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TAX RELIEFS AND ALLOWANCES FOR AIRLINE PILOTS

There are generous allowances available to pilots and co-pilots that can be offset against your UK tax liabilities.

The earnings of many Pilots will fall into the UK equivalent of the Bermuda Triangle where tax allowances disappear, and tax liabilities can spiral to scary new heights.

The issue is that where taxable income exceeds £100,000, the taxman starts to grab back the personal tax allowance, at the rate of £1 for every £2 over £100,000.

This clawback can result in an equivalent tax rate of 60% on taxable income in excess of £100,000.

It is therefore beneficial for pilots to ensure that they are claiming all the allowances and expenses that they can, to help minimise their tax liabilities.

We can assist in making current year claims and in making tax rebate claims for earlier years.

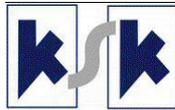
So, what can you claim?

Flat Rate Expense Allowance (FREA)

The main FREA is currently set at £1,022 and covers costs for certain expenses you incur and which are not provided by your employer. If your employer covers certain costs you may be able to claim a reduced amount of FREA.

There is another FREA currently set at £110 to cover allowable costs of travel to certain regular specified activities.

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Actual Costs of Expenditure

It may be possible to claim the actual costs of expenditure in place of the FREA. If you believe that your qualifying expenditure exceeds the fixed rate of FREA, then you may be able to make a claim for such receipted costs.

Noise Cancelling Headsets and other electronic equipment

If you are required to purchase your own noise cancelling headsets, you should be able to reclaim receipted costs for these.

Where you purchase other electronic devices for work, the rules do get a bit more complex. If your employer provides such devices, but you choose to provide your own personal device, the taxman will not allow the claim. This is an area where we can provide further guidance to ensure that you are maximising your claim.

Other expenditure

You may also claim for other expenditure, such as: -

- replacement items of uniform;
- food and beverages;
- travel, subsistence and accommodation;
- professional subscriptions (BALPA).

The rules for these claims may only be given under certain circumstances, but we can provide all the guidance you need.

Here at Keens Shay Keens we can assist in all matters relating to your tax affairs, including: -

- Repayment Claims
- Self-Assessment Tax Returns
- Expense Claims
- Residence and International matters

The first consultation is free of charge and comes without obligation, if you would like to find out more, contact Paul Southward. We are conveniently based in Luton Town centre and we are told that the coffee is excellent.

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