

Transport for London

Anti-tax evasion statement

In the light of the Criminal Finances Act 2017, Transport for London has decided to adopt a statement of our corporate value on anti-facilitation of tax evasion. Transport for London strives to conduct all of its business dealings in an honest and ethical manner. The statement governs all our business dealings and the conduct of all persons or organisations who are appointed to act on our behalf.

We request all our employees and all who have, or seek to have, a business relationship with TfL and/or any member of our Group, to familiarise themselves with our anti-tax evasion value statement and to act at all times in a way which is consistent with our anti-tax evasion value statement.

Anti-tax evasion value statement

Transport for London and its subsidiaries (“TfL”) have a zero tolerance approach to all forms of tax evasion, whether under UK law or under the law of any foreign country.

Employees and Associates of TfL must not undertake any transactions which:

- (a) cause TfL to commit a tax evasion offence; or
- (b) facilitate a tax evasion offence by a third party.

We are committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships wherever we operate and implementing and enforcing effective systems to counter tax evasion facilitation.

At all times, business should be conducted in a manner such that the opportunity for, and incidence of, tax evasion is prevented.

What is the facilitation of tax evasion?

For the purposes of this statement:

Associates includes contractors or an agent of TfL (other than a contractor) who is acting in the capacity of an agent, or any person who performs services for and on behalf of TfL who is acting in the capacity of a person or business performing such services.

Tax Evasion means an offence of cheating the public revenue or fraudulently evading UK tax, and is a criminal offence. The offence requires an element of fraud, which means there must be deliberate action, or omission with dishonest intent.

Foreign Tax Evasion means evading tax in a foreign country, provided that the conduct is an offence in that country and would be a criminal offence if committed in the UK. As with **tax evasion**, the element of fraud means there must be deliberate action, or omission with dishonest intent.

Tax Evasion Facilitation means being knowingly concerned in, or taking steps with a view to, the fraudulent **evasion** of **tax** (whether UK **tax** or **tax in a foreign country** by another person, or aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of that offence. Tax evasion facilitation is a criminal offence, where it is done deliberately and dishonestly.

Tax evasion is not the same as tax avoidance or tax planning. Tax evasion involves deliberate and dishonest conduct. Tax avoidance is not illegal and involves taking steps, within the law, to minimise tax payable (or maximise tax reliefs).

Tax means all forms of UK taxation, including but not limited to corporation tax, income tax, value added tax, stamp duty, stamp duty land tax, national insurance contributions (and their equivalents in any non-UK jurisdiction) and includes duty and any other form of taxation (however described).