



Loan Charge Update - Personal Statement
Individual facing the Loan Charge - Form 2(a)

Loan scheme(s) used / operator(s)

Hamilton Trust, Penfold , Grange Trust, All were introduced via Cascade Management Solutions Limited

Approximate liability in £ (nearest £5K)

£140,000

Amount in £ of any money paid to HMRC so far e.g. APNs, Penalties (nearest £5K)

£127,000

If your loan has been subject to recall demands :

Who is demanding repayment ?

[Empty box]

How many months/years using loan arrangements

And for how much in £

[Empty box]

3 years 4 months

Report of any action to date by and latest communication from HMRC

I received notification that I was subject to the loan charge in 2019, but not what the amount was. The last email I received from HMRC was advising that my 2020 tax year was 'open', but with no explanation as to why, or what needed to be done to close this out.

The personal impact (financially and in other ways) so far

I paid 7 APNs in 2014 covering loans from pre-Dec 2010 to 2013/14 tax year to the value of £127500 These were paid on a time to pay arrangement of 6 months by September 2015. I had to lie to my mortgage lender to get additional borrowing on my house. This still makes me sick that I did so. As there was not enough equity in the property I had to borrow from friends and family and took out loans from banks and borrowed against my credit card. I overextended myself to the point where, had a lost my job, the house of cards would have come tumbling down around me. I am still paying this money back to people, and despite now being a permanent employee earning over £100k per annum, I am constantly in debt as a result of the many repayments I make each month. My car is 15 years old. I cannot afford repairs on my house, let alone go on holiday. I am simply not the person I once was. I exist to pay off these debts. I cry daily and suffer panic attacks. I no longer socialise with friends, as not only can I not afford this but I suffer badly from depression and anxiety. My life - and that of those dependent on me - has changed forever. I will never get this time back with my son, and he will never have the childhood that he deserved. Even after 6 years I cannot see this debt being repaid before my retirement. As my APN for pre-2010 should no longer be in-scope for the loan charge, I have requested a refund via my tax advisor, but HMRC say that they cannot close the year though have not given a reason. I desperately could do with this money to pay off some of this borrowing and the debts. I have little faith in this ever being returned.

The personal impact (financially and in other ways) if HMRC enforce the Loan Charge as laid down in the legislation

I will become bankrupt. I will lose my job as I work in finance and cannot have a bankruptcy order on me. I will then lose my house. I do not know how I will be able to support my family. I will be destroyed. I will not be using the money I paid towards the APNs in order to settle the loan charge, as this will not bring closure to years, and it would mean that I admit to intentionally trying to avoid paying tax, which I did not do. As I stand to lose everything anyway, at least I will walk away with my dignity intact and take this knowledge into my early grave.