



UK-SOUTH AFRICA

PRIVATE CLIENT SERVICES

WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?

BDO INTERNATIONAL IS THE WORLD'S FIFTH LARGEST ACCOUNTANCY NETWORK WITH OVER 1,400 OFFICES IN OVER 154 COUNTRIES.

DRIVEN BY A DESIRE TO OFFER OUR CLIENTS A CONSISTENTLY SEAMLESS SERVICE ACROSS VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS WE CONTINUE TO DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR BDO MEMBER FIRMS TO STRENGTHEN THE QUALITY OF OUR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE.

Alongside our mainstream international audit, accountancy, business and corporate services, our international private client network has grown into a strong platform for cross-border co-operation and knowledge sharing between the BDO member firms.

THE BDO UK-SOUTH AFRICA DESK

The BDO UK-South Africa Tax Desk was formed to build on existing relationships between these BDO member firms and enhance the opportunities for providing a cohesive value-added professional service to our mutual private clients. BDO have offices in Cape Town, Pretoria, Johannesburg and London.

Our goal is to combine our understanding and experience of issues relevant to UK and South African residents with our professional expertise to produce the best outcome for all clients with UK-South African personal/business tax affairs.

Whilst our focus is on personal and corporate tax advisory and compliance services, we also have strong relationships with various professional intermediary firms with UK-South African connections who can provide a range of additional services including dealing with exchange control approval applications where appropriate. As part of the UK-South Africa desk offering, we can make introductions to real estate agents, immigration advisers, private bankers, lawyers and fiduciaries, where appropriate, to assist our clients in hand-picking a team of trusted professional advisers.

WE AIM TO:

- Provide bespoke and practical advice, guidance and assistance, tailored to our clients' specific circumstances and requirements
- Apply our experience and local knowledge to a given situation to find opportunities or pre-empt issues and find appropriate solutions
- Take away the stress, inconvenience and delay of dealing with a number of different advisers and organisations
- Offer a platform to our clients to access our vast international network whilst still maintaining key relationships throughout the process
- Co-ordinate and manage projects cohesively and efficiently via one main point of contact.



OUR SERVICES

THE UK-SOUTH AFRICA DESK IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING HIGH-QUALITY ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.

IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SCENARIOS APPLY TO YOU, WE CAN HELP!

ARE YOU THINKING OF MOVING TO THE UK OR SOUTH AFRICA OR ARE ALREADY LIVING IN THAT COUNTRY?

For foreign nationals living in the UK, the 'remittance basis' regime can offer advantageous tax treatment provided appropriate plans are undertaken. As a precursor to this, breaking tax residence in the home country prior to a move is crucial and appropriate professional advice from all relevant jurisdictions is essential.

Pre-arrival planning is preferable if you are considering moving to either country, notably to seek exchange control approval to allow the export of assets/cash. If you are looking to sell your business in your home country with a view to moving, it is important to seek early advice in advance of a sale to maximise your tax position going forward. However, if you are already living in the next country there may still be opportunities to plan ahead now by taking early action. The UK Statutory Residence Test makes it essential to ensuring you time your arrival in the UK so you do not inadvertently become resident. Wealth planning undertaken historically in one jurisdiction should be reviewed well in advance as it may not always be appropriate in a second jurisdiction. For example, investments held via UK assurance policies or family trusts may need to be refreshed or replaced.

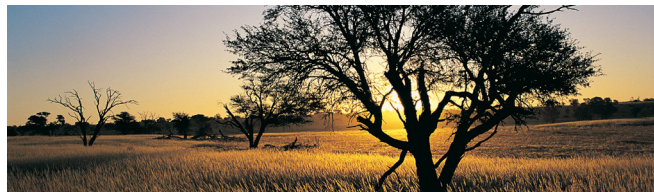
BDO will work with you and your existing or prospective private advisers to ensure that your assets and affairs are structured as tax efficiently and flexibly as possible, taking into account your personal circumstances and intentions for the future.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING PURCHASING A PROPERTY OR MAKING OTHER INVESTMENTS IN THE UK OR SOUTH AFRICA

Whether you are looking to acquire a holiday home, family home, investment in residential/commercial property or purchase/start up a business in the new country, BDO can advise at all stages of the process.

Recent and proposed changes to UK tax law make it essential to seek tax advice prior to making an acquisition of a residential property in the UK with a value of more than £500,000 in order to avoid adverse tax implications.

Further, certain qualifying investments in eligible UK trading companies may be made tax-efficiently under the remittance basis regime, under a specific relief designed to encourage business growth in the UK. For maximum benefit, advice should be sought prior to any transactions being undertaken.



We will use our local knowledge and experience to provide the necessary tax advice to identify the most beneficial holding structure and to guide you through the reporting and compliance procedures to help make the process as smooth as possible. We can also make introductions to real estate agents, private bankers, lawyers and corporate finance experts as required.

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT HOW YOUR ASSETS WILL PASS TO YOUR DESCENDANTS?

Trusts are a well-known vehicle in both South Africa and the UK. However, planning may be required in advance of a move to step-up the cost of assets and provide guidance to Trustees around UK tax considerations. Prudent individuals will not only wish to grow the value of their assets during their lifetime but will also wish to protect that value from erosion caused by inheritance and donation taxes. With careful planning and appropriate structuring, foreign nationals living elsewhere, may in certain instances, take their worldwide assets outside of the inheritance cost and complexities.

With differing and, sometimes, conflicting succession and inheritance/gift tax laws in different jurisdictions, it is crucial to seek advice in order to structure the ownership or gift of assets as tax-efficiently as possible, maximise any reliefs and avoid triggering adverse consequences in any jurisdiction.

Working with other professional service providers, we can offer a tailor-made package based on your objectives and personal circumstances. This will include the tax advice, Will drafting, legal assistance and the implementation of any structure designed to protect your assets and make provision for dependants/donees.

WHAT NEXT?

If any of the above applies to you or you would like to find out more about any other UK-South African matter, please get in touch – contact details can be found on the back page.

Our practice is to offer an initial exploratory consultation on a no-fee basis, followed by a written proposal setting out how we can help, the scope of the project and our estimated fees.

Most projects are split between an 'exploratory & advisory' stage and an 'implementation' stage.

Once we have agreed on a plan of action we can proceed with the formal client-engagement procedures and arrange follow-up consultations/meetings, as appropriate.

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