

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT TAX RELIEF

RIBA BUSINESS



IS YOUR PRACTICE ELIGIBLE FOR R&D TAX RELIEF?

FIND OUT IF IT IS AND YOU COULD REDUCE YOUR
CORPORATION TAX BILL

- R&D is a Corporation Tax relief that may reduce your practice's tax bill or generate a tax credit if your business is liable to Corporation Tax.
- You can claim for the current financial year end and the previous two financial years.
- Successful claims can be settled within 8 weeks of submission.
- Our specialist team are experienced in claiming R&D tax relief and have a 100% success rate.
- You can sign up for a one day claim workshop and complete majority of your claim in a single day with our expert team. The cost for this is on a contingent fee between 10% – 15% of the successful claim amount; nothing is due until the claim has been settled.



SUCCESS RATE
when claiming R&D
tax relief

R&D TAX RELIEF CHECKLIST

Is your business eligible for R&D tax relief? If you can answer yes to any of the following questions, you may qualify for tax relief. Talk to a member of our team to find out more.

DESIGN

- ☐ Do your projects involve high quality or unusual finishes?
- ☐ Do you design bespoke and iconic features (such as facades, staircases, furniture or roof systems)?
- ☐ Are you continuously gaining new technical knowledge and experience on projects?
- ☐ Are you developing designs, processes or systems to make them more resource efficient (such as in terms of time, cost, labour or material)?
- ☐ Do you design in order to maximise space properties and user flow on your projects?
- ☐ Do you collaborate with engineers, contractors or external specialists to develop designs?

MATERIALS, FINISHES & CONSTRUCTION/ MANUFACTURING PROCESSES

- ☐ Are you using existing materials, design processes or manufacturing techniques on your projects, but in a new and novel way?
- ☐ Are you using new or unusual materials, design processes or manufacturing techniques on your projects?
- ☐ Do you develop modular, prefabricated or off-site manufactured designs?

TESTING

- ☐ Do your projects involve Business Information Modelling (BIM) or software testing (such as structural, thermal or wind software modelling)?
- ☐ Do your projects involve physical testing or prototyping (such as for waterproofing or impact resistance)?
- ☐ Do your projects involve sampling, site/factory visits, mock ups or trialling (such as for performance, finish properties or manufacturing quality)?

SUSTAINABILITY

- ☐ Are you seeking sustainable certification on your projects (such as BREEAM, Passivhaus or LEED)?
- ☐ Do you design or integrate sustainable systems into your projects?
- ☐ Do you use sustainable materials (such as timber, GRC, recycled or recovered materials)?
- ☐ Do you have to meet demanding acoustic, natural light or thermal requirements that affect the building fabric?
- ☐ Do you take into consideration complex energy performance or carbon footprint of your projects?

PROJECTS

- ☐ Do you design for sensitive or secure environments?
- ☐ Do your projects involve heritage or listed structures/assets?
- ☐ Do any of your projects involve challenging or highly constrained sites?
- ☐ Do your projects involve integrated building plant and technology, such as M&E plant or computer technology?

CONTACT US FOR SUPPORT

If you're not sure whether your practice is eligible for R&D tax relief, you can get in touch with our team and arrange a free phone consultation. Take a look at our checklist to see what type of work qualifies for relief.

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