



Please check if you're entitled to Foreign Tax Credit Relief

Your tax return for the year ended 5 April 2024 included a claim for Foreign Tax Credit Relief (FTCR). This is relief for foreign tax you paid on employment income.

We're writing to ask you to check if you qualify for FTCR before finalising your Self Assessment return for the year ended 5 April 2025.

This isn't a compliance check. We want to help you get this right and give you the opportunity to correct any mistakes.

What we'd like you to do

If you're making a claim for FTCR on your tax return for the year ended 5 April 2025, or any future returns, please make sure you meet the criteria. These are that:

- you must be a UK resident
- you must have paid tax under an overseas country's law, on earnings from days you worked in that country
- the amount of FTCR you claim must not be more than the UK tax you would have paid on the same income.

You should also check the double taxation agreement (DTA) between the UK and the other country, to see how the terms for employment income apply to you. Remember:

- all references to 'employer' must relate to the company that paid for the activities of your employment, and took the risks relating to them - this isn't necessarily your formal legal employer or the company you signed a contract of employment with
- the UK/US DTA only applies to US Federal tax, not state taxes - you need to claim 'unilateral relief' on your UK Self Assessment Tax Return if you've paid any state taxes
- you can't claim FTCR if the other country doesn't have the right to tax your employment income - you may be able to claim tax relief in the other country
- if your claim also relates to non-employment income, such as pensions, royalties, dividends or interest, you'll need to see what the DTA says about that type of income.

For more information about unilateral relief go to [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) and search 'unilateral relief', then choose 'INTM161030 UK residents with foreign income or gains: double taxation relief: Unilateral relief'.

If you've made an error on your tax return for the year ended 5 April 2024

It may be that you need to amend your return for the year ended 5 April 2024 as well if you didn't meet the criteria above. If so, please amend it online. For help with this, go to GOV.UK and search 'Self Assessment tax returns'. Then choose 'if you need to change your return'.

If we later find errors in your tax return, we'll treat any disclosure you make as prompted. This may affect any penalties you have to pay. For more information, go to GOV.UK and search:

- 'Make a voluntary disclosure to HMRC' for more information about disclosures.
- 'CC/FS7a' and 'CC/FS17' for more information about penalties.

If you're satisfied your tax return is correct, you don't need to do anything.

Extra support

If you have any health or personal circumstances that may make it difficult for you to deal with us, please tell us. We'll help you in whatever way we can.

For more information about this, go to GOV.UK and search 'Get help from HMRC if you need extra support'.

Contacting us

If you have any queries about this letter, you can call, email, or write to us. Our contact details are at the top of this letter.

If you call us, please be aware the phone line will close on 31 January 2026.

If you email us, please first read the enclosed factsheet 'Corresponding with HMRC by email' and confirm you accept the risks.

Please note that:

- we can't correct your tax return over the phone
- if you reply to this letter in writing, you may receive a delayed response.

If you contact us, please quote our reference number at the top of this letter and give us your daytime phone number. This will help us deal with your query more quickly.

More information

For more information, go to GOV.UK and search:

- 'Self Assessment: Foreign (SA106)' and choose the link with this name - then choose 'Foreign notes (2025)' - for help completing the Foreign pages of your tax return
- 'Tax treaties', to get a country-by-country list of the UK's tax treaties

You can also watch the following videos on our YouTube channel 'HMRCgovuk'. Search for:

- 'Do I need to declare foreign income to HMRC?'
- 'Double Taxation Relief and foreign income'
- 'The Common Reporting Standard and what it means for your foreign income'.

If you have an agent, we've sent them a copy of this letter. You may want to speak with them if you have any questions about FTCD.

Yours sincerely

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To find out what you can expect from us and what we expect from you go to www.gov.uk and search for 'HMRC Charter'.



Corresponding with HMRC by email

Use the following information to decide whether you want to deal with us by email. We take the security of personal information very seriously. Email is not secure, so it's very important that you understand the risks before you email us. We will not deal with you by email unless you tell us you accept the risks.

About the risks

The main risks associated with using email that concern us are:

- confidentiality and privacy – there's a risk that emails sent over the internet may be intercepted
- confirming your identity – it's crucial that we only communicate with established contacts at their correct email addresses
- there's no guarantee that an email received over an insecure network, like the internet, has not been altered during transit
- attachments could contain a virus or malicious code

How we can reduce the risks

We'll desensitise information, for example by only quoting part of any unique reference numbers. We can also use encryption. We're happy to discuss how you may do the same but still give us the information.

If you do not want to use email

You may prefer that we do not respond by email, for example because other people have access to your email account. If so, we're happy to respond by another method. We'll agree this with you either by telephone or in writing by post.

If you do want to use email

If you would like to use email as one of the ways HMRC will contact you, we'll need you to confirm in writing by post or email:

- that you understand and accept the risks of using email
- that you're content for financial information to be sent by email
- that attachments can be used

If you are the authorised agent or representative, we'll need you to confirm in writing by post or email that your client understands and accepts the risks.

Also:

- send us the names and email addresses of all people you would like us to use email with - you, your staff, your representative, your agent, for example
- check that your junk mail filters are not set to reject and/or automatically delete HMRC emails

How we use your agreement

Your confirmation will be held on file and will apply to future email correspondence. We'll review the agreement at regular intervals to make sure there are no changes.

Opting out

You may opt out of using email at any time by letting us know.

More information

For more information about HMRC's privacy policy, go to [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk) and search 'HMRC Privacy Notice'.