

Name of the person that completed this check	Dave Chaplin
End client's name	Structure Tone Limited
Engagement job title	Night Manager
Reference (worker's name or contract number, for example)	Court case TC06400

We're unable to determine the tax status of this engagement

Why are you getting this result

We need more information to understand the working practices of this engagement.

You can review the answers you've given below.

You should now do the following:

If you require further assistance, please contact HMRC's Employment Status and Intermediaries helpline for advice:

- by phone on 0300 123 2326
- by email at ir35@hmrc.gov.uk

You could also read through the Employment status manual (<https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/employment-status-manual/esm0500>)

About this result

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HMRC can review your taxes for up to 20 years.

About the people involved

Which of these describes you best?

The end client is the public body, corporation or business that the worker is providing services to.

The worker

Has the worker already started this particular engagement for the end client?

Yes

How does the worker provide their services to the end client?

As a limited company

About the worker's duties

Workers that perform office holder duties for the end client are classed as employed for tax purposes. You've told us that the worker will not perform office holder duties during this engagement.

Will the worker (or their business) perform office holder duties for the end client as part of this engagement?

Being an office holder isn't about the physical place where the work is done, it's about the worker's responsibilities within the organisation. Office holders can be appointed on a permanent or temporary basis.

This engagement will include performing office holder duties for the end client, if:

- the worker has a position of responsibility for the end client, including board membership or statutory board membership, or being appointed as a treasurer, trustee, company director, company secretary, or other similar statutory roles
- the role is created by statute, articles of association, trust deed or from documents that establish an organisation (a director or company secretary, for example)
- the role exists even if someone isn't engaged to fill it (a club treasurer, for example)

If you're not sure if these things apply, please ask the end client's management about their organisational structure.

No

About substitutes and helpers

We ask these questions to find out if the worker is being engaged as a business or on a personal service basis. If the end client hasn't or wouldn't agree to the worker's business arranging for a paid substitute to work instead of them, it suggests that they're being engaged on a personal service basis.

Has the worker's business arranged for someone else (a substitute) to do the work instead of them during this engagement?

This means someone who:

- was equally skilled, qualified, security cleared and able to perform the worker's duties
- wasn't interviewed by the end client before they started (except for any verification checks)
- wasn't from a pool or bank of workers regularly engaged by the end client
- did all of the worker's tasks for that period of time
- was substituted because the worker was unwilling but not unable to do the work

No - it hasn't happened

If the worker's business sent someone else to do the work (a substitute) and they met all the necessary criteria, would the end client ever reject them?

The criteria would include:

- being equally skilled, qualified, security cleared and able to perform the worker's duties
- not being interviewed by the end client before they start (except for verification checks)
- not being from a pool or bank of workers regularly engaged by the end client
- doing all of the worker's tasks for that period of time
- being substituted because the worker is unwilling or unable to do the work

We need to know what would happen in practice, not just what it says in the worker's contract.

Yes - the end client has the right to reject a substitute for any reason, including if it would negatively impact the work

Has the worker's business needed to pay a helper to do a significant amount of the work for this engagement?

A helper is someone who does some of the job the worker is hired to do, either for or with them.

For example - if a lecturer was hired by a university to write and deliver a study module:

- a researcher hired to source information could be classed as doing a significant amount of the lecturer's work
- a company the lecturer pays to print and bind materials for the module would not be classed as doing a significant amount of the work

No

About the work arrangements

We ask these questions to find out how much right of control the end client has over what the worker does during this engagement. If the end client has a right of control, this would suggest the working practices are similar to those of an employee.

Can the end client move the worker to a different task than they originally agreed to do?

This includes moving project or location, or changing to another task at the same location.

Yes - but only with the worker's agreement

Once the worker starts the engagement, does the end client have the right to decide how the work is done?

This doesn't include general induction, or the need to follow statutory requirements like health and safety.

No - the worker decides how the work needs to be done without input from the end client

Can the end client decide the schedule of working hours?

Yes - the end client decides the worker's schedule

Can the worker choose where they work?

No - the task determines the work location

About the worker's financial risk

We ask these questions to identify the level of financial risk the worker must take during this engagement. Workers who don't risk their own money by, for example, buying assets, or paying for overheads and materials are more likely to be employed for tax purposes.

What does the worker have to provide for this engagement that they can't claim as an expense from the end client or an agency?

Other expenses – including significant travel or accommodation costs (for work, not commuting) or paying for a business premises outside of the worker's home

What's the main way the worker is paid for this engagement?

An hourly, daily or weekly rate

If the end client isn't satisfied with the work, does the worker need to put it right at their own cost?

No – they wouldn't need to put it right

About the worker's integration into the organisation

We ask these questions to find out how integrated the worker is into the end client's organisation. Workers who receive benefits, have line management responsibilities for other people and represent themselves as working for the end client are more likely to be employed for tax purposes.

Is the worker entitled to any of these benefits from the end client?

- Sick pay
- Holiday pay
- A workplace pension
- Maternity/paternity pay
- Other benefits (such as gym membership, health insurance, etc.)

These don't include benefits provided by a third-party or agency.

No

Is the worker responsible for any of these duties for the end client?

- Hiring workers
- Dismissing workers

- Delivering appraisals
- Deciding how much to pay someone

No

Does the worker interact with the end client's customers, clients, audience or users?

These are people who use or are affected by the service provided by the public body, corporation or business. This would not include the worker's colleagues or other employees.

No

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