



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

Loan scheme(s) used / operator(s)

Glen May LLP

Approximate liability (nearest £5K)

£80,000

Settlement total figure

£80,000

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)

Table with 3 columns: Date of Settlement, Settlement period (years/months), % of net income per month. Row 1: 01-Nov-19, 5, 17

The impact of settlement on you financially

I pay just under £1k per month as per my settlement agreement and this is demanding as I'm sole the income earner in our family (I have a wife and two young children). As a contractor this makes any period between assignments more demanding and stressful. So far I have been able to manage to make payments even through the pandemic (when I didn't work for a year), but there have been significant periods when we have had to significantly adjust food shopping habits in order to ensure all our commitments can be met.
In addition to my own family, I also have to provide some financial support to my mother who is not able to work as much as she used to. Furthermore she required a hip operation, which I paid for using a finance arrangement - this will place much further strain on family finances over the coming year or two.
Finally of course even just to pay the settlement amount, I'm having to used already taxed income to fund this, which would be perhaps fair if the Glen May scheme had been proven not to work (which it never has to my knowledge), but in the scenario where it is simply an assertion by HMRC that I do not have the funds or expertise to challenge this seems unfair.

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



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My health and mental wellbeing has been affected periodically by this, the strain of having to provide for a number of others and wondering how I will continue to do it is something that I think about every day. This constant pressure can be difficult at times and I've no doubt that the mental pressure has had a detrimental affect on my physically and I'm sure has affected my ability to focus on being a father to my children.

I've found the approach from HMRC to settlement unfair, I was effectively forced as part of the settlement process to say that I was tax avoider in order for the settlement terms to be agreed. This is despite, no proof of the Glen May scheme not working ever actually being presented to me. However, the alternative was not settling and potentially face much more significant costs. I wanted to "move-on" and at least establish some certainty when this episode would be over and as I don't have the funds or the expertise to challenge HMRC on this. I'm always concerned now when talking about new roles if somehow this "admission" of being a tax-avoider will prevent me from providing for those dependent upon me.

Finally, there is no doubt that the settlement is preventing me from helping my family to grow in the way that my wife and I would like. She is Italian and would like to move back to Italy, but even though we are largely debt free (my mum's medical finance aside), the settlement is making it very difficult for us to do this as I need to maintain incomes which are not available to me in the local Italian economy.

I should also say that this doesn't sound as impactful written down as it actually feels to me in my life, but I can assure you that after years of this, it is not easy to manage.