



# WHEN HMRC START INVESTIGATING... IT'S YOU THAT'S GOING TO PAY.

But don't worry, we've got you covered.



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TAX FEE PROTECTION



# WE'RE READY TO PROTECT YOU...

## What triggers an HMRC investigation?

In the UK, you as a taxpayer are responsible for assessing your own tax liability. HMRC is then able to open an investigation to see if you have paid the right amount of tax. This can be done on a selective basis because they think something is wrong. Or it can be random just to check everything is alright. HMRC can consider all aspects of taxation and more recently have also used investigations to ensure that the measures put in place to support the economy through the Covid-19 pandemic have been utilised correctly.

## What could an investigation involve?

To start with, HMRC will write to you or visit your business premises. They will potentially want to review all your books and records or will ask for more detailed information about specific transactions on your Tax Return. At the end of the investigation HMRC may look to raise an assessment for additional tax due. As an FPM client, if you are subject to investigation we will respond to HMRC's requests for information and/or attend meetings on your behalf. We will provide our workings with detailed explanations and we can dispute any assessment for additional tax due.

## Beware of "Connect"

HMRC now uses a sophisticated database called 'Connect' to start more than 80% of tax enquiries. The system collects data from 30

different sources, including UK and offshore banks, Companies House, the Land Registry, estate agents, the DVLA and other licensing authorities, and social media.

Using 'Connect', HMRC can now target enquiries more accurately than ever before – but they still get it wrong sometimes. That's why we will always challenge HMRC regarding their reasons for an investigation when defending clients.

## Where FPM will help

If HMRC states its intention to investigate your tax payments don't panic. Your first step should be to call us. We're here to help answer complicated questions from the tax authorities, to manage the process and ensure you minimise the stress and pressure of the whole process for your business and personal accounts.

But doesn't that cost money? It doesn't have to. Sign-up to our Tax Fee Protection Service and all of our costs relating to the investigation will be met. Plus as an additional benefit this protection provides complementary telephone access to employment, health & safety and general legal advisors, including support for employers with any adjustments made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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OUR EXPERT TAX FEE PROTECTION SERVICE MEANS  
WE'LL BE RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE WHEN YOU NEED US.



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## WHY TAKE ACTION?

- 1.** HMRC investigations can be random and can come at any time.
- 2.** Investigations 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 investigations 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 investigation we will represent you and our expertise will help save time and money in the long run.
- 5.** Our normal accountancy fees do not include the cost of dealing with investigations which can be costly and complex, even if no additional tax becomes due.
- 6.** Our Tax Fee Protection Service protects against costs incurred dealing with HMRC Investigations.

## PROTECT YOURSELF TODAY

Tax investigations can be costly and our expert support in dealing with these is not included in your normal accountancy fees. Spending a small amount now on our Tax Fee Protection Service means that you will receive complete support if HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) targets you; we will manage your investigation from start to finish and you will not need to worry.



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# CONTACT US TODAY TO FIND OUT HOW WE CAN PROTECT YOU AND YOUR BUSINESS.

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