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**Supporting  
you during  
a HMRC tax  
investigation**



**Tax Investigation Service**

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## **A sensible choice.**

We recommend all our clients consider joining our Tax Investigation Service. Every year, HMRC carries out enquiries into the tax affairs of an increasing number of individuals and businesses in the UK. Many people find an HMRC enquiry disruptive, intrusive, stressful and ultimately expensive.

Joining our Tax Investigation Service, provides peace of mind knowing we are here to help you when HMRC come calling.

With a national debt of over £2.53 trillion, as of March 2023, we fully expect HMRC to raise more enquiries this year to increase tax revenue.

Not only does our service pay our professional fees in the event of a check on your tax affairs, it enables us to provide expert advice and guidance to you every step of the way.

### **You could be at risk of an enquiry**

There does not need to be a reason for HMRC to check your tax affairs. Every taxpayer who submits a tax return is at risk of being targeted. Many thousands of enquiries are launched each year resulting in no extra tax being charged yet the professional fees and costs associated with defending the original tax return still have to be paid.

Even if you have done nothing wrong, many tax enquiries are conducted at random. Each of these enquiries can be expensive to work through.

### **Saving you money and stress**

Our service will pay our professional fees that result from most types of HMRC enquiries or full investigation (full details are listed on the Service Summary).

We have taken out an insurance policy in our own name that is backed by Professional Fee Protection (PFP), one of the UK's leading providers. Our policy enables us to provide you with expert advice and peace of mind knowing we will work on your case to resolve the situation up to our service limits.

## Protect yourself with our Tax Investigation Service.

HMRC latest report estimates the tax gap to be in the region of £36 billion. This is the gap between what they believe should be collected and what actually is. Using their figures this equates to around 5% of the tax due.

The report also says that they believe that 56% of this relates to the small business sector. This has increase year on year as a percentage of the overall amount due. Clearly this is going to continue to be a target area for HMRC to enquire into.

These enquiries take up considerable time and resources for the average business owner and could result in thousands of pounds of unexpected accountancy fees.

With this in mind, we strongly recommend that you subscribe, giving us the opportunity to support and protect you throughout the process of a tax investigation should you be a target of HMRC.



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Many tax enquiries are conducted at random so you could find yourself at the centre of a tax enquiry at any time, even if you have done nothing wrong.



The professional fees associated with a tax enquiry can amount to thousands of pounds. These costs are additional to our normal annual fees.



We know and understand your business and personal financial affairs and want to provide you with the best possible defence saving you time and money.



With over £20 billion of the tax gap relating to SME's HMRC are sure to target this area.

When you subscribe to our Tax Investigation Service you benefit from access to a free client legal helpline available 24/7, 365 days a year.

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