How to find your Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code

Simple guide to find the right SIC code for your business:

step 1.

Visit http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/infoAndGuide/sic/sic2007.shtml

This will bring you a full SIC code list. You must use the 2007 list to find your code.

Step 2.

either:

1) look through the list to find the 5 digit code against your type of business or 2) use the search facility (example below)

Example 1 - my business is Management Consultancy;

- In the search box type 'management' or 'consult'
- Find the business activity in this case it is SIC 70229

Example 2 – my business is take-away food shop:

- In the search box type 'take'
- Find business activity in this case it is SIC 56103

Step 3

If yu are still struggling to find your SIC code a search on a common search engine may help, or you could ask your accountant.