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Tax Investigation Service

Shielding you during an HMRC Tax Investigation

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 budget deficit of over £355 billion, we fully expect HMRC to raise more enquiries this year to increase tax revenue and plug the hole left in the Government's finances by the economic damage caused by COVID-19.

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 accountancy fees still need to be paid.

Even if you have done nothing wrong, many tax enquiries are conducted at random. HMRC have recovered £4bn in taxes in the last quarter, nearly double the previous year amid an increase in investigations.

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.

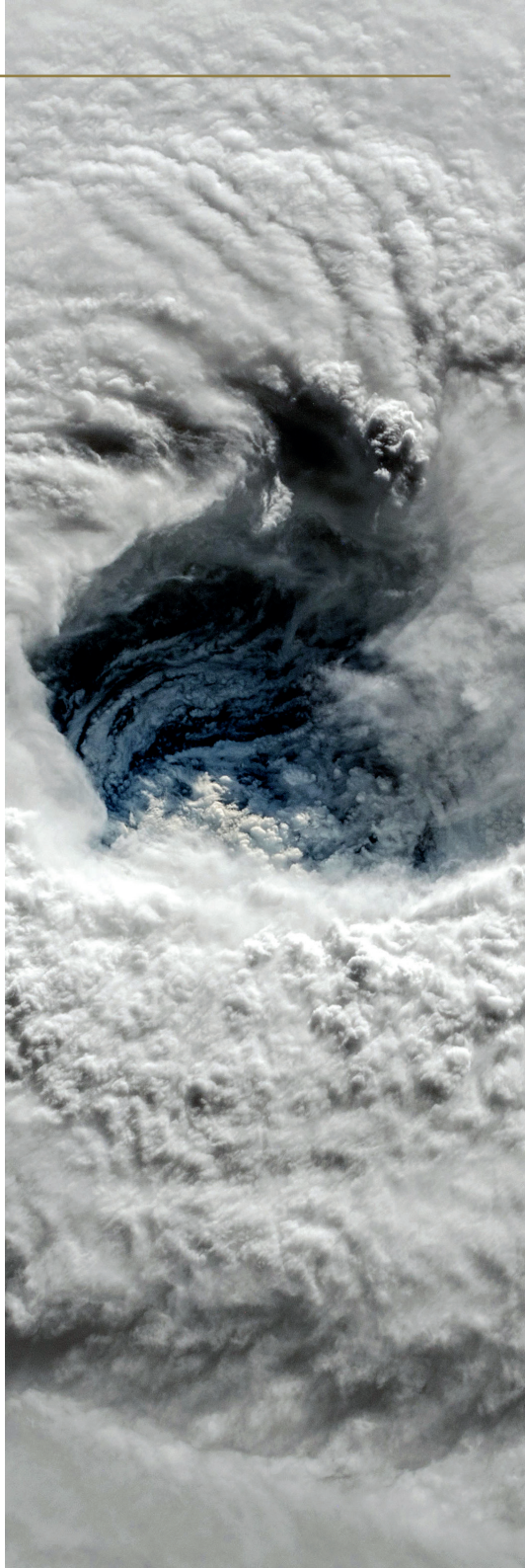
A storm is brewing, protect yourself with our Tax Investigation Service.

For those who have relied on a COVID-19 support scheme such as the CJRS (furlough scheme), it is likely that HMRC will be looking a lot more closely at tax returns, payments and compliance histories. Tax and VAT repayments will also be checked more rigorously alongside the usual full tax investigations.

HMRC estimate as many as 10% of claims are fraudulent and even more will have made errors. Naturally, this will result in many furlough claims being investigated by HMRC. Most of these claimants will not have abused the scheme in any way, however some innocent errors will have been made. As always, it will not only be the fraudulent cases that are selected for review.

With an overall national debt of £2.21 trillion as of March 2021, there is also a concern that the number of general compliance checks being undertaken outside of the job retention scheme will also increase significantly. Again, this will inevitably result in innocent taxpayers facing potentially thousands of pounds in 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.



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.

HMRC opened 102,000 investigations into taxpayers in the first quarter of 2021 – up 36% from 75,000 in the previous quarter.

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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