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

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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, so 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 innovative within 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 tax making – your business is paid cash in the form of a tax credit.

When profit making – tax relief is given as a 18% credit calculated against the qualifying costs of many projects. This equates to an additional 86% reduction to the normal 19% which results in a smaller corporation tax bill.

Of course, HMRC isn't going to give this credit out so 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 technology in a new or unique way
- Integrated two or more existing technologies in a way that hasn't been previously
- Manufactured goods
- Made advances in science and/or technology

The likelihood is that working in fabrication, you may very well be eligible for R&D tax relief if you are working on innovative areas in the sector. However, you should speak to a tax adviser that can offer support when submitting a claim to ensure it is done correctly and tax is finalised.

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 left over to re-invest into your business to help fund growth. This not only helps your enterprise to be more financially resilient in the UK economy.

Firstly, R&D projects open new potential employment opportunities as hiring innovation is likely to require specialist skills and therefore specialist employees. Lack of funding is one reason why R&D projects can stall.

Secondly, businesses can reward their customers by offering R&D tax credits, more projects are likely to go ahead.

Thirdly, R&D projects are key for 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 will be unable to challenge. Therefore, encouraging businesses to utilize R&D tax credits is imperative for the future of the country.

R&D tax credits are a useful tool for businesses to significantly reduce their tax liabilities. However, the process and legislation is so complex that it can be a bit of a headache to understand or ensure you don't submit a fraudulent claim. Doing so could not only mean a fine from HMRC, but it could trigger a full scale tax investigation which is a long and costly process to manage.¹

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