



TAX INVESTIGATION SERVICE

Shielding you during a HMRC Tax Investigation.

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PROTECTION - 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.

WHAT IS THE TAX ENQUIRY FEE PROTECTION SERVICE?

It is an insurance backed service which protects you from accountancy fees associated in dealing with any HMRC enquiry or dispute.

WHY WOULD I BE INVESTIGATED?

There is no definitive answer as to why, but there are a lot of possibilities: filing a late return, errors that require correction, dealing with cash, HMRC receives a tip off, or working in a targeted business sector, to name a few.

HMRC's Connect database collates data from banks, Land Registry records, Visa and MasterCard transactions, DVLA, council tax, VAT registration documents, Airbnb, and believe it or not even your social media profiles.

HOW MUCH DOES AN ENQUIRY COST?

Representing you can easily run into thousands of pounds but will vary from enquiry to enquiry, even if no extra tax is paid at the end. Immediate professional representation is essential in successfully and quickly dealing with HMRC enquiries, but that will come at a cost, and will not be in your budget.

TAX ENQUIRY FEE PROTECTION SERVICE

- renews annually
- insurance backed
- Up to £100,000 fee indemnity (reduced to £15,000 and £5,000 for COP8 and judicial review respectively)
- no excess

For any compliance check, visit (regardless of whether a dispute has yet arisen) or investigation started by HMRC regarding compliance with:

- Corporation Tax Self-Assessment
- VAT Income Tax Self-Assessment
- PAYE VAT visits
- National Insurance
- Construction Industry Scheme
- IR35
- Stamp Duty
- Employer Compliance Visits
- Check of employer records
- Interventions
- Capital Gains Tax
- National Minimum Wage
- Gift Aid legislation and regulations
- P11D
- Inheritance Tax
- Child Tax Credits
- HMRC use of pre-dispute information and inspection powers under schedule 36

A STORM IS BREWING, PROTECT YOURSELF WITH OUR TAX INVESTIGATION SERVICE.

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

The current budget deficit is over £85 billion and there is a plughole in the Government's finances caused by Covid-19 and inflationary pressures.

As expected, we have seen an increase in the number of enquiries over the last year in all aspects of tax such as:

- Individuals and small businesses — around ¼ million enquiries in 2022/23.
- Rise in the number of checks for VAT repayments.
- Increase in 'One to Many' letters to taxpayers
- Random but increased number of compliance checks for Research and Development tax reliefs

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

The time limit for investigations varies from 4 years to 20 years. This will depend on whether HMRC have a suspicion for innocent errors, careless and negligent errors or deliberate tax evasion. The penalties for underpaid taxes can vary from 30% to 200% of the tax owed.

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 accountancy fees still need to be paid.

Even if you have done nothing wrong, many tax enquiries are conducted at random. HMRC have collected £789bn in taxes in 2022/23. This is the highest collection on records and a jump of 10% on the previous record year of 2021-22. Considering that there are around £40bn in unpaid taxes at the moment, we can see that HMRC are pulling all the stops to collect these taxes.

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 Croner-i, 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.

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!

Be **SAFE** in the knowledge
that your accountant will
REPRESENT YOU and deal
with HMRC on your behalf.