

# Your research and development (R&D) spot check

Innovative UK companies can benefit from research and development (R&D) tax credits. These are a valuable government incentive that rewards limited companies for their investment in R&D: with up to 33p for every £1 spent (SME scheme). They can be a transformative source of funding – one that helps you invest further in your R&D, become more competitive and grow.

It's not only the obvious industries that are eligible, but the big hurdle is knowing what qualifies as research and development. This is where we can help.

Whatever the size of your business, if you're creating new products, processes or services – or modifying existing ones – there is a good chance you could be carrying out R&D.

R&D can take place in any sector from furniture manufacturing to digital development. Don't rule your business out.

## Your checklist:

Do you:	Yes
 Operate in a specialist or niche market?	
 Work in a regulated industry?	
 Employ skilled or technical staff?	
 Take on challenging projects that involve taking a leap into the unknown?	
 Solve difficult technological problems?	

### R&D takes place in every single sector:

- Aerospace
- Agriculture
- Apparel
- App development
- Architecture
- Audio visual integration
- Automotive
- Breweries
- Bridge construction
- Building system controls
- Chemical
- Civil engineering
- Construction
- Contract manufacturing
- Cosmetics
- Cybersecurity
- Digital advertising
- Distilleries
- Distribution
- Electrical contracting
- Electrical engineering
- Electronics
- Environmental consulting
- Environmental engineering
- Fabrication
- Fire protection
- Food & beverage
- Food processing
- Foundries
- Furniture
- Gaming
- General contracting
- Government contractors
- High tech distributors
- HVAC
- Industrial controls and engineering
- Information technology
- Insurance
- IT resellers
- Job shops
- Life science
- Manufacturing
- Marine construction
- Masonry
- Material handling
- Mechanical contracting
- Mechanical engineering
- Medical devices
- Metals
- Mining
- Network engineering
- Oil & gas
- Packaging
- Pharmaceuticals
- Plastics injection
- Precision machining
- Printing
- Process engineering
- Product engineering
- Security systems integration
- Ship and boat building
- Software
- Structural engineering
- System integration
- Technology manufacturing
- Telecommunications
- Tool & die
- Value-added resellers
- Waste management
- Wineries