

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT



If your business is innovating, and developing new and improved ways of doing things - from product creation to process improvement - you could be eligible to receive R&D tax credits that could make a real difference to the financial health of your business.

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Our approach



*Simplify
complexities*



*Maximise
returns*

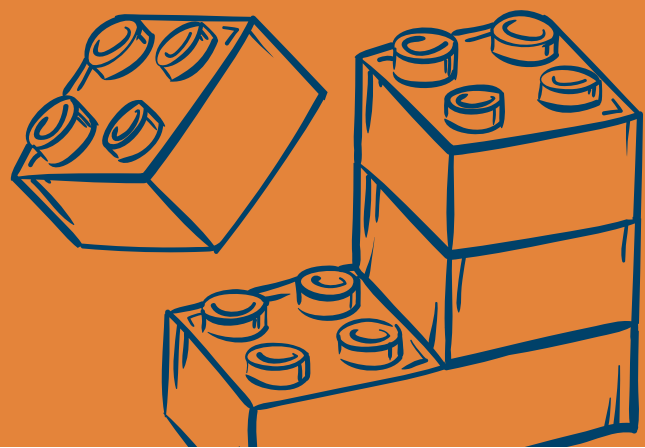


*Forward
thinking*

We can:

- Translate the complex rules surrounding R&D into language you understand
- Assist with the preparation of your claim, eliminating the risk of error, reducing the time taken to get your claim approved, and ensuring you have the greatest chance of success
- Advise you on best practices in respect of record keeping, ensuring that all eligible expenditure is captured

We don't just look at your R&D in isolation; we will help you to build R&D into your wider business planning, so that you can develop an ongoing strategy for growth and confidently do what is right for your business.



R&D: The basics

If your business is developing new and improved ways of doing things, however modest you may think the advancements are, you could be eligible to receive R&D tax credits.

By Government definition, any attempt to resolve 'scientific and technological uncertainties' could qualify

SME R&D Tax Relief

Allows SME's to deduct an extra 86% of their qualifying costs from their yearly profit, as well as the normal 100% deduction, to make a total 186% deduction when calculating profits for Corporation Tax (for expenditure incurred on or after 1 April 2023). A tax credit worth up to 10% of the surrenderable loss can be claimed if the company is loss making.

RDEC

The Research & Development Expenditure Credit (RDEC) affords large companies a tax credit which can be offset against Corporation Tax. For expenditure incurred from 1 April 2023 onwards, the credit is calculated at 20%.

Note: It is possible for us to revisit a previous accounting period and claim retrospectively where a claim has been missed.

R&D happens in all manner of sectors...

- Construction
- Food & Beverage
- Electrical engineering
- Information technology
- Life science
- Security systems integration
- and many more...



R&D: How to make a claim

Claims for either SME R&D Tax Relief, or the Research & Development Expenditure Credit (RDEC), should be made via the Company Tax Return. However, there have been some important changes to the claims process in recent months that it is worth familiarising yourself with.

Pre-notification

For accounting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2023, you must pre-notify HMRC of your intention to claim if it is your first claim, or your last claim was more than 3 years ago.



Additional information

As of 8th August 2023, all claims require the submission of an online Additional Information Form (AIF), to provide supplementary details relating to the project in question. The form must be completed prior to the submission of the company tax return (CT600). If the form is not submitted, the R&D claim will be removed from the return and no tax relief will be obtained.





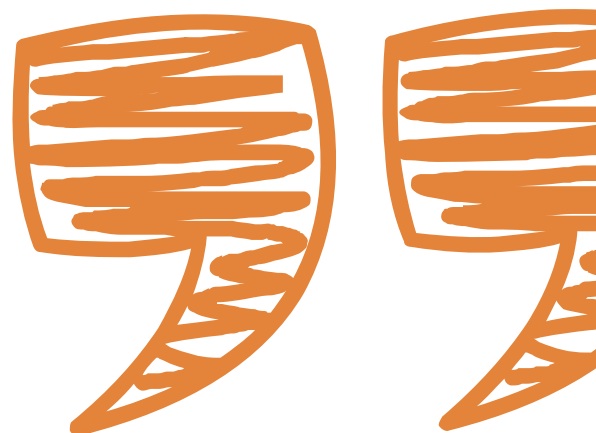
R&D: Getting it right

It is important to note that, ultimately, the responsibility for your R&D claim lies with you and your business, so getting it right is of paramount importance. The consequences of getting it wrong can seriously jeopardise your business; incorrect claims, and badly prepared claims, could leave you vulnerable to HMRC enquiry, needing to pay tax reliefs back or being issued with financial penalties.

Whether your business is profit or loss making, you can still realise benefits with the right advice, and the right support to prepare robust claims.

We can support you with the claims process, from start to finish - including identifying eligible projects, filing your claim via your Corporation Tax Return, and dealing with HMRC should this be necessary.

If you need R&D claims support from trusted advisers, or advice on how the latest changes might affect you and any future claims you intend to make, start the conversation with us today.



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