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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS & BUSINESS ADVISERS

# PROTECTYOURSELF .... against tax enquiries

As all taxpayers are now at greater risk of being investigated by HMRC than ever before, Davies Tracey provides you with the comfort of knowing that we can fully defend you at no extra cost should you fall under HMRC's spotlight.

## The problem

HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) is giving individuals and businesses a harder time by:

- Carrying out more tax enquiries and compliance checks
- Selecting taxpayers for investigation at random or for no good reason
- Using wider powers to visit homes and businesses
- Charging extra tax, interest and penalties
- Allowing less time to pay any tax due

Anyone who pays tax can suffer an enquiry or compliance check by HMRC. If this happens to you:

- You will have to prove that HMRC's suspicions are unfounded
- HMRC's detailed and intrusive questions will be time consuming to answer
- A lot of work will have to be done to respond to the questions asked
- The enquiries can drag on for months and sometimes years
- Professional fees of hundreds or thousands of pounds may become due as a result

### Everyone is at risk

Since 2010, HMRC has invested £1.8 billion targeting those who underpay tax.

Spearheading this approach is an investment in technology that allows tax enquiries to be selected more efficiently and on a larger scale.

In 2016/17, HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) secured a record £28.9bn of additional revenue through tax enquiries into businesses and individuals.

Targets for future years are even higher and HMRC powers to investigate have been strengthened.

Whilst we will always robustly defend you against unjustified questions by HMRC, our normal annual fees do not cover the additional professional costs of handling tax enquiries and compliance checks.

By subscribing to the DTprotect service, you can be confident of accessing the accountancy support and experience necessary in an HMRC enquiry, without incurring charges.

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"HMRC is continually finding new ways to target you using clever techniques and new technology. We are constantly vigilant and stay up to date with the latest advances, but you are still at risk of being investigated at any time. If you take advantage of our Tax Fee Protection scheme, our fees will be one less thing for you to worry about in a tax enquiry. We can defend you as long as it takes to achieve the right result."

Ray Priestman, Practice Manager, Davies Tracey

### The solution

DTprotect is a service to protect our clients against the unexpected costs of responding to HMRC. This insurance\* means that, in the event of an HMRC enquiry or inspection:

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

# Other benefits of DTprotect

As an additional benefit, complimentary expert telephone advice can be obtained on:

- Employment law
- Health & safety matters
- General legal issues

The advice can be very valuable, particularly to many business clients, and is available to all subscribers to the service who need it.

# When do I subscribe?

You must subscribe before you receive any communications from HMRC regarding an investigation, otherwise you aren't covered.

Therefore, the simple answer is NOW!

The service's annual charge starts from 1st September. If you missed this date, subscribe as soon as possible to be charged on a pro-rata basis.

### How do I subscribe?

You can subscribe online at www.daviestracey.co.uk/DTprotect

Alternatively, if you received our letter inviting you to subscribe to the service, please complete and return the enclosed reply slip and pay the amount due - that's all there is to it.

You will receive the full benefits of the service until 31st August. Towards the end of this period, you will be contacted regarding renewal of your subscription.