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Design and creativity, quality fashion products and technical goods of high added value have been identified as a major competitive advantage of the UK textile and clothing industry.

In a framework of global competition, research and innovation are crucial elements to further develop the knowledge base of the sector and to provide fresh impetus to a sustainable and competitive industry.

There are strict rules covering R&D tax relief claims. Our specialist R&D team will ensure that the claim is accurate and will stand up to any HMRC scrutiny. If the right boxes are not being ticked in terms of what qualifies under the R&D legislation, any claims against this scheme will come to nothing.

For this reason many potential clothing, textiles & fabrics claims are not even attempted, because many companies are rightly reluctant to spend significant amounts of time and money with no guarantee of success.

We can make the whole process simple by preparing a claim on the company's behalf. We provide the right information in the right format so that HMRC can quickly agree the R&D claim.

Typical qualifying claims

- Development of a breathable and waterproof fabric for the lining of footwear and making an appreciable improvement to an existing material and product.
- Use of an existing material for a new purpose thus adapting knowledge from another field of science in order to make an advance where this adaptation was not readily deducible.
- Development of a 3D fabric with unique thermo-physiological properties to cool rather than insulate, thus making an appreciable improvement to an existing material.
- Development of a material with low emissivity for the housing industry without compromising strength, breathability and water hold up properties. Not only is the material being developed but so too is the process of actually putting the material components together.
- Development of technical textiles for intelligent personal protective clothing and equipment.

These are examples of what you may be doing, but if you can do them by following routine or conventional methodology then the claim will not be qualifying.

Contact us to receive a free health check and one of our experienced R&D advisers will be able to ascertain whether the development activity qualifies. If you are unsure at this stage, a telephone conversation with one of our advisers will be able to definitively establish whether or not a claim can be made.

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