

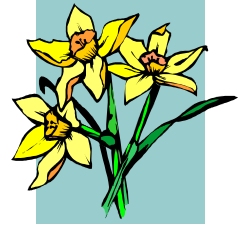
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DAVID BAILEY CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS SPRING NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DEADLINES

PAYE YEAR END FILING - Returns **must** be completed online this year with all details submitted by **19 MAY 2011**. We are happy to help with this or we can file on your behalf if required.

**SEE OUR NEW
WEBSITE**

At
www.davidbailey.co.uk

Designed by Longtail

EMPLOYERS PAYE PAYMENTS - Monthly PAYE payments must now be paid on time **EVERY MONTH** to avoid interest charges. Once your P35 has been submitted this May, HMRC will be looking back at your monthly payment record and more than one late payment will result in interest being charged in June 2011. More information is available at www.hmrc.gov.uk/payefactsheets

COMPANIES HOUSE

- * Limited Company Accounts now have to be filed at Companies House within **9 months** of their year end (previously 10 months).
- * Late filing penalties < 1 mth **£150** (previously £100) < 3 mths **£375** (£100)
Companies filing late two years in a row will find that these fines are **doubled** in the second year as well!
- * **From 6 April 2011** the online Annual Return filing fee has now been reduced to **£14** from £15.

HIGHER RATE TAXPAYERS

From the coming tax year, 2011/12, taxpayers with a total income exceeding **£114,950** per annum will not be entitled to the Personal Allowance of £7,475, which will increase their annual tax bill by £2,990.

Taxpayers with total income exceeding **£150,000** per annum will pay 50% tax on their income over this limit.

There maybe some planning possibilities with the use of companies, depending on individual circumstances, which Wendy or Martin will be pleased to review with you.



VAT FLAT-RATE SCHEME

Following the increase in the main VAT rate on 4 January 2011 to 20% all Flat-Rate Scheme percentages will also have increased. A helpful ready-reckoner is available at <http://vatreadyreckoner.hmrc.gov.uk/> to work out the correct rate for your type of income.



BUSINESS RECORD CHECKS

HMRC have indicated they will be reviewing the records of a significant number of businesses in the coming year. This is not as alarming as it sounds and you can discuss this with us or look at the HMRC factsheet at www.hmrc.gov.uk/factsheet/record-keeping.pdf.

EMPLOYERS STAKEHOLDER PENSIONS

All employers with **5** or more employees must set up a pension scheme.



EMPLOYEE & PENSION CODING NOTICES

From 2011-12 onwards we will **not receive copies** of any PAYE Coding notices as agents. Please ensure you give us any notices that are issued to you.

WORKING TAX CREDITS

Anyone working can make a claim if they are 25 or over, work at least 30 hours per week and earnings do not exceed **£11,000** as a single person, or **£15,000** as a couple. Employers are asked to help staff to make a claim if they believe their employees fall into this criteria. <http://taxcredits.hmrc.gov.uk/Qualify/DIQHousehold.aspx>



HMRC BUSINESS PAYMENT SUPPORT HELPLINE

If you're worried about meeting Tax, VAT or National Insurance payment deadlines you should call the government support helpline **0845 302 1435** to discuss arrangements to make payment BEFORE going into arrears.

LIMITED COMPANIES

- * There are no changes to the requirements under the well established IR35 rules. If your Income falls within the 'IR35' rules, remember the Deemed Salary Payment is required to be calculated in March with the PAYE paid by 19 April.
- * Changes in the **company car** regime mean it can now be beneficial to have a car in your company as long as it has a low CO² level of 110 or below.
- * From **1 April 2011** corporation tax payments will have to be made electronically (online or at your bank) and **cannot** be made by post.

OFFICE NEWS

We are resellers for **SAGE** and **QUICKBOOKS** products and we can supply these to our clients at a discounted price. Please note that although support for Quickbooks 2007 and earlier versions has now been withdrawn we will continue to assist our clients with any technical problems they may encounter.

We belong to a local Network Group which meets monthly. This is a good opportunity to meet other local businesses and if you would like to come to a meeting, please contact us.

This Newsletter is a brief synopsis of matters which may affect you. If you would like to discuss any of these items in more detail and their effects on you personally, please do not hesitate to call us.