



COVID-19 – Working from home claims, tax free allowance

There is a £6 tax free allowance when you work from home. This is to cover the extra costs of working from home as you will be using more electricity etc. Employers can pay this allowance to their effected employees and it will be free of tax and national insurance. Any payments in excess of this amount will need to be supported with evidence.

There may also be some tax and National Insurance Contributions free support as regards the need for the employee to incur expenses in buying equipment to allow them to work from home, the expenses being claimed from the employer.

To qualify for this relief the expenditure must meet the following conditions:

- The equipment must be obtained for the sole purpose of enabling the employee to work from home as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.
- The provision of the equipment would have been exempt from income tax if it had been provided directly to the employee by the employer.

The exemption is a temporary measure and will have effect from the day after the regulations come into force until the end of the tax year 2020/21.

As always if you want more information, or if we can help in any other way, please get in touch.



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