

Nixon Williams Case Study

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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: Shahzad Zamurrud

Role: Project Manager/IT

Time contracting: 8 years

Location: London

What we do

Shahzad has been working with Nixon Williams since he first started contracting eight years ago – and originally selected us because we were highly recommended on the Contractor UK website. It would seem to have been a very good decision, as he confirms, “In all that time, I’ve never had any issues or problems that the team cannot resolve. I especially appreciate the ease with which I can receive information, and the speed it’s dealt with.”

“The initial few years were a little daunting, with getting to know what was required by law from my company and myself as an individual – but my accountant Anne-Marie is always happy to help with my requests, queries and often silly questions! She is very professional, has great accounting knowledge and is always able to provide the guidance I need.”

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Benefits for contractors

Making sure that you are meeting your legal and financial obligations as the director of your own limited company is always a concern for contractors. We fully understand how important it is that we manage this aspect of our clients’ responsibilities for them, so they can concentrate on the job they are doing, as Shahzad continues.

"Anne-Marie is always aware of my company's obligations and when they need to be met. My monthly pay slips and P&L sheets are always on time, and I never need to chase anything. Whereas I have heard from a number of other contractors about how they have to continually chase their accountants! For me, the most beneficial thing is ensuring the accuracy of my books and my tax liabilities – which in turn saves me a significant amount of time."

Why choose to go contracting?

Many of our clients choose the contracting lifestyle because they enjoy the challenge of coming into a business to carry out a specific project. "When I first thought about going contracting, I liked the idea of being brought in for a specific project, purpose or deliverable and then moving on to another role. There is also satisfaction in being appointed as specialist in your field and being trusted to deliver - something which motivates me to complete and exceed in my delivery."

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I also like having the freedom to move around and change roles more frequently, which builds your experience and network in a much shorter period of time. Having said that, you do need to be careful to put funds aside for when you are out of contract. My other key piece of advice would be to get a good accountant, like Nixon Williams - I have seen people try to do their own accounts, the time taken and the mistakes made, and it's really not worth the hassle."

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Want to know more?

If you'd like to talk to Nixon Williams about your accountancy requirements, please get in touch today. Call **01253 362062** or email newbusiness@nixonwilliams.com and one of our friendly and helpful team will get straight back to you.