mind: for the records you keep in DIANO, your business is the responsible party and DIALE Consulting is the operator. We do not sell personal information. The Trust Centre also says plainly what is not true yet.

Simple prices, VAT included

Free

R0 a month, for life

- 1 user (the owner)
- Customers, quotes and invoices
- Up to 20 invoices a month
- 2 GB DIANO Drive
- A small "Made with DIANO" line on documents

Starter

R120 a month incl. VAT

- 3 users
- No invoice limit
- Sales, purchases, stock, banking, VAT and reports
- Moving your books
- 2 GB DIANO Drive

Growth

R180 a month incl. VAT

- 10 users
- Everything in Starter
- Plus HR and payroll
- 2 GB DIANO Drive

Try every Growth module free for 30 days. No card needed. Then your company stays on Free unless you choose a plan. We never bill you without your choice. Prices include VAT. No card is needed to start, and no hidden charges.

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How to start

1. Go to **diano.co.za** and press **Start free**.
2. Type your name, your e-mail address, your mobile number (optional) and your company's name.
3. Confirm your e-mail address, then set your password from the link DIANO sends you.
4. Moving from another program? Do the move first: diano.co.za/help/move.
5. Want help? Ask us for the free onboarding session, or for training for your team.

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