

Rail Forum Finance Leaders Group  
R&D tax relief

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# R&D tax reliefs

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# Introduction



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R&D Manager

- Joined PKFSC in December 2022
- Over 7 years of experience in R&D tax relief claims
- Nottingham based
- Cover all aspects of R&D claims, including financial, technical, reports, enquiries

# Current R&D landscape

## SME scheme

Changes from 1 April 2023

- R&D enhancement reduced from 130% to 86%
- Payable tax credit for loss making companies reduced to 10%
- Introduction of R&D intensive companies (eligible R&D equal to 40% of all expenditure)
- Payable tax credit for R&D intensive companies set at 14.5%

Additional information forms required from 8 August 2023

## RDEC scheme

rate increased to 20% (net benefit: 15% - 16.2%)

## HMRC enquiries

Increased scrutiny and strict application of guidance  
Questions over how enquiries are being handled



# Changes from 1 April 2024

## R&D intensive companies threshold reduced to 30%

Affects accounting periods beginning on or after the 1 April 2024

## Offshore activities no longer eligible

Affects accounting periods beginning on or after the 1 April 2024  
Applies to subcontracted work performed outside the UK and agency staff (externally provided workers) paid outside the UK

## Single scheme

Affects accounting periods beginning on or after the 1 April 2024  
20% above the line credit for SMEs and large companies  
Simplified rules for:

- Contracted out R&D
- Subsidised expenditure



# How can we help?

## Advisory

## Project planning

- Advance assurance

## Submission of claims

- Assessment of technical eligibility
- Calculation of relief
- Written report and additional information forms

## Navigating changes

## HMRC enquiries

## Insurance



# Q&A

Do you have any questions?

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