

Cashback for Innovation

R&D Tax Credits Coming to the UAE in January 2026



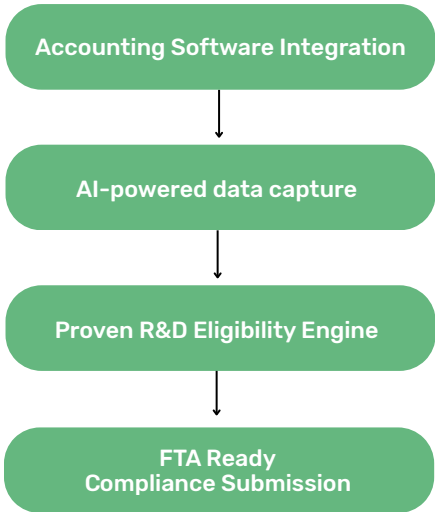
What Counts as R&D?

 Novel	<i>creates something new</i>
 Creative	<i>relies on an original thought</i>
 Uncertain	<i>outcome not known</i>
 Systematic	<i>follows a structured plan</i>
 Transferable	<i>results can be applied further</i>

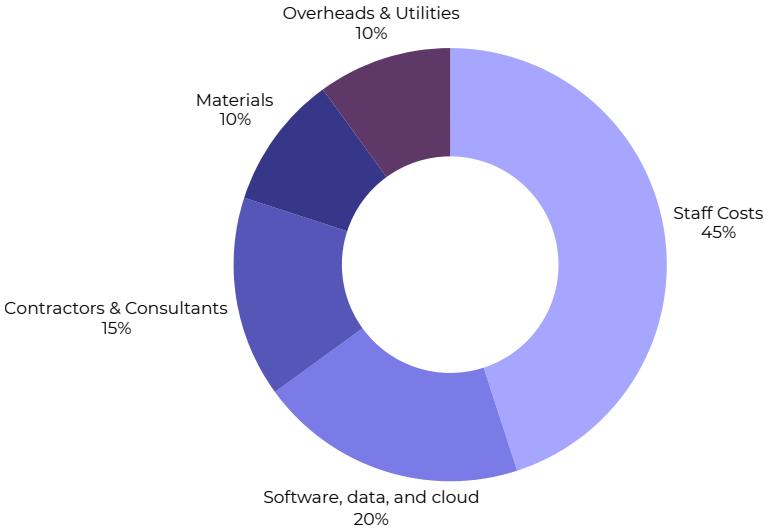
Eligible R&D Activities

- Developing new software, materials, or production processes
- Building experimental prototypes or test environments
- Conducting feasibility studies tied to scientific discovery
- Redesigning systems using new technologies
- Creating or improving products through applied research

How It Works



Typical R&D Cost Distribution



Action Steps

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| Identify projects:
Pinpoint innovation work within your business. | Capture evidence:
Record staff time, prototypes, and trials. | Get ready for 2026:
Set up systems now to track costs. | Partner with RDvault:
Automate tracking and reporting for compliance. |
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How RDvault Empowers the UAE's R&D Driven Future

The UAE is making history as the first GCC nation to roll out a national R&D tax credit, offering 30–50% cashback on qualifying innovation spend from January 2026. This positions the UAE as a regional leader in research-driven growth and global competitiveness.

It's a key pillar of the [We the UAE 2031](#) Vision, a national agenda designed to build a future-ready economy powered by innovation, investment, and global partnerships.

Yet again, the UAE is sending a clear message: the future belongs to those who innovate.

Who We Are

RDvault is a UK-born leading fintech streamlining access to R&D tax credits through a fully digital, AI-powered platform.

Rated #1 on Trustpilot and trusted by 2,000+ companies, we've helped recover over \$100M to date.

Now expanding into the UAE, RDvault will assist businesses in claiming 30–50% cashback under the new scheme, ensuring all claims are compliant with the Corporation tax code and the Federal Tax Authorities.

What We Do

RDvault's advanced AI analyses real-time financial and technical data from platforms like Tally, QuickBooks, Xero, SAP and Zoho – cutting manual work and eliminating errors.

Used by start-ups right through to listed enterprises, the platform combines intelligent automation with expert review to deliver accurate R&D claims.

With intuitive dashboards, and seamless workflows, RDvault provides UAE businesses a smarter, more scalable way to unlock funding for innovative projects.



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Our Service

- Automated R&D claims
- Accounting software integration
- FTA-compliant submissions
- Grant and cashback tracking
- Real-time insights

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