

## PROTECTION AGAINST THE COST OF AN HMRC INVESTIGATION

OUR EXPERT TAX FEE PROTECTION SERVICE PUTS US RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE WHEN YOU NEED US



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# WE'RE HERE TO PROTECT YOU

#### WHY IS HMRC INVESTIGATING?

In the UK we live in an environment whereby the taxpayer is responsible for assessing their own tax liability. HMRC opens investigations to see if the taxpayer has paid the right amount of tax on a random or selective basis. HMRC can consider all aspects of taxation and more recently HMRC have also used investigations to ensure that the measures put in place to support the economy through the COVID-19 pandemic have been utilised correctly.

#### WHAT COULD AN INVESTIGATION INVOLVE?

HMRC will write to you or visit your business premises. They will potentially want to review all your books and records or will ask for more detailed information about specific transactions on your Tax Return. At the end of the investigation HMRC may look to raise an assessment for additional tax due. If you are subject to investigation we will respond to HMRC's requests for information and/or attend meetings with HMRC. We will provide our workings with detailed explanations and we can dispute any assessment for additional tax due.

#### **BEWARE OF "CONNECT"!**

HMRC now uses a sophisticated database called 'Connect' to start more than 80% of tax enquiries.

The system collects data from 30 different sources, including UK and offshore banks, Companies House, the Land Registry, estate agents, the DVLA and other licensing authorities, and social media.

Using 'Connect', HMRC can now target enquiries more accurately than ever before – but they still get it wrong sometimes. That's why we will always challenge HMRC regarding their reasons for an investigation when defending clients.

#### WHERE OUR SERVICE COMES IN

If HMRC states its intention to investigate your tax payments don't panic. Call us – your dedicated accountant and best defence. Our Tax Fee Protection Service will cover fees incurred translating the many complicated questions HMRC may pose, manage the entire conversation with HMRC, help you submit any required information and minimise the impact on your business or personal accounts.

As an additional benefit this protection provides complementary telephone access to employment, health and safety and general legal advisors, including support for employers with any adjustments made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### WHY TAKE ACTION?

- HMRC investigations can be random and can come at any time.
- Investigations are on the increase as HMRC look to generate more tax to fund the enormous spend through the COVID-19 pandemic.
- HMRC is using investigations to ensure that the measures put in place to support the economy through the COVID-19 pandemic have been utilised correctly.
- If you are subject to an investigation we will represent you and our expertise will help save time and money in the long run.
- Our normal accountancy fees do not include the cost of dealing with investigations which can be costly and complex, even if no additional tax becomes due.
- Our Tax Fee Protection
  Service protects
  against costs incurred
  dealing with HMRC
  Investigations.

#### PROTECT YOURSELF TODAY

Tax investigations can be costly and our expert support in dealing with these is not included in your normal accountancy fees. Spending a small amount now on our Tax Fee Protection Service means that you will receive complete support if HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) targets you; we will manage your investigation from start to finish and you will not need to worry about the cost.

"HMRC activity is expected to increase in the coming months and years as HMRC look to generate more tax to help fund the enormous spend through the COVID-19 pandemic. Purchasing our Tax Fee Protection Service means that if you are subject to investigation by HMRC our fees are one less thing for you to worry about. We can defend you for as long as it takes to achieve the right result."

REBECCA DAVISON
DIRECTOR AND HEAD OF TAX

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
CONTACT US TODAY TO FIND OUT HOW WE CAN
PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS AND PERSONAL TAX AFFAIRS

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