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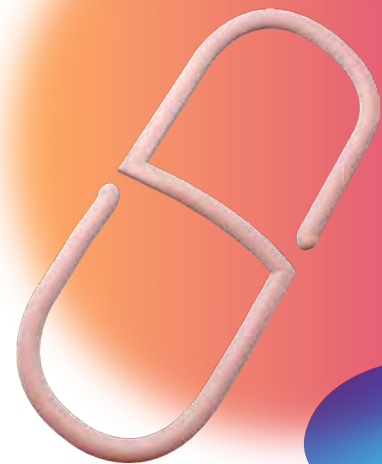
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ABOUT THIS SECTOR

The pharmaceutical industry is the most research-intensive business sector in the UK, with £4.1 billion spent on research and development in 2016 alone. This accounts for almost a quarter of total UK expenditure on R&D.

Pharmaceutical innovation has produced an enormous amount of social value with respect to longevity and functional health outcomes. In an industry where R&D is paramount to success the tax relief opportunities are vast and invaluable.



POTENTIAL R&D CLAIMS

Many companies are conducting qualifying R&D activities for R&D tax relief purposes in this sector on a daily basis without even realising it. What may seem as typical day-to-day challenges in the office and field may qualify. This may include developing new products, processes or services or duplicating existing products and processes in an appreciably improved way. The development does not have to be blue sky innovation, however, it is necessary for the company to demonstrate some kind of technical uncertainty in the work being undertaken.

Typical qualifying activities within this sector include but are not limited to;

- The development of easily soluble medication which previously only came in pill or tablet form.
- The redevelopment of certain medications which have had to be altered due to the prohibition of certain ingredients by EU legislation.
- The development of integrated software systems which has increased the efficiency of certain NHS departments by over 60%.



POTENTIAL PATENT BOX CLAIMS

Companies that hold patents could qualify for a reduced effective corporation tax rate of 10% on profits derived from those patents.

Any company in this sector which does not hold a patent should be reviewing their technological developments to consider their eligibility to apply for a patent and benefit from the significantly reduced 10% tax rate.

The technical hurdle to apply for a patent is not as high as you may think. Similar to R&D tax relief, what may seem as typical technology in the office or field may be patentable and eligible for a 10% effective rate of tax.

Some examples of patents in this sector include but are not limited to;

- Nasal cannula manifold with an innovatively designed inlet and outlet valve.
- The development of a medical garment which regulates body temperature and improves recovery time from various illnesses.

POTENTIAL CAPITAL ALLOWANCE CLAIMS

Capital allowances enable commercial property owners to obtain tax relief relating to capital expenditure embedded within their building.

Capital allowances on plant and machinery will typically be claimed in the tax computation already.

However, many businesses in this sector are missing out on valuable capital allowances available not only on commercial property owned for years, but also on the;

- Acquisition
- Construction
- Refurbishment; or
- Extension of commercial property.

The value of capital allowances on commercial buildings can be as high as 45% of any purchase or 65% of refurbishment price.

DON'T LOSE OUT!

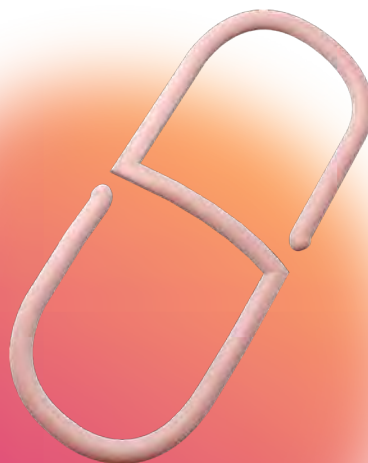
Of course, the extent of the opportunity depends on the level of the specification.

The main reason allowances are missed on the construction and fit out/ refurbishment of the building is because of the lack of detail in the construction cost information provided by contractors. This information can consist of high-level summaries of the works and it is difficult for non-specialists to break down and segregate these costs which can result in lost allowances.

Typically, elements missed in the capital allowances claims include demolitions, alterations and finishes. Also, professional fees associated with plant and machinery on which we are claiming capital allowances are eligible, but are easily forgotten.

YES! THERE'S MORE!

In addition to this, there is a little-known capital allowances pool called Research and Development Allowances (RDA's). If it can be identified that the purpose of the expenditure on plant and machinery, buildings and IT equipment was for the purpose of R&D, 100% uncapped first year capital allowances can be claimed on this expenditure.





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