



Loan Charge Update - Personal Statement
Individual who has settled - Form 2(b)

Loan scheme(s) used / operator(s)

Aston Management Ltd, AML PCC Partnernrship

Approximate liability (nearest £5K)

£260,000

Settlement total figure

£280,000

If your loan has been subject to recall demands :

Who is demanding repayment ?

Further demands from HMRC

And for how much in £

How many months/years using loan arrangements

4

Other Money paid (APNs, Penalties)

£10,000

Table with 3 columns: Date of Settlement, Settlement period (years/months), % of net income per month. Row 1: 30/09/2020, 10 years, 32

The impact of settlement on you financially

I pay over 30% of my take home pay each month to HMRC. This means I struggle to save for my retirement and provide for my children, pay my mortgage and household bills. The settlement imposed on me by HMRC with the threat of imposing the Loan Charge on me covered not only the income tax (£205k) and national insurance (£19k) they claimed was due but also inheritance tax (£25k) and interest charges (£14k). I felt I had no choice but to enter into a settlement. Now I understand that even if the Loan Charge is amended I will still have to keep paying as per the settlement. I have taken out additional borrowing to try to maintain a standard of living but things like foreign holidays and decent birthday gifts for my children are no longer possible. Despite this, I realise that I am lucky compared to many hit by this unfair and unjust legislation that is ruining many lives across the country. Please note that there are many people who still won't admit to being subject to the Loan Charge through shame. My current partner is one of them.

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

From my own perspective, the Loan Charge has resulted in divorce from my wife and the need for me to live far away from my young children (aged 11 and 14) just so I can own somewhere that I have a slim chance of paying off the mortgage before I am forced to retire. I used the schemes as advised by my then accountant from 2010 to 2014. As soon as I became wary of the claims made by the unscrupulous promoters I immediately stopped using the schemes even though no tax was payable. I used to keep money aside that could have been used to help pay any tax bill that arose within the year. Sadly, HMRC never asked me for it, merely retrospectively opening enquiries into past years tax returns with no detail as to what they were about. HMRC never explained why they had opened enquiries and the silence from HMRC implied that there was nothing wrong with the arrangements. I now understand that this was a ruse to allow HMRC to revisit those periods many years later. Unfortunately, I only ever saved enough to cover a year's worth of potential tax liabilities (this was subsequently used to pay for my divorce) but was then hit many years down the line for over four years of liabilities. Of course, all of this has taken a toll on my mental health and I have panic attacks, worried that I will never be free of debt.