



Is your business eligible for R&D tax relief?

Questionnaire for
Food and Drink

Personal Details

Name _____

Company _____

Job title _____

Email _____

General questions

Yes **No**

Are you seeking to develop something new and novel, at an industry level, either for use in your business or for your clients?

Are you seeking to develop a significantly improved product, method or process?

Is the project technically challenging?

Specific questions for the Food and Drink industry

Yes **No**

Are you spending money on developing new products, or using new, untested ingredients in existing products?

Are you spending money on seeking to improve an existing product to make it cheaper to produce or healthier for the consumer e.g. gluten and dairy free alternatives?

Are you spending money on significantly improving the performance or functionality of your production processes? This might be in terms of scalability, flexibility, or efficiency of processing.

Have you faced major technical difficulties during the development of new or improved products and had to abandon the project and try a different approach?

Have you faced major technical challenges resulting from having to adapt existing products or processes to take account of regulatory changes e.g. the sugar tax?

Have you faced major technical challenges resulting from the need to improve a product's shelf life?

Have you faced major technical challenges when developing packaging for your products?

Are you spending money developing unique software for use in your production process?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, you may be doing R&D.

The following activities are not R&D.

- Reverse engineering.
- General maintenance.
- Brand design.

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