

# THE FABRICATOR

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We commission articles and accept submissions. We are always happy to discuss submissions with potential contributors. We will require a brief synopsis of the feature idea by email to the editor along with full contact details.

We would be obliged if contributors also provide suitable photography and/or illustrations.

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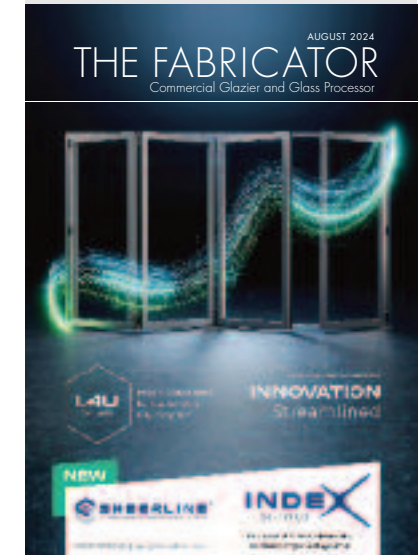
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**BUSINESS**

## Well, what a relief!

Christina Nawrocki, partner at Wellers, the small business accountants to SMEs, discusses R&D tax credits and how those working in the fabricating industry can benefit from them.

The UK tax system is very complex, and it's no surprise that many businesses aren't aware of all the tax reliefs available to them.

There are many different types of tax relief which can be used to reduce tax bills for businesses, and one very relevant to fabricators is the research and development (R&D) tax credits, which is especially useful for those industries involving science, technology, engineering, and maths.

How does R&D tax credit work?

A business is eligible to apply for R&D tax credits if it is developing new technologies or processes, something which is inextricably woven into manufacturing sectors. Unlike other forms of tax relief, low-making businesses can still qualify for R&D tax credits, although the terms are slightly different:

- When loss-making – your business is paid cash in the form of a tax credit.
- When profit-making – tax relief is given as a 186% credit calculated against the qualifying costs of many profits. This equates to an additional 86% reduction to the normal 100% which results in a smaller corporation tax bill.

Of course, HMRC isn't going to give this credit out to just anyone. To qualify, you must prove that your business has either:

- Developed new software
- Developed normal processes that reduce costs and improve production efficiency
- Used existing technologies in new or unique way
- Integrated two or more existing technologies in a way that hasn't been previously
- Made advances in science and/or technology
- Manufactured goods

The likelihood is that working in fabrication, you may see one or more of these criteria met when submitting a claim to ensure it is done correctly and not frustrated.

Why is R&D such an important?

The main benefit of R&D tax credits is the reduction in tax liabilities. The UK currently has the highest tax levels since the 1980s, so the less you can legally avoid paying the more capital will be left over to invest into your business to help fund growth. This not only helps your enterprise to be generally beneficial to the UK economy.

Finally, R&D projects open new potential employment opportunities as 'floating' investments likely to require specialist skills and technical expertise. Lack of funding is one reason why R&D projects can stall. If your business can reward their customers the R&D tax credits, more projects are likely to go ahead.

Successfully R&D projects can be developing solutions for global challenges, like acquiring new sources of renewable energy to combat climate change or finding more sustainable manufacturing processes. Without the use of R&D tax relief, many projects set to tackle the world's global issues simply wouldn't happen, putting the country in a sticky position unable to respond to challenges. Therefore, encouraging businesses to utilize R&D tax credits is imperative for the future of the country.

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