

Whenever anyone talks about research and development (R&D), the usual industries spring to mind including pharmaceuticals, software and engineering. It may come as a surprise to learn that companies involved in architecture, construction and property also have the potential to claim.

PROJECT EXAMPLES

We have experience in dealing with a wide range of claims within the architecture and construction industries, including:

- Development of advanced, sustainable building fabric design techniques.
- Adaption of a remote-sensing technology combined with separate data analysis software, leading to an advance in the current state of technology in the surveying field.
- Design and creation of a temporary and innovative cantilevered structure to resolve construction access restrictions when conventional methods could not be applied.

DO YOU QUALIFY?

The R&D tax credits scheme rewards any company that undertakes work to resolve a 'scientific or technological uncertainty' and in doing so increases the overall knowledge or capability in that field. Qualifying activities may include:

- Developing a new construction method or material.
- Solving a complex architectural challenge using innovative technology.
- Developing designs for unique or challenging environments.
- Developing advanced software applications for use in the sector.

What costs can I claim?

- Employee costs (including PAYE costs and pension contributions)
- Subcontractor costs
- Consumable materials
- Energy costs
- Certain specialist equipment

How much can I claim?

The tax relief is generous - up to **21.5% of the qualifying expenditure** for SMEs and 15% for large companies under the **RDEC scheme**. The claim is part of a company's normal Corporation Tax return and applies to the **latest two financial years**.

Why choose SciTax?

As Chartered Accountants with a dedicated focus on Research & Development, we use our specialist knowledge and expertise to investigate your eligibility and compile a claim. Our consultants offer technical expertise of both industry and tax and are up to date with current government legislation, minimising the risk for our clients. **You can be confident we will help maximise your claim.**

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