

HMRC Investigations pose
a real risk to all



Relax, you're in **specialist hands**



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A tax investigation could cost you money... even if you've done nothing wrong

The Revenue's powerful new computer system 'Connect' is helping their drive to increase tax collection and the number of investigations initiated by it are growing.

Its basic job is to scour vast databanks of personal and commercial information, seeking to unearth links between individual taxpayers and businesses, income, assets and transactions.

It then matches its findings against the information the taxpayer has provided through their return. Discrepancies are flagged and could prompt a tax investigation.

Anyone can be selected for investigation – whether a business owner, director or an individual tax payer.

Unless you have the right professional support in place, you could find yourself exposed and having to deal with costly business disruption, probing questions and the risk of incurring unplanned accountancy fees. Even if you are found to owe no tax at all, you will still have to pay for the professional fees incurred in handling your case.

Getting us involved at the start of an investigation is likely to increase your chances of a successful outcome.

How we help you avoid this unnecessary risk



CCH Premier Protection® is a tax representation service that will safeguard you from the risk of unplanned, costly professional costs.

Subject to the terms of services agreement:

- Should you be selected for a tax investigation, you can relax in the knowledge that there will be no professional fees to pay.
- The annual service provides up to the equivalent of £100,000 towards our professional costs per matter resulting from an HMRC compliance check, including checks into Tax Returns, PAYE, P11D, National Insurance Contributions and VAT affairs.

How CCH Premier Protection® has helped clients

Mr Smith

When Mr. Smith filed a return showing zero self employment income, HMRC initiated an enquiry to look at the amount of interest declared. They had incorrectly thought that the interest had been understated; it hadn't, therefore no additional tax was payable. The costs of professional fees for this very simple matter would have amounted to nearly £900.

Building Firm

HMRC questioned Building firm 'X' about Construction Industry Scheme payments. The investigation found that no additional tax was payable; in fact, the firm received a refund from HMRC. Despite this, professional costs would have been over £2,100.

Whilst both of the above examples demonstrate that no additional tax was payable, the fees alone would have caused serious problems for both parties had they not been protected by our tax investigation service.

We safeguard you from the risk of unplanned expense by providing CCH Premier Protection

Extra benefits included:

A team of highly experienced consultants provide support on a wide variety of issues, including employment and personnel, health and safety, and commercial legal issues.

There is no charge for these services; all you pay is the cost of a lower-cost premium rate phone call*.

Their advice covers the following areas:

- **Employment and personnel**
Such as absence and sickness, conduct and grievance
- **Health & Safety**
Such as reporting an accident, hazardous substances and fire
- **Commercial legal advice**
Such as landlord & tenancy, company law, copyright and patent

“One of the many benefits is the support helpline. We use the helpline at least once a week, sometimes daily and the support and guidance we receive is concise and of great help, in fact we would be lost without them.”
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