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Chartered Accountants

Make sure you are protected against the cost of an HM Revenue & Customs enquiry

We're here to protect you

Subscribing to our Tax Fee Protection Service will mean that we can represent you in the event of an HMRC enquiry at no extra cost . . . ensuring you get the best possible defence.

Why are HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) investigating?

- In the UK we live in an environment whereby the taxpayer is responsible for assessing their own tax liability.
- HMRC opens enquiries to see if the taxpayer has paid the right amount of tax.
- HMRC now uses a sophisticated database called 'Connect' to start more than 80% of tax enquiries, which analyses data from 30 different data sources.
- HMRC can consider all aspects of taxation and more recently have also used enquiries to ensure that the measures put in place to support the economy through the Covid-19 pandemic have been utilised correctly.

What could an enquiry 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 enquiry HMRC may look to raise an assessment for additional tax due.
- If you are subject to an enquiry 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.

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HMRC is under pressure to open more enquiries than ever before to generate tax to fund the enormous spend in respect of Covid-19 and the energy price freeze.

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You can protect!

- If the HMRC states its intention to investigate your tax payments don't panic ... call us, as your dedicated accountant we can provide the best defence.
- Our Tax Fee Protection will cover fees incurred translating the many complicated questions that may arise, manage the entire conversation with HMRC, help you submit any required information and challenge the findings.
- The protection gives you the comfort of knowing that we can fully defend you at no extra cost if you fall under HMRC's spotlight.

Other benefits of this protection

As an additional benefit this protection provides complementary telephone access to business support advice lines from which advice can be obtained on:

Employment Law – you can call regarding performance and absence management, TUPE, redundancies, calculating holiday entitlements, grievances, disciplinary processes and more.

Health & Safety – Advice on risk assessments, fire safety, first aid, RIDDOR and more.

General Legal Issues – advice on any UK commercial or personal issues.

Why take action?

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HMRC enquiries can be random and come at any time.

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The number of enquiries HMRC opens continues to increase as they look to fund the enormous spend through the Covid-19 pandemic.

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HMRC are using enquiries to ensure that measures put in place to support the economy through the Covid-19 pandemic have been utilised correctly.

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If you are subject to an enquiry we will represent you, ensuring you have the best possible defence.

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Our normal accountancy fees do not include the cost of dealing with enquiries, which can be costly and complex even if no additional tax becomes due.

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Our Tax Fee Protection protects against costs incurred dealing with HMRC enquiries.

Protect yourself today!

Tax enquiries can be complex and costly, our expert support in dealing with these is not included in your normal accountancy fees. For an annual charge you will receive complete support if HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) targets you; we will manage your enquiry from start to finish and you will not need to worry about the cost.

Fee Protection Service Rates for:

1st October 2023 - 30th September 2024

Payroll/VAT only client	£270
Trust/Personal Tax only (where gross rental/other income is less than £50,000)	£180
Trust/Personal Tax only (with gross rental/other income in excess £50,000)	£300
Sole Trader not VAT registered	£360
Sole trader inc VAT (and/or with gross rental/other income in excess £50,000)	£510
Partnership/LLP/Ltd Co with turnover up to £5 million	£600
Partnership/LLP/Ltd Co with turnover between £5 million and £10 million	£660
Partnership/LLP/Ltd Co with turnover above £10 million	£1,224

- Clients joining partway through the scheme year will be charged a pro-rata fee.
- Discounts available for groups of 4 or more related premium holders.

Want to know more?

If you have any questions relating to our Tax Fee Protection Service then please contact us:

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“HMRC’s continued investment in compliance is expected to increase as they look to generate more tax to help fund the enormous spend in respect of the Covid-19 pandemic and the energy price freeze. Purchasing our Tax Fee Protection means that if you are subject to an enquiry 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.”

Daniel Sopher, Sopher + Co