



Fact-sheet

We Work Closely With Your Accountant

The relationship that exists between you and your accountant is important. We respect that relationship and will endeavour as best as possible to work with him as and when required during the course of your tax enquiry. This is because we believe that clients are looking for us to provide the specialist knowledge of investigation work which he may not have. When HMRC initiate a tax enquiry they are obliged to issue a Notice to Enquire. This will specify the year to which the tax enquiry relates.

When HMRC issue the Notice to Enquire to the person whose tax affairs they intend to look at in detail, they also send a copy of that Notice to your accountant. Your accountant will then be aware of the start of your case at the same time you are first made aware. In some cases an accountant may, quite justifiably, be surprised that HMRC wish to examine and test the accuracy of Tax Return entries. This may be on account of his belief that your affairs are in good order and that your business records are well maintained. Indeed, he thinks you are an excellent client.

However true that may be, the only thing that matters is that the Notice to Enquire has been sent to you. Your case may be a randomly selected case, or it may have been selected following HMRC's risk assessment of the data, possibly taking account of the kind of business activity you are engaged in. The fact that HMRC have sent a Notice to Enquire to you may not mean that you are going to have to raise a large sum of money to pay more tax. The tax inspector will write at the outset and outline what his concerns are.

At that stage, we may speak to your accountant in detail about your case in order to achieve the best possible outcome for you. This may take some time, because it simply is not something that can be dealt with quickly. The objective is to assess how accurately the Tax Return and all data contained within it reflects the true position. Your accountant will be able to offer us assistance with this important task. When we have a greater understanding of what has happened, we will seek the best possible conclusion to your case on your behalf.

Speak to us in confidence
(and anonymously if you prefer)

Ring now

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