



Tax Enquiry Protection Service in conjunction with Vantage Summary of service

This document is a summary of the Tax Enquiry Protection Service provided by Larking Gowen, the 'Policyholder'. We hold a policy of insurance with Vantage that provides cover for professional fees incurred for work undertaken on your behalf in respect of our Tax Enquiry Protection Service.

This document does not give full details of the cover provided, however, a copy of the full policy wording is available on request.

Tax Enquiry Protection Service

The service offers protection for costs incurred in tax matters as listed below.

What this service covers

Professional fees incurred up to £125,000 in respect of:

- Corporation tax and income tax full or aspect enquiries
- PAYE/NIC compliance checks from the outset and disputes with HMRC following such checks
- IR35/Employment Status/CIS enquiries and disputes
- VAT compliance checks from the outset and disputes with HMRC following such checks
- Enquiries under Section 60 or 61 of the VAT Act 1994, provided that at the culmination of such investigation it's proved that the client wasn't found guilty of dishonesty, fraud or fraudulent intent
- Business record checks, inspections and interventions under HMRC's Information and Inspection powers at Schedule 36 FA 2008
- Child Tax Credit enquiries
- Student Loan enquiries
- Up to £250 of costs relating to an informal request for information by HMRC, by telephone or other means
- Inheritance tax/probate return enquiries
- Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Land Tax enquiries
- National Minimum Wage/National Living Wage enquiries
- Gift Aid enquiries
- Companies House confirmation statement enquiries
- Enquiries into Scottish taxes
- Auto enrolment return enquiries where the Policyholder has been engaged to complete the appropriate reporting statements and declarations
- Code of Practice 8 investigations, provided that at the culmination of such investigation it's proved that the client wasn't found guilty of dishonesty, fraud or fraudulent intent
- Applications for judicial review, subject to Vantage consent

What this service does not cover

Any fees or costs:

- Incurred prior to the acceptance of a claim by Vantage
- In respect of any work undertaken prior to receipt of notification of enquiry by HMRC
- In respect of any claim arising from or related to a circumstance that occurred prior to or existed at the inception of this Policy
- Costs relating to time spent during a review of the business or other financial records by HMRC, unless this has been authorised in advance by Vantage
- Relating to a criminal prosecution or an enquiry conducted by HMRC under the Civil Investigation of Fraud procedure (Code of Practice 9)
- Relating to any claim arising from an enquiry into a tax return that was not submitted within 90 days following expiry of the statutory time limits
- In respect of work that should be routinely undertaken by the Policyholder at the client's expense
- In respect of any claim made, brought, or commenced outside the territorial limits
- Where a claim has not been notified within the period of insurance or notified within the notification period
- Any taxes, interest, penalties and fines or any other duties
- In any claim where the client has adopted a tax avoidance scheme
- Incurred as a result of professional negligence

Vantage Fee Protect Helpline

As a valued client of our Tax Enquiry Protection Service, you have access to a dedicated helpline provided by Vantage, available to assist you with a wide range of employment, human resources, health and safety, and general legal issues. Their expert consultants are here to provide practical advice tailored to your needs.

How to make a claim

You should notify us immediately in the event that any circumstances arise that might lead to us needing to represent you under the Tax Enquiry Protection Service.

Vantage Helpline availability



Monday to Friday:
09:00 - 17:30
(excluding Bank Holidays)



Contact number:
0116 243 7891

This service is provided as part of our fee protection package, making sure that you have access to expert advice whenever you need it.

