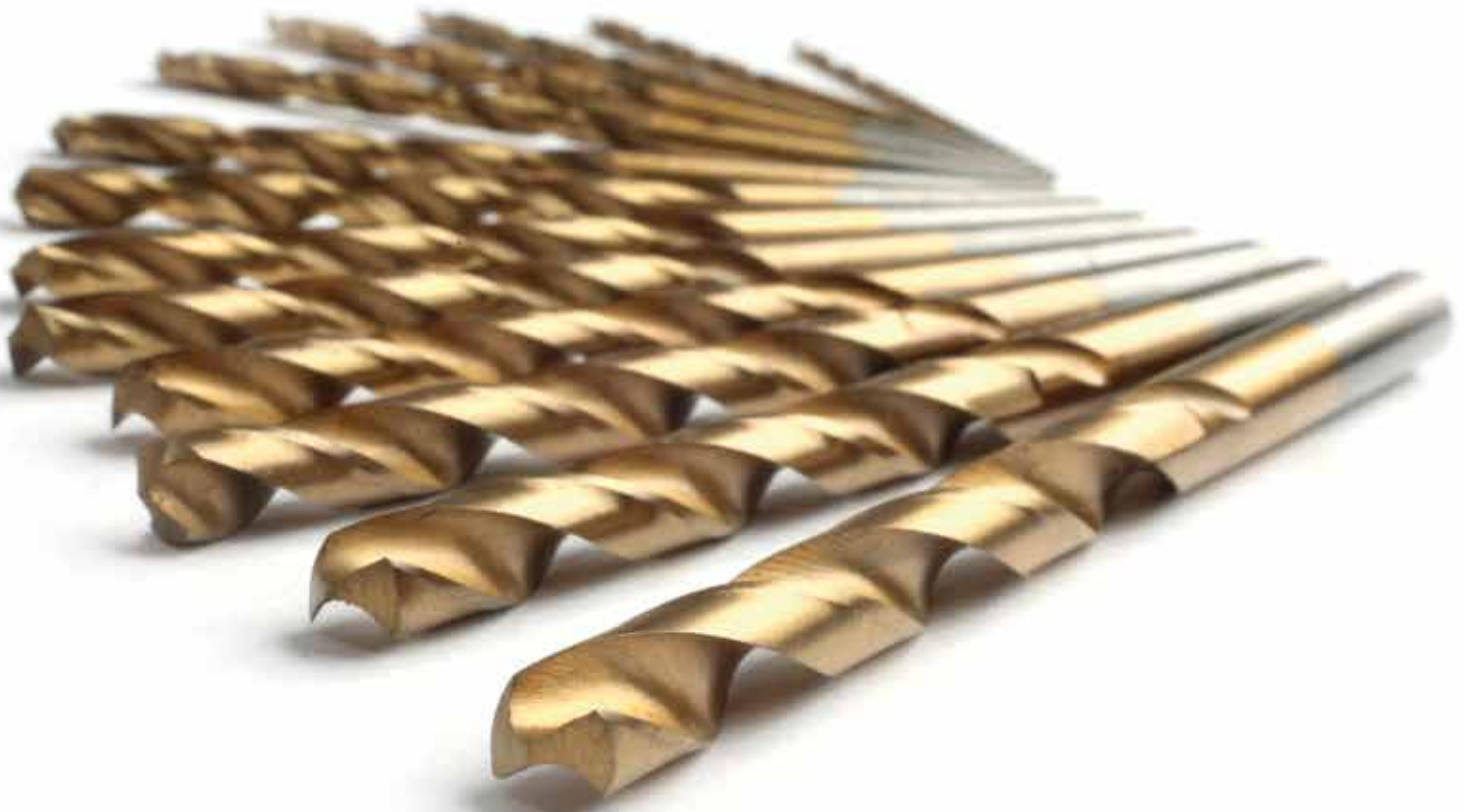


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R&D in these sectors usually arises due to customer bespoke requests, pressure on reducing costs or making existing products lighter, smaller, larger, more reliable and so on. The government has introduced this tax relief to help promote productivity in the UK. The relief is available for the development of both products and processes and is not just limited to new, innovative and novel products. For instance, it could be claimed for duplicating an existing product or process in an appreciably improved way. It could be claimed as a result of making a process faster or cheaper.

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 manufacturing, engineering and electronics 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 product that is lighter, cheaper, smaller, larger, longer etc than other products on the market through the resolution of technological uncertainties that are not readily deducible by a competent professional.
- Development of software in conjunction with existing hardware for human iris and facial capture.
- Biometric modality development involving hardware and software testing. Multi biometric software development and performing all research, design, build and testing to seek an advance in technology and make appreciable improvements to existing systems.
- Technological advance in a portable machine with appreciably better battery life, temperature range tolerance, lighter weight, improvements in casing protection and development of appropriate software.
- Development of new and efficient algorithms to enable calculation of corrosion using a calibrating polarisation thus extending the overall knowledge in a field of science and technology.
- Development of a device to measure remaining gas in a canister and also to detect leaks therefore extending knowledge in the field of technology.
- Further development of seals that will operate in a totally submerged/flooded environment.

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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