

R&D Tax Claim Platform - User Terms

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4.2 You acknowledge that no component of the Website shall constitute any financial, legal, investment or any other professional advice.

4.3 Access to the Website is granted to you for the purposes set out in Clause 2.1 and is intended to facilitate the formation of business decisions by the Company in relation to the Services.

4.4 To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be liable for any loss or damage caused by a virus, distributed denial-of-service attack, or other technologically harmful material that may infect your computer equipment, computer programs, data or other proprietary material due to your use of the Website.

4.5 We shall not under any circumstances (i) assume any responsibility for the quality of your input into the Website including any attachments (**Interview Input**); or (ii) be liable whatsoever for any reliance, loss, claim, or complaint arising from or in connection with any Interview Input.

4.6 An assessment of Interview Inputs is available in the form of downloadable reports (each a **Report**) in a PDF or CSV format.

4.7 Reports arising from the assessment of R&D tax claims are confidential and prepared exclusively for the Company.

4.8 Reports are prepared using information provided by you. We will not verify the accuracy or completeness of such information. There may therefore be errors in such information which could impact on the content of the Report. No warranty or representation as to the accuracy or completeness of any such information or of the content of the Report relating to such information

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- 4.9 Reports should not be used, reproduced, or circulated for any other purpose, in whole or in part, nor disclosed to third parties, without our prior written consent, except as required by law or regulation or if disclosure is required to HM Revenue and Customs (**HMRC**). Such consent will only be given after full consideration of the circumstances at the time. For the avoidance of doubt, we accept no duty of care nor assume any responsibility to any third party.
- 4.10 Reports are based on current tax legislation and HMRC's practice as at the date of the Report which may be subject to future change. While we have prepared the Report based on our interpretation of the legislation and HMRC current practice, you should appreciate that there can be no guarantee that HMRC will accept the content of the Report. There is a risk that HMRC could challenge the analysis and conduct an enquiry into the assessment of R&D tax claim.
- 4.11 Events and circumstances occurring after the date of the Report will, in due course, render the respective Report out of date and, accordingly, we will not accept a duty of care nor assume a responsibility for decisions and actions which are based upon such an out-of-date Report. Additionally, we have no responsibility to update the Report for events and circumstances occurring after this date.
- 4.12 Responsibility for management decisions will remain solely with the directors of the Company and not us. The directors should perform an appropriate review of the output of each Report to inform any decision made by the Company.
- 4.13 Nothing in the User Terms shall exclude or limit our liability to you where it would be unlawful to do so.
- 5. Uploading content onto the Website:**
- 5.1 Whenever you make use of a feature that allows you to upload any Interview Input to our Website, you must comply with the content standards set out in clause 5.2.
- 5.2 Your Interview Input must:
- 5.2.1 be accurate;
 - 5.2.2 comply with the laws of England and Wales;
 - 5.2.3 not be defamatory;
 - 5.2.4 not promote unlawful violence;
 - 5.2.5 not infringe any copyright, database right, trademark or any other third-party rights;
 - 5.2.6 not breach data protection legislation or confidentiality rights;
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- 7. General**
- 7.1 **Change to these Terms:** We may amend these terms from time to time. Every time you wish to use the Website, please check these terms to ensure you understand the terms that apply at that time. We will endeavour to give you notice of any material changes to these terms.
- 7.2 **Governing Law:** These terms shall be governed by English and Welsh law and the English courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction.