



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

Loan scheme(s) used / operator(s)

AML

Approximate liability in £ (nearest £5K)

£125,000

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 £

7 yrs of which 3 covered by L/Charge

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

Jan 2020 received letter about Morse review changes.
Dec 2020 received letter about check on my tax return for 2019. I have received no other communications from HMRC.

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

Financially the LC has forced a change in our lives even though I have not had any communications from HMRC demanding money. I have sold my car so we only have one vehicle between us and we do not take foreign holidays. My wife and I are careful with our expenditure. My mental health and physical well-being has taken a battering since the loan charge was announced. The last 3 years has been an emotional hell, not knowing if we will lose our home and our moderate life-style is to implode. We have been close to divorce on several occasions because my wife, bless her, can not put up with my dark moods, anger, irritability and despair. I try to get outside most days so I can forget about the impending disaster about to be posted through our letter box.

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

Financially the LC will have a huge effect on both me and my wife. We are both retired and doing voluntary work in our local community. The last thing I want to do is to have to go back to work just to have to pay all income to HMRC to cover LC demands. Apart from that I have been out of IT for 5 years and the sector I was in has changed beyond recognition so I would not be able to just pick up where I left off. I do not have £125K sitting in a bank account and would have to sell our home to cover the LC demand.
I can't say what mental impact the LC will have on us, but I guess we will get through it. However, I can see why some people have already taken their own lives as a result of the LC as the emotional abyss that this injustice has caused can seem insurmountable. We did nothing wrong other than follow professional advice that these schemes were legitimate, QC approved, and accepted by HMRC (why else give out DOTAS numbers). HMRC did not tell me until 2015 that these schemes were not recognised. They just opened an enquiry and left it like that indefinitely. This is not right.