

R&D Tax Credits in Technology, IT & Software Industries

The technology sector is one of the fastest growing sectors in the UK and, as such, is one of the key areas for R&D tax relief. For companies involved in many different aspects of technology from software and hardware development to artificial intelligence, augmented reality, cloud computing, cyber security and internet of things (IoT), R&D lies at the heart of what they do.



DO YOU QUALIFY?

The R&D tax credit scheme rewards any company whose work seeks to resolve a 'scientific or technological uncertainty'.

Qualifying activities in Technology, IT and Software may include:

- Developing state-of-the-art software for new projects or improving the functionality of existing ones.
- Combining two or more existing technologies in a unique way e.g. integrating software with new computer hardware.
- Developing innovative cloud software and tooling systems.
- Writing new systems such as apps or management tools as well as fundamental technical updates following software advances made by 3rd party software providers.



PROJECT EXAMPLES

We have experience dealing with a wide range of claims in the Technology, IT and Software industries. Examples include:

- Architecture and platform build of an Internet of Things asset management platform with wide ranging flexibility.
- Development of an innovative analytical platform to capture, process and visualise primary care data.
- Development of an electronic Quality Management Systems software to be compatible with Apple devices (e.g. iPad)
- Development of a process for analysing damage to aerofoil components in service jet engines.
- Development of a multi-lingual cloud-based radio advertising package.



What costs can I claim?

- Employee costs (including PAYE costs and pension contributions)
- Subcontractor costs
- Consumable Materials
- Energy Costs
- Certain specialist equipment

How much can I claim?

The tax relief is generous - up to **33% of the qualifying expenditure** for SME's and 11% for large companies under the **RDEC scheme**. The claim is part of a company's normal Corporation tax return and applies to the **latest two financial years**.



Why Choose Libcus?

As Chartered Accountants with a dedicated focus on Research & Development, we use our specialist knowledge and expertise to investigate your eligibility and compile a claim. Our consultants have an unique mix of skill set in terms of technical understanding of both industry and tax and are up to date with the current government legislation, minimising the risk for our clients.

With 100% success rate you can be confident we will help maximise your claim. Contact us today to find out more.