

# Accounting resource: Here to protect you against the cost of an HMRC enquiry.



## The problem:

- In the UK, the taxpayer is responsible for assessing their own tax liability by submitting their tax return
- HMRC are increasing the number of investigations into taxpayers to ensure they have paid the right amount of tax
- If selected for enquiry, HMRC will write to you or possibly visit your premises
- At the end of the enquiry HMRC may look to raise an assessment for additional tax due
- HMRC are using their sophisticated Connect System to analyse data from 30 different sources to target enquires
- HMRC are under pressure to open more enquiries than ever before to generate tax to fund the enormous spend through the COVID-19 pandemic

Anyone who pays tax could be investigated or receive a compliance check by HMRC. If this happens to you:

- HMRC's detailed and intrusive questions will take time to answer
- A lot of work will be required to respond to their questions
- An enquiry can take months and sometimes years
- Professional fees of hundreds or thousands of pounds may be due as a result of an enquiry

## Tax investigation fee protection

### The solution:

Wilson Partners provides a service under which, in the event of a HMRC enquiry or inspection:

- You will receive the best possible defence from advisors who know you
- You will not be charged for most of the professional costs incurred in your defence
- You will not have to concede to HMRC's demands because of financial pressures

The service gives you the comfort of knowing that Wilson Partners can fully defend you at no extra cost if you fall under HMRC's spotlight.

### Other benefits of the service

As an additional benefit, this protection provides complimentary telephone access to business support advice lines including support for employers with any adjustments made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

More specific advice can be obtained on:

- Employment Law – you can call regarding performance and absence management, TUPE, redundancies, calculating holiday entitlements, grievances, disciplinary processes and more
- Health & Safety Matters – advice on risk assessments, fire safety, first aid, RIDDOR and more
- General Legal Issues – advice on any UK personal or commercial legal issues

### Why take action?

1. HMRC enquiries are random and can happen at any time
2. Enquiries are on the increase as HMRC look to generate more tax to fund the enormous spend through the COVID-19 pandemic
3. HMRC are using enquiries to ensure that the measures put in place to support the economy through the COVID-19 pandemic have been utilised correctly
4. If you are subject to enquiry, Wilson Partners will represent you, helping save time and money in the long run
5. Your normal accountancy fees paid to Wilson Partners do not include the cost of dealing with enquiries. An enquiry can be costly and complex
6. Our Tax Fee Protection Service protects against the costs incurred when dealing with a HMRC enquiry

### When HMRC comes knocking: A case of mistaken identity...

A husband and wife partnership selling and installing double glazing was investigated by HMRC. At a meeting, HMRC alleged the husband had been dishonest. By the end of a long and detailed enquiry, HMRC repaid £129 of tax to the partnership and apologised, confirming that the allegation of dishonesty was a case of mistaken identity. Accountancy fees were paid in full by the fee protection provider.

