

What does the service include.

- + Any compliance check started by HMRC regarding Income Tax and/or Corporation Tax Self-Assessment; PAYE, National Insurance, Construction Industry, IR35; VAT; National Minimum Wage (Pre-dispute), or Gift Aid legislation and regulations.
- + Any consequent dispute with HMRC after the issue of an assessment, computation of liabilities, written decision, or notice of VAT civil penalty.
- + Any claim in respect of Inheritance Tax enquiries (subject to £5,000 limit of Indemnity), Child Tax Credit enquiries or compliance check carried out under HMRC Code of Practice 8, provided fraud is disproved (subject to £15,000 limit of indemnity).

What is not covered?

- + Routine tax work, eg. preparing your tax return
- + Tax, interest or penalties due
- + Criminal prosecution and fraud
- + Enquiries commenced prior to subscribing to the service
- + Enquiries or Disputes resulting from tax returns, which are submitted more than 90 days after the statutory filing date.
- + Enquiries or disputes involving Tax avoidance schemes

See full terms and conditions at
www.sopherco.com/services/tax-investigations

Fee Protection Service Rates for 1st October 2018 – 30th September 2019

Categories	Total inc VAT
Payroll/VAT only client	£165.00
Trust/Personal Tax only (where gross rental/ other income is less than £50,000)	£115.00
Trust/Personal Tax only with gross rental/ other income in excess £50,000)	£195.00
Sole trader not registered for VAT	£235.00
Sole trader registered for VAT	£355.00
Partnership/LLP/Ltd Co with turnover up to £5 million	£395.00
Partnership/LLP/Ltd Co with turnover between £5 million and £10 million	£425.00
Partnership/LLP/Ltd Co with turnover between £10 million and £25 million	£810.00
Partnership/LLP/Ltd Co with turnover above £25 million	£1,000.00

Notes:

*The business premium automatically includes cover for directors, partners, members, spouses and civil partners for personal tax only where gross rental income is less than £50,000, or sole trader/ other income is less than £15,000, where we are the appointed agents.

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.

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Contact Nicola Hardie on nicolah@sopherco.com to find out
what the cost would be for you and/or your business.

Protect yourself today.

Our tax investigations package will meet the unwanted and unexpected professional fees to defend your position in the event HMRC starts a compliance check.

A check can be much more than just querying a single aspect of your tax return. It could be a review of the whole return and all the records. That might include VAT and PAYE records or even involve an inspection by a team of HMRC officers.

HMRC generated a record

£28.9bn during the last financial year from challenging accounts, tax returns and business records. It is not unusual for in-depth tax enquiries to last for well over a year and run up fees of thousands of pounds.

Once an enquiry has successfully concluded no additional tax may be due, but if you don't subscribe to our tax investigations package you would still have your professional fees to pay.

Our service means you don't have to worry about these costs while we ensure you get the best defence.

Could this be you?

You might be chosen for an enquiry due to the nature of your business, where you live, the property you rent out or perhaps because HMRC has decided to target your particular profession.

HMRC has a computer called Connect which stores all of the information the taxman collects on businesses and people. Specialist analytical experts then trawl through all the data to identify potential risks.

However, a proportion of enquiry cases are selected completely at random.



HMRC undertook a targeted enquiry concentrating on £150k's worth of expenses incurred by this actor/TV presenter's company. Consequently, no adjustments were made; however, the fees incurred in dealing with the Revenue's questions amounted to almost £2,000.

HMRC opened an enquiry into a private client's residency status that lasted almost two years. Even though the enquiry was closed with no adjustments, professional fees still amounted to £40,000.



A property company was selected for an Employer Compliance Review. The case was resolved with no additional tax to pay. Professional fees came to £4,500.

For a small annual fee you or your business can be protected from the professional fees associated with a compliance check.

Reasons to act now.

- + HMRC is determined to deliver more money from compliance activity. It is under intense pressure from both the government and MPs of all parties to pursue all tax which is due under law.
- + Over 22bn lines of data are already held by HMRC. That figure is likely to increase rapidly now that tax authorities around the world are starting to share information under the Common Reporting Standard.
- + Last year, in excess of 80,000 reports were made to the Tax Evasion Hotline and the number of referrals to HMRC from mortgage lenders broke the 10,000 barrier for the first time. These reports and referrals form part of HMRC's risk assessment process.
- + HMRC can now access all credit and debit card payments to find out the number and value of transactions completed by a specific trader. For example, if a cash based business has declared a turnover of £80,000, with card transactions amounting to £75,000, HMRC will want to know whether £5,000 of cash is an accurate record.
- + £3.5bn was generated during the last financial year from HMRC pursuing the 45m people in the tax system who have an income below £150,000 and assets below £1m in the UK. £900m was secured from the UK's 8,500 wealthiest individuals alone.

Don't gamble with the taxman.