



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

Loan scheme(s) used / operator(s)

Winchester

Approximate liability in £ (nearest £5K)

£40,000

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

If your loan has been subject to recall demands :

Who is demanding repayment ?

How many months/years using loan arrangements

And for how much in £

around 12 months in 2014-2015

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

I received a letter 3 months ago asking for details on every loan received from 2010 to 2019, with bank statements and other questions.

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

HMRC have withheld 2 tax refunds I was due for 2018-19 and 19-20, for a total of circa £10,000, due to unspecified 'ongoing investigations' which were never completed. I kept calling them every month and they kept moving the deadline to the following month. It took more than a year - and the intervention of my MP - to get back 50% of the sum. The rest is still withheld. The biggest impact is definitely on my mental wellbeing. It's difficult to stop thinking about this unjust tax, and the feeling of guilt even if I am sure I have done nothing wrong. Also, after the loan charge I have lost faith in the rule of law. I have stopped making contributions into my pension and into my ISA, as I now fear that at some point in the future - and again retrospectively - a new policy will impose tax or fines on those savings in a completely unpredictable and unavoidable way.

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

The charge would be massive, especially considering I have been unemployed for a long time (also because of Covid).

My family is supportive and understand the unfairness of the loan charge, but the thought of them having to pick up the cost torments me. I look at my kids and can't help thinking this is not only a charge imposed on me, but also on them.