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MOTORING EXPENSES ~ 700/64 (MAY 2007)

HMRC have revised their Motor Expenses document and this was issued on 8 June 2007.

The notice covers:

- The definition of a car for VAT purposes
- The VAT treatment of motoring expenses incurred by your business
- What vehicles qualify and whether you can claim back all or some of the VAT charged (this is because the reclaiming of some input tax on motoring expenses is not allowed or 'blocked')
- When you must account for VAT
- How to work out your output tax
- The records you must keep and
- What you can and cannot treat as input tax.

For a copy of the notice click ([here](#)).

TWO YEARS HOUSEKEEPING FOR OPERA AND OPERA II USERS

Two years ago we published an article relating to periodic tasks that should be undertaken by Pegasus Opera users. We felt it was timely to repeat the advice:

"We regularly come across occasions when our Opera customers have not been carrying out the necessary software housekeeping tasks.

Many issues relating to slow processing, length of archiving time, disk space problems, etc., could easily be resolved if regular, and thorough, housekeeping routines are adopted.

Opera II has an excellent internal backup facility. This is especially useful at End of Year, Payroll Up Date, or Period End processing times, when by a click or two; the whole data directory can be copied. The drawback is that, being so convenient to use, it is easy to forget to delete unwanted backups, and suddenly the disk is full up!

We have produced two Housekeeping Guides ~ specific for each of the Opera systems. For information on the Opera 16 guide click [here](#), or for Opera II click [here](#)."

IRIS EXCHEQUER: WHEN UPGRADING.....1

When upgrading to Exchequer v5.71 and above, you need to remember to run workstation set up on all machines running Exchequer.

Due to changes in functionality since Exchequer v5.70.002 any upgrades need to have a workstation set up run on every machine running Exchequer or Exchequer components. You should also reset positions to ensure all screen sizes and colours are reset to the defaults to avoid unnecessary access violations.

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IRIS EXCHEQUER: WHEN UPGRADING.....2

IRIS software has produced an important notice for users upgrading to IRIS Exchequer v5.71 (this also covers v5.71.001).

The notice covers advice and actions to be taken regarding:

- Excel Reporting (Exchequer OLE) – General Ledger Functions
- Introduction of General Ledger Class Types
- Spell Check Facility
- CIS Exchequer Changes
- Online Guide Availability.

For a copy of the notice, click ([here](#)).

CAPITAL GOLD ACCOUNTS ~ V3.54.00

Pegasus has launched the above version that includes new HMRC regulations for Reverse Charge VAT (see last month's newsletter). We are only looking to distribute this version on a request basis.

If you require a copy, please contact the Support Department who will arrange the upgrade.

OPERA II AND OPERA ~ V5.13.00 AND V3.51.00 RESPECTIVELY

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ALL PAYROLL SYSTEMS ~ DO YOU KNOW.....

..... how to check the amount of SSP recovered is correct?

All employers are entitled to recover SSP under the Percentage Threshold Scheme. It doesn't matter if you are a small company or not.

To calculate if you are entitled to recover SSP, calculate 13% of the total NIC liability for the company that month. If the total SSP paid that month exceeds this 13%, anything above this threshold may be reclaimed.

It is especially important to check this manually if you have one company split over two or more separate id numbers or systems.

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..... that if you have more than one company, that you can globally change tax codes instead of going in and out of every company?

From within the Admin options, choose the FILE menu and then select COMPANIES, followed by BUDGET AMENDMENTS. At the bottom of the Budget Amendments screen there is a SELECTION button. Click on the Selection button and then tick the box next to the companies you want to include in the Budget Amendments. You can choose ALL if you want to. Say OK. Then make the budget amendments as normal in the table.

STOP IT!

We hope that you find our e-mailed information sheets of direct help to you and your business. However, if you wish to remove your name from the mailing list or make changes regarding recipients, please contact John Stannard, in the Support Department.

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