

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a magnifying glass. The hand is positioned in the lower-left quadrant, gripping the handle of the magnifying glass. The lens is held over a document, which is slightly out of focus. The background shows a person wearing a white shirt and a dark blue suit jacket. The overall lighting is soft and professional.

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return is at risk

Tax Investigation Service

PRECISE. PROVEN. PERFORMANCE.

Why is HMRC investigating?

£800 million has been allocated to target tax evasion in a bid to fill the public finance black hole. Many tax investigations are random. Even if you have done nothing wrong, you are still at risk of an investigation which can take many months and cost thousands of pounds in professional fees!

Beware 'Connect'!

HMRC is using a piece of highly efficient software which is accessing and trawling through your financial information right now.

The 'Connect' system is scouring vast databanks to unearth discrepancies between taxpayers and businesses, income, assets and transactions. However, sometimes it may not be correct and selects the wrong targets.

Since 2008, billions of pounds worth of extra tax has been clawed back and the reach of 'Connect' is ever growing.



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What could an investigation involve?

Some investigations will involve a detailed examination of a specific item on a tax return, others may extend to a full review of all individual or business affairs. HMRC has the power to inspect business documents and assets at your premises, can ask for documents and information, make unannounced inspections and go back up to six years to investigate matters.

When HMRC comes knocking...

An expensive mistake

An engineering company was selected for tax investigation for the first time. Despite the turnover being in excess of £20 million, a relatively inexperienced HMRC officer was allocated to the case. There was clearly a lack of understanding in the queries being raised, which led to constant requests for explanations and documentation and a lot of costly specialist support.

After over two years and several meetings, the case was closed without any adjustments.

The accountancy costs in excess of £20,000 were settled under the Tax Investigation Service.

What should I do if HMRC targets me?

If HMRC states its intention to investigate your tax payments, don't panic. Then call us – your dedicated accountant and best defence. We will translate the many complicated questions the taxman may pose, manage the entire conversation with the taxman, help you submit any required information, and minimise the impact on your business or personal accounts.

Where the service comes in

It will cover our professional fees that result from most types of HMRC enquiry or investigation (full details are listed in the Service Summary).

Unlike some fee protection products that appoint their own advisors, our service ensures that we can continue representing you. We believe that we know you and your business best and we want to be there for you when you need us most. Our service is backed by an insurance policy from Professional Fee Protection Limited (PfP®) which we have taken out in our name.

Protecting yourself costs less than you think!



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Why take action?

- Investigations are often at random and come at any time.
- HMRC is clawing back billions of pounds by stepping up the number of tax investigations.
- Powerful new software can trace even the smallest discrepancy in spending or earnings, prompting an investigation.
- The stress and cost of an investigation can be considerable.
- Our expertise can save you time and money in the long run.

Protecting yourself costs less than you think

Subscribing to the Tax Investigation Service costs less than you think. A small cost now could save you thousands of pounds in the future. Sign up now to protect yourself from the cost of an investigation!

Did you know?

HMRC raised £26.6 billion worth of tax last year, with 1,289 of these investigations resulting in prosecutions.

Act now to get your defences in order

“HMRC is continually embarking on new ways to target you using a range of approaches and new technology. We are constantly vigilant and we stay up-to-date with the latest advances, but you are still at risk of an investigation at any time.

Our Tax Investigation Service means that our fees are one less thing for you to worry about.”



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