

# R&D Tax Credits in Financial Technology Services

Financial technology services (FinTech) is an emerging industry that uses technology to enable, enhance or automate financial services and processes. From mobile banking to cryptocurrency, FinTech is a large area for R&D. As the demand from consumers and businesses grows, this innovation rich sector is fast becoming a prime candidate for the R&D Tax Credit scheme.



## 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 the FinTech industry may include:

- Creating novel financial platforms.
- Designing new data applications for mobile banking and mobile payments.
- Testing and optimising fraud detection systems.
- Improving cyber security measures for existing applications.
- Redesigning existing financial systems using fundamentally different technologies.

## PROJECT EXAMPLES

We have experience dealing with a wide range of claims in the FinTech industry. Examples include:

- Development of an innovative payment platform enabling users to solve complex online payments problems, and increase revenue and efficiency, while substantially reducing costs.
- Design of financial infrastructure for a new system built on digital assets in the Blockchain space.
- Development of an automated suite of applications to enable effective management of financial business processes whilst mitigating fraud risk and improving operational efficiency.



### 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 a 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.**