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## Tax Rates 2025/26

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### Income Tax

Bands: England & Northern Ireland	2025-26	2024-25
Savings starting rate – 0%	£1 – £5,000	£1 – £5,000
Basic rate – 20%	£1 – £37,700	£1 – £37,700
Higher rate – 40%	£37,701 – £125,140	£37,701 – £125,140
Additional rate – 45%	Over £125,140	Over £125,140

Bands: Scotland	2025-26	2024-25
Starter rate – 19%*	£1 – £2,827	£1 – £2,306
Basic rate – 20%	£2,828 – £14,921	£2,307 – £13,991
Intermediate rate – 21%	£14,922 – £31,092	£13,992 – £31,092
Higher rate – 42%	£31,093 – £62,430	£31,093 – £62,430
Advanced rate – 45%	£62,431 – £125,140	£62,431 – £125,140
Top rate – 48%	Over £125,140	Over £125,140

\* Assumes taxpayer is in receipt of the personal allowance.

Bands: Wales	2025-26	2024-25
Savings starting rate – 0%	£1 – £5,000	£1 – £5,000
Basic rate – 20%	£1 – £37,700	£1 – £37,700
Higher rate – 40%	£37,701 – £125,140	£37,701 – £125,140
Additional rate – 45%	Over £125,140	Over £125,140

Income Tax in Scotland and Wales is payable on non-savings and non-dividend income.

Dividend and savings	2025-26	2024-25
Dividend allowance	£500	£500
Dividend ordinary rate	8.75%	8.75%
Dividend upper rate	33.75%	33.75%
Dividend additional rate	39.35%	39.35%
Personal savings allowance		
- basic rate taxpayers	£1,000	£1,000
- higher rate taxpayers	£500	£500

Reliefs	2025-26	2024-25
Personal allowance	£12,570	£12,570
Registered blind person's allowance	£3,130	£3,070
Income limit for personal allowance*	£100,000	£100,000
Married couples allowance (born pre 6/4/35) at 10%	£11,270	£11,080
- Minimum amount	£4,360	£4,280
- Income limit	£37,700	£37,000
Marriage allowance**	£1,260	£1,260
Rent-a-room relief	£7,500	£7,500
High Income Child Benefit Charge*** on income over	£60,000	£60,000

There is a cap on Income Tax reliefs being the greater of £50,000 or 25% of income.

\* The personal allowance is withdrawn by £1 for every £2 of income over £100,000.

\*\* A taxpayer can transfer up to £1,260 (2024-25: £1,260) of their unused personal allowance to a spouse or civil partner who is not a higher rate taxpayer.

\*\*\* A tax charge of 1% is levied for each £200 (2024-25: £200) that income exceeds £60,000 (2024-25: £60,000) to a maximum of 100%.

## National Insurance

*Class 1 (employed)*

Earnings limits (weekly)	Employee (primary)	Employer (secondary)
Up to £242 (EE)   £96 (ER)	0%	0%
£242.01 (EE)   £96.01 (ER) up to £967	8%	15%
Over £967	2%	15%
Over State Pension age	0%	15%

Employers' contributions are 0% for employees under 21 and apprentices under 25 on earnings up to £967 per week.

*Class 1A (employers only)* 15% on the amounts of taxable benefits

*Class 1B (employers only)* 15% on PAYE settlement agreements

*Class 2 (self-employed – voluntary)* £3.50 per week

*Class 3 (voluntary)* £17.75 per week

*Class 4 (self-employed)* 6% of profits between £12,570 and £50,270 pa plus 2% on profits above £50,270

A National Insurance employment allowance of £10,500 (2024-25: £5,000) is available to offset against employers' Class 1 secondary NICs.

## Capital Gains Tax

Annual exempt amount	2025-26	2024-25
Individuals	£3,000	£3,000
Trusts	£1,500	£1,500

Rates	2025-26	2024-25
Basic rate taxpayers	18%	10%*
- chargeable residential property	18%	18%
Higher rate taxpayers / Trustees	24%	20%*
- chargeable residential property	24%	24%
Business Asset Disposal Relief lifetime limit @ £1m	14%	10%
Investors' Relief lifetime limit @ £1m (@ £10m prior to 30.10.24)	14%	10%

\* From 30 October 2024, the basic rate was 18% and the higher rate was 24%.

## National Living and Minimum Wage rates

National Living Wage	2025-26	2024-25
Aged 21 and over	£12.21 p.h.	£11.44 p.h.

National Minimum Wage	2025-26	2024-25
Aged 18 to 20	£10.00 p.h.	£8.60 p.h.
Aged 16 to 17	£7.55 p.h.	£6.40 p.h.
Apprentice rate	£7.55 p.h.	£6.40 p.h.

## VAT

Amounts	Rates	
Annual registration limit (from 1 April 2025)	£90,000	Standard rate 20%
Annual deregistration limit (from 1 April 2025)	£88,000	Reduced rate 5%
VAT Cash accounting scheme threshold	£1,350,000	Zero rate 0%
VAT Annual accounting scheme threshold	£1,350,000	

## Capital Allowances

	2025-26	2024-25
Plant and machinery: main rate expenditure	18%	18%
Plant and machinery: special rate fixtures	6%	6%
Full Expensing: 100% FYA (companies only)	100%	100%
Full Expensing: Special Rate FYA (companies only)	50%	50%
R&D Intensive SME deduction rate	186%	186%
R&D Merged Scheme	20%	20%
Annual Investment Allowance (AIA)	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
Structures and Buildings Allowance	3%	3%
Enhanced Capital Allowances		
- in Freeports	100%	100%
- in Investment Zones	100%	100%
Enhanced Structures and Buildings Allowance		
- in Freeports	10%	10%
- in Investment Zones	10%	10%

## Stamp Duty Land Tax and regional equivalents

England and Northern Ireland: **Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT)**

Rates	Residential property	Rates	Non-residential and mixed use property
Zero	£0 - £125,000	Zero	£0 - £150,000
2%	£125,001 - £250,000	2%	£150,001 - £250,000
5%	£250,001 - £925,000	5%	Over £250,000
10%	£925,001 - £1,500,000		
12%	Over £1,500,000		

A 2% surcharge applies on non-UK residents purchasing residential property.

Scotland: **Land & Buildings Transaction Tax (SLBTT)**

Rates	Residential property	Rates	Non-residential and mixed use property
Zero	£0 - £145,000	Zero	£0 - £150,000
2%	£145,001 - £250,000	1%	£150,001 - £250,000
5%	£250,001 - £325,000	5%	Over £250,000
10%	£325,001 - £750,000		
12%	Over £750,000		

Wales: **Land Transaction Tax (WLTT)**

Rates	Residential property	Rates	Non-residential and mixed use property
Zero	£0 - £225,000	Zero	£0 - £225,000
6%	£225,001 - £400,000	1%	£225,001 - £250,000
7.5%	£400,001 - £750,000	5%	£250,001 - £1,000,000
10%	£750,001 - £1,500,000	6%	Over £1,000,000
12%	Over £1,500,000		

All rates of **SDLT**, **SLBTT** and **WLTT** are applied on a graduated basis with the portion of the purchase price within each tier charged at the applicable rate.

A higher rate of **SDLT**, **SLBTT** and **WLTT** applies on most purchases of additional residential property such as buy to let and second homes.

There are some special reliefs for qualifying first-time buyers in England, Northern Ireland and Scotland (none in Wales).

## Corporation Tax

	FY 2025	FY 2024
Main rate (profits over £250,000)	25%	25%
Small profits rate (profits below £50,000)	19%	19%
Marginal relief fraction	3/200	3/200
Loans to participants	33.75%	33.75%

Taxable profits in excess of £250,000 are taxed at 25%, the main rate.

Profits between £50,000 and £250,000 are subject to a marginal tapering relief which provides for a gradual increase in the Corporation Tax rate.

## Pensions

Contributions	2025-26	2024-25
Maximum annual contribution	£60,000	£60,000
Tax on excess	Marginal rate	Marginal rate
Normal minimum pension age	55	55
Money purchase annual allowance	£10,000	£10,000
Lump sum allowance	£268,275	£268,275

The annual allowance is tapered for taxpayers whose income exceeds £260,000 (2024-25: £260,000). The allowance is reduced by £1 for every £2 down to a minimum of £10,000 (2024-25: £10,000).

## Car, Van & Fuel Benefits

### Company cars

The annual benefit for company cars is based on a percentage of the list price. The percentage rate is dependent on the level of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The rate is 3% (2024-25: 2%) for zero emission cars and electric cars with a range greater than 130 miles with emissions from 1-50g/km. There are further variable rates from 1-50g/km. For emissions of 51-54g/km the rate is 16% (2024-25: 15%). The rate then increases by 1% for each additional 5g/km above 55g/km up to a maximum rate of 37% reached at 155g/km (2024-25: 160g/km). The diesel supplement for cars not certified to RDE2 standard of 4% (max of 37%).

### Car fuel benefit

£28,200 (2024-25: £27,800) × 'appropriate percentage'.

The charge is reduced if provision of private fuel ceases part way through the year. The fuel benefit is reduced to nil if the employee pays for all private fuel.

Van benefit per vehicle	2025-26	2024-25
Van benefit	£4,020	£3,960
Fuel benefit	£769	£757

## Mileage Allowance Payment

Rate per mile	2025-26	2024-25
Cars & vans - up to 10,000 miles	45p	45p
- over 10,000 miles	25p	25p
Motorcycles	24p	24p
Bicycles	20p	20p

## Inheritance Tax

	2025-26	2024-25
Nil rate band for individuals*	£325,000	£325,000
Thereafter - lifetime gifts**	20%	20%
- lower rate on death***	36%	36%
- on death	40%	40%
Residence nil rate band	£175,000	£175,000

\* Unused nil rate band can be used by surviving spouse or civil partner.

\*\* Increased to 40% on gifts made in the 7 years pre death, subject to tapering relief on gifts made over 3 years pre death. Certain lifetime gifts are exempt. Special rules for business property.

\*\*\* A lower rate applies where 10% or more of the net estate is left to charity.

Years before death	0-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7
% of death charge	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%

### Main exempt lifetime gifts

Recurring annual gifts out of surplus income	unlimited
Annual gifts out of capital (with one year carry forward if unused)	£3,000
Small gifts (per recipient)	£250
Parental gift on marriage	£5,000
Grandparent or party to marriage	£2,500
Other gifts on marriage (per donor)	£1,000

### Business Property Relief

Shares in unquoted companies (including USM/AIM stocks)	100%
Shares in quoted companies - shareholding up to 50% - shareholding over 50%	none 50%
Unincorporated business or interest in a business	100%
Land, buildings, plant and machinery used in the deceased's business/company	50%

## Tax Favoured Investments

Individual Savings Account (ISA)	2025-26	2024-25
ISA limit	£20,000	£20,000
Lifetime ISA	£4,000	£4,000
Junior ISA	£9,000	£9,000

### Venture Capital Trusts

Income Tax relief of up to 30% on investments up to £200,000.

### Enterprise Investment Scheme

Income Tax relief of up to 30% on qualifying share subscriptions up to £1,000,000. (up to £2,000,000 for qualifying investments in knowledge-intensive companies.)

### Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme

Income Tax relief of 50% on maximum £200,000 with rollover of chargeable gains.

The information in this tax card is based upon the Autumn Budget 2024, Spring Statement 2025 and other announcements and may be subject to amendment.