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Debt management

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Efforts by the Revenue to force indebted people pay VAT on advice to get themselves out of financial trouble have been rejected.

In what has been described as a landmark ruling the Appeals Commissioner has found debt-management services are not subject to VAT.

The ruling comes in a case taken by Money Village, which had lodged an expression of doubt over the payment of VAT on its debt management services.

Hearings by the Appeals Commissioner are heard in camera but it is reported that the commissioner drew on case law in both Europe and the UK. In both jurisdictions, debt management and related services are zero-rated for VAT.

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