CEOs Welcome: Supporting our members

Welcomes



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The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Jeremy Hunt has now issued his second Autumn Statement and our technical teams will be working hard to respond to the briefings and consultations. The reshuffle also saw the arrival of a new Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Nigel Huddleston, who started life at Deloitte and Arthur Andersen before moving into politics. We wrote to him about MTD on 14 November and you can see our letter at www.tax.org.uk/ref1248.

We are fortunate at the CIOT and ATT to have some very talented people working for us and we were really pleased that the ATT Technical Team have again been recognised by picking up the silver award for 'Best Association Team' at the Association Excellence Awards. This builds on their success earlier this year when they won the Outstanding Contribution to Taxation in 2022-23 by a Not-for-profit Organisation in the Taxation Awards. The CIOT was shortlisted at the Association Excellence Awards for the launch of the Diploma in Tax Technology, and ATT and CIOT were shortlisted together for the *Tax Adviser* magazine.

One of the aims of our joint EDI committee was to publish information for people who are returning to work after a break. Recently, we added pages on both our websites which cover everything that a returner to work needs to know, from understanding their rights when returning to what their CPD requirements are. On these pages you will also find a couple of stories by people outlining their experiences. Georgiana Head writes about these issues on page xx of this issue of *Tax Adviser*. If you would like to share your personal story on our website, do get in touch with our Head of Member Services, Emma Barklamb.

Can we please encourage members to submit your Annual Return online along with your subscription payment before the deadline of 31 January 2024. Both CIOT and ATT members are required to meet high professional standards and this is essential to maintaining trust in the tax profession by the public, HMRC and others. The Annual Return is an important part of maintaining standards, as we ask you to confirm that a number of membership and legal requirements have been met.

Very few people have not been affected by the cost of living crisis engulfing our country and we try to help and support our members where we are able. Both CIOT and ATT have options to spread the cost of subscriptions by monthly Direct Debit and we also provide several low cost and free webinars and lectures through our branches network to help with CPD requirements. Visit our website for details of up-and-coming webinars at www.tax.org.uk/branch-webinars. ATT members also receive a copy of the Finance Act, *Tolley's Tax Guide*, *Whillans Tax Tables* and a mouse mat at relevant times throughout the year. This is in addition to *Tax Adviser* magazine and the weekly newsletter which all ATT and CIOT members receive.

We would like to wish all the Advanced Diploma in International Tax (ADIT) students the very best in their exams taking place between 12 and 14 December.

Thank you for your continued support and we are looking forward to 2024. With our best wishes for the Festive season and the New Year!