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Full Tax Relief for Developing or Renovating Flats to Let

Investors or entrepreneurs who decide to convert or renovate unused space above their shops or trading premises into **residential use for letting** can get 100% tax deduction for their costs.

The relief applies to both companies and individuals and these costs can be set against other taxable income.

Specific criteria must be met for the type of building and flat. However, if you do qualify, then 100% tax relief can be obtained for the following costs:

- Installing kitchens and bathrooms
- Upgrading plumbing and heating
- Architect's and surveyor's fees
- Provision of access to the flat and fire escapes
- Costs of converting an existing flat to a qualifying flat
- Dividing a single property to create a number of qualifying flats

This relief was introduced in 2001 and if you incurred the above expenditure after 2002, you may still be able to claim the 100% tax relief. This could lead to a repayment of tax plus interest from HM Revenue & Customs.

If you would like to know if you qualify for this tax relief or whether a repayment of tax is due, please contact Mark Sheen at mrcs@barlow-andrews.co.uk or Tim Lwin at tl@barlow-andrews.co.uk.