



Professional Pit-Stop

14th October 2025





Tonight's Team



Julia Hawkes

**Professional Mentor
(Funeral Celebrants)**

Apologies - is poorly



Sam Goodchild

Founder & Community Leader
Host - Taxing Questions session



Jon Matson-Higgins

**Professional Mentor
(Funeral Celebrants)**
Co-Host - Taxing Questions session

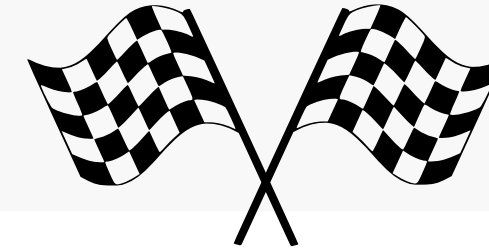


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Special Guest

James Leonard

Accountant



Civil Celebrant
Connection

Questions

- What is the new frequency for submitting self-employed tax? When will I have to get each submission done by? And when does this start?
- As a self-employed person will I have to start using Xero? Or similar package? Will Quickbooks be acceptable?
- Will I have to start issuing electronic invoices?
- Are there any key worries that we need to watch out for coming up in the new budget?

Questions

- How likely do you think it is the V.A.T threshold will be reduced by two thirds?
- Can I claim my hair-dresser's fees as a business expense? (I have to look well turned out for ceremonies)
- Can I have a business Christmas party and put this through as a tax expense? Are there any limits per head or per party for this?

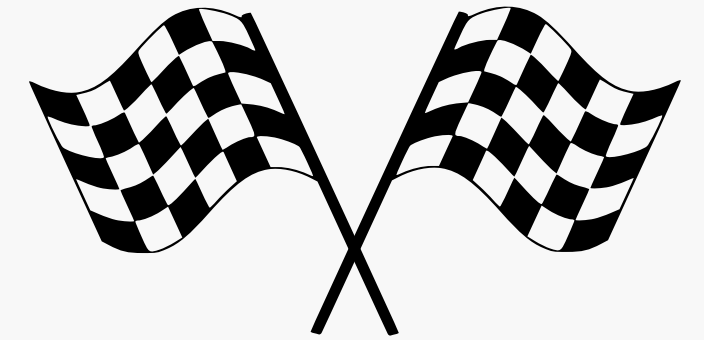
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- As we work from home can we claim as legitimate expenses any heating, lighting or cleaning?
- Can we claim back the cost of dry cleaning jackets, suits etc?
- Why can't we claim for clothing that is not branded with our logo. I buy suits and dresses that I would not wear anywhere else?
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- What about our nails. Clients watch us writing and it's all part of being well turned out for a ceremony in modern times. Clients want to relate to you. My nails are often admired at family meetings. (This is referring to manicures / nail painting services – would it apply to Branded nails?! Painted with your logo?!)



Next date....

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7.30 p.m

Thursday 13th November 2025

