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Now you have read this issue of *Taxation*, be sure that you and your staff make the most of it!

Assign any action points to members of staff by entering the staff member's initials in the box alongside it, then filling in the circulation list. You and your staff can then convert your reading into a more structured form of CPD by taking the online quiz, which will give you a record of your score by email – the notes below will help you check before starting that you remember the key points!

If you do not have staff, then use this page as a reminder for yourself to plan any action that you need to take, and to complete the online CPD quiz to verify what you have learned.

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CPD ONLINE

The online CPD quizzes can be accessed at www.lexisurl.com/taxcpd. Before taking this week's, check that you have read the items referred to below.

- [1] Our first question, based on a news item, is all about fatcats. No, sorry, FATCA. It's a generational thing, how old is your father's father? My, I'm feeling cryptic this week...
- [2] You will be tempted to answer "none" to the question based on Allison Plager's article, but that isn't right. In fact the real answer might surprise you, but that's the reason we're asking the question: to make sure you remember it.
- [3] Once you have read Sarah Saunders' article you will realise that deductions in furnished lettings computations are not as simple as you thought. The question is all about the different claims you can make for the costs of furniture.
- [4] If you are going to make best use of our patent box article, you need to be able to explain it properly to your clients. The first question they are going to ask will be about the amount they can claim.
- [5] The article by Susan Ball explains the penalties regime for incorrect returns. It's all a matter of culpability, I hope that you have a good head for figures if you want to get this one right.
- [6] You thought we had forgotten, but of course we hadn't! The Readers' Forum question is an odd one out about the conditions for purchase of own shares relief to apply.

ACTION POINTS

- [1] Please complete Payroll Alliance's short questionnaire about tax codes issued by HMRC, the use of which would result in an employee receiving less than 50% of his net pay (page 3). INITIALS
- [2] The decision in *John Matthews* (TC2329) shows the importance of obtaining proper documentary evidence for inheritance tax purposes when gifts are made from one taxpayer to another (page 4). INITIALS
- [3] Is that call to HMRC really necessary? Assuming that it is, do not forget that authorised tax advisers have access to a dedicated helpline which should provide a speedier response and access to more experienced tax officers than the general helplines (page 6). INITIALS
- [4] When dealing with clients who have income from lettings, are regular checks made as to the status of the letting? That is, is the question asked each year – as to whether lettings are still furnished or unfurnished as in the previous year – to ensure that wear and tear allowances are claimed, or not, as applicable (page 8)? INITIALS
- [5] The introduction of the patent box regime is an opportunity to show clients that you are ahead of the game. Advise clients of the beneficial tax rate and ask them whether they hold patents and have products that use them. A search of patents and patents pending may be beneficial (page 12). INITIALS
- [6] As the new tax year approaches, it is vital that employers are taking the right steps to ensure that they understand RTI and that their payroll systems are ready. If you haven't been in touch before, make sure you do so now (page 16). INITIALS
- [7] If property has been given away to reduce an eventual inheritance tax liability, are you sure that the donor has not retained any benefit that could be treated as a gift with reservation or that a pre-owned assets tax liability does not arise. Has this requirement been clearly advised to the donor and recorded (page 23)? INITIALS



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