

# RECOVERABLE VAT FOR RACEHORSE OWNERS

VAT on the following can be recovered as input tax:

- Racehorse purchase
- Associated bloodstock agent fees
- Training fees or keep fees (if horse resting/ at grass/ injured with intention to return to training)
- Veterinary fees
- Farrier fees
- Horse Transport fees
- Gallops fees
- Jockey fees, including any retainer agreement
- BHA registration and administration fees - Sole ownership, partnership, syndicate registrations, Authority to Act, Sponsorship registration, D1 or D2 authorisation fee, VAT administration fee, colours fee, naming fee, race entry fees
- Racing silks purchase
- ROA membership fee
- Accommodation when watching horse run – only the VAT entity can reclaim, this must be if it is reasonable for accommodation to be required watching a horse run for one night's stay on either the day before, or the day of the race.
- Refreshments when watching your horse run or part of the accommodation above
- Telephone bills (10% of total VAT charged is recoverable)
- Fuel - If you buy road fuel and it's used for both business and private motoring, you can recover the VAT you're charged on all of the fuel as input tax, but you must pay an output tax scale charge. The output tax scale charge will be determined by the nominated vehicle's emissions in accordance with the HMRC fuel scale charge tables.
- Other less common items may require a business case to be put forward to HMRC, e.g. purchase of a horse box
- Where the goods or services are partly for the purpose of your horse racing activities and partly for non-business (or private) purposes, you can treat a fair and reasonable proportion of the VAT you've been charged as input tax.

## For more information:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/registration-scheme-for-racehorse-owners-notice-70067>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/vat-on-motoring-expenses-notice-70064>