

Case Studies

Specialist Software Development Company

The company specialises in the design and development of software and IT systems for the general aviation industry. It had developed a suite of solutions that were used by its customers. The company also provided ongoing support to those customers.

There was an ongoing programme of updating, improving and customising the products. A few years ago, the company also commenced a project to completely upgrade the products and migrate them from desktop applications to web-based applications.

When I initially approached the company they were not fully aware of the potential benefits of R&D relief. As we discussed this further, they realised that a lot of their day-to-day improvements and customisation work would qualify for relief. They initially dismissed the upgrade/migration project as they had subcontracted a lot of that work to a third party. I was able to explain how the subcontracting rules meant they could include that work in their claim.

This doubled the benefit of their repayable R&D Credit claims to £78,000.

Specialist Software Solutions Company

The company is a leader in the development of specialist security tools for other software developers. R&D claims had previously been prepared by another consultant but the Finance Director wasn't happy and wanted a second opinion.

On reviewing the current claims it was clear that they had not been properly prepared in accordance with the company's status. I was able to make suitable amendments to the claims – including the addition of previously missed expenditure – prior to their submission to HMRC. As a result the value of the R&D benefit to the company was increased by more than £31,000.

Specialist Software Development Company

The company is a leading supplier of specialist software for the finance industry. The finance director had made claims with a previous employer but was unsure whether there was significant R&D in this company. The company's accountant approached me as he was unable to provide specialist R&D support.

I was able to work with the company's competent professionals to identify significant activity that qualified for R&D relief. The claims I prepared generated payable R&D Credits of £95,000 for the company.

Technology Company

The company develops specialist technology solutions for customer management. This involves the development of both hardware and associated software.

Although the company had heard of R&D relief it had not previously made claims, as its in-house finance team didn't know how to go about it. Working with the company's Competent Professionals I was able to identify significant activity that qualifies for R&D relief. I prepared claims for two years that reduced the company's tax liability by £23,000.