## NEWSLETTER

## SELF-EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SCHEME – UPDATE 06 MAY 2020

Further to my recent e-mail to you, I am writing to you to inform you of the new updates in relation to the above scheme introduced by the Government to support Self-Employed and Partnership businesses in the UK.

Unfortunately, and very much to our annoyance, due to HM Revenue and Customs systems, the process for applying for this grant is to be undertaken by the taxpayer personally. We, as your Agent are not able to do this for you, however we are here to support you through the process if you have any queries.

Within the next week, H M Revenue & Customs intend to contact you directly, by email (if they have your e-mail address) or, where they have a record of your mobile telephone number, by means of a text message. Otherwise they will write to you. However, please be aware of scams during this process and make sure that any of your correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs is done directly through their website gov.uk and your online account with them, rather than through any e-mail link you have received.

You can check your eligibility for this grant using the following link: <u>https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/self-employment-support</u>

You will need your Unique Taxpayers Reference (UTR) and your National Insurance number to do so. (*If you are unsure of these, please contact me*).

If you do not already have an online services HM Revenue and Customs account you will be required to register, which will subsequently provide you with a 'User ID', You will need to keep a record of this and set up a password. At that point, you may wish to contact me as you will be able to undertake the process of applying for the Grant.

If you would rather telephone HM Revenue & Customs to apply for the grant, the telephone number is 0800 024 1222.

If you are receiving Tax Credits then you will also need to inform them that you have received this Grant together with details of the amount.

We as your Accountants and Professional Tax Advisers are here for you and please do not hesitate to contact us on 01202 877771 if you have any specific queries.

With kind regards,

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