

Nixon Williams Case Study Calbost IT Ltd.

An accountant should be more than just a number cruncher. They should be a partner, a confidante, and a guide. At Nixon Williams we never forget that running your own business can be lonely, and so our aim is to work with our clients as a trusted advisor, always on hand to help you manage the financial side of your limited company as effortlessly as possible. And our clients tell us that we're doing a great job of meeting those aims!

Name: Dave Walker

Role: IT Infrastructure Consultant

Time contracting: 2 years

Location: Central Scotland



What we do

Dave chose Nixon Williams after a recommendation from a colleague, and was particularly interested in the services we provide for new contractors, as he explains. "Nixon Williams said they could help me in setting up my company, getting a bank account, registering for VAT and so on. It was a great service to get me under way. I made a commitment to myself that I wanted to give contracting my best shot, so I immediately wanted to go down the limited company route."

"Just learning how to operate as a company is complex, and not even being sure what my first client would expect. The pressure of not knowing everything about everything is huge, but thankfully I was worrying over nothing. I had no idea about setting up my company, or dealing with VAT and tax - but Nixon Williams were there to field all of the questions I had."

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Benefits for contractors

Of course, all new contractors have a million questions, and we are here to answer those. But each business and each client is unique, so knowing where to turn when you have queries at any stage of your contracting career is also a huge relief, as Dave confirms. "I never need to worry about submitting incorrect information or missing HMRC deadlines. Nixon Williams always take ownership of any queries I have, and they don't try to fob me off with a quick answer."

"Vantage, the online portal, is also a breeze to operate – it's been designed with a good user interface and allows me to keep admin time to a minimum. Another key benefit for me is having a single point of contact, one person you speak to all the time. My accountant responds to emails rapidly and I always feel looked after. No questions are stupid questions for Nixon Williams, so working with them has also helped nurture my self-employment knowledge, and that's great."

Why choose to go contracting?

Dave is one of those people who had always wanted to try contracting, and he describes the entire experience as being 'very rewarding'. "It's great to be able to keep abreast of new technologies, and I love being able to come in and deliver for a client - seeing their reaction when you make changes and implement new systems. I also appreciate the lack of bureaucracy, red tape and office politics."

"My one piece of advice if you're thinking about contracting is not to let thoughts of VAT, tax, IR35 and so on get on top of you. It will all become clearer when you start – and while it may be scary at first I guarantee you will not regret it, especially if you have a good accountant like Nixon Williams. I have already recommended them to a friend who also signed up for their services. For me, it's a very stress free arrangement and definitely money well spent every month - or in my local language it's a 'no brainer'!"

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