

Personal Taxation 2020/21



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INCOME TAX

Starting Rate Limit - £5,000 (savings income only)	0%
Personal Allowance (basic)	£12,500
Basic Rate - £12,500 - £50,000	20%
Higher Rate - £50,000 - £150,000	40%
Additional Rate - Over £150,000	45%
Income Limit for Personal Allowance*	£100,000
Marriage / Civil Partners Transferable Allowance	£1,250
↑ Married Couples Allowance Min**	£3,510
↑ Married Couples Allowance Max**	£9,075
↑ Blind Persons Allowance	£2,500
Rent-a-room Tax-free Income	£7,500

* Personal Allowance reduces by £1 for every £2 of income above the income limit, irrespective of age. Personal Allowance may differ from person to person.

**Available if at least one born before 6/4/1935. Reduced by £1 for every £2 over £30,200 ↑ until minimum reached.

TAX ON SAVINGS/INTEREST INCOME

Taxed in addition to earned income at income tax rates.

Personal Savings Allowance	
Basic Rate Taxpayer	£1,000
Higher Rate Taxpayer	£500
Additional Rate Tax Payer	£0

TAX ON DIVIDEND INCOME

Dividend Allowance	£2,000
Dividends Ordinary Rate	7.5%
Dividend Upper Rate	32.5%
Dividend Additional Rate	38.1%

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Child Benefit	
↑ Eldest/Only Child*	£21.05 p.w.
↑ Other Children	£13.95 p.w.
State Pension	
↑ Single Tier (Reaching SPA from 6.4.16)**	£175.20p.w.
↑ Basic - Single Person (SPA before 6.4.16)	£134.25 p.w.
↑ Basic - Spouse/Civil Partner (SPA before 6.4.16)	£80.45 p.w.
↑ Statutory Sick Pay (SSP)	£95.85 p.w.

* Child benefit is reduced by 1% for every £100 of household income over £50,000. A tax charge applies if not dealt with accordingly.

**State Pension entitlement depends on National Insurance record. Requires a minimum of 10 years contributions to receive Single Tier State Pension, to receive full amount of Single Tier State Pension, 35 years of contributions are required.

NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Class 1 Employee	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
↑ Lower Earnings Limit (LEL)	£120	£520	£6,240
↑ Primary Threshold (PT)	£183	£792	£9,500
↑ Secondary Threshold (ST)	£169	£732	£8,788
↑ Upper Earnings Limit (UEL)	£962	£4,167	£50,000

Earnings Per Week

£0 - £120 (Below LEL)	Nil - No NI Record Credit
£120 - £183 (LEL to PT)	Nil - NI Record Credited
£183 - £962 (PT-UEL)	12%
Above £962 (UEL)	2%

Class 1 Employer

Below £183	Nil
£183 - £962	13.8%
Above £962	13.8% (No limit)
↑ Class 2 (Self Employed)	£3.05 p.w. where profits exceed £6,475 p.a. (Small Profits Threshold)
↑ Class 3 (Voluntary)	Flat rate p.w. £15.30
↑ Class 4 (Self Employed)	9% on profits £9,500 - £50,000 2% on profits above £50,000

Class 1 & 2 National Insurance (NI) contributions are no longer payable once you reach State Pension Age. Class 4 contributions will remain payable for the tax year you reach State Pension Age, if there is a taxable profit from your business, after the tax year ends, you will be exempt.

NI is payable on earned income only (i.e. not pensions or investment income).

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CAPITAL GAINS TAX (CGT)

CGT is payable when realising gains made on assets by sale or transfer

↑ Personal Annual Exemption	£12,300
↑ Trusts Exemption (generally)	£6,150
Chattels (restricted to 5/3 x proceeds exceeding limit)	£6,000
Sale of Main Residence	Exempt
Up to Basic Rate Limit	10%
Above Basic Rate Limit	20%
Residential Property Surcharge	8%
Trustees & Personal Representatives	20%
Qualifying for Entrepreneurs Relief*	10%
↓ Entrepreneurs Relief Lifetime Limit	£1m
CGT Deferral Relief	Unlimited

1 year before or 3 years after gain is realised. Deferral relief is unlimited.

* For trading businesses and companies (min 5% employee/officer shareholding) held for at least one year.

INCOME TAX RELIEF

	Maximum Investment	Min Holding Period	Relief Rate
EIS Relief	£2m*	3 Years	30%
SITR Relief	£1m	3 Years	30%
SEIS Relief	£100k	3 Years	50%
VCT Relief	£200k	5 Years	30%

Income tax relief given straight away, however shares must be held for minimum period or tax relief will be reclaimed. Shares can be passed to a spouse/civil partner.

* Amount over £1M must be invested in 'knowledge intensive' companies.

INHERITANCE TAX (IHT)

IHT Nil-rate Band (Individuals)	£325,000
Nil-rate Band (Married/Civil Partnership Couples)	£650,000
↑ Residence Nil-rate Band*	£175,000
IHT Rate (in excess of Nil-rate Band)	40%
Reduced IHT Rate (if 10% Net Estate left to charity)	36%
Gift 'Annual Exemption' (carry forward by 1 year)	£3,000
Wedding/Civil Ceremony Gifts	£1,000
Wedding/Civil Ceremony Gifts for a grandchild	£2,500
Wedding/Civil Ceremony Gifts for a child	£5,000
Normal Gifts out of Disposable Income	Exempt
Gifts to Charities and Political Parties	Exempt
Gift to Spouse or Civil Partner	Exempt
Chargeable Lifetime Transfer (CLT) Tax Rate	20%
Period gifts above Nil-rate Band remain in the estate	7 Years
Period for "Business Assets" to be outside of estate**	2 Years

* Per person. Increasing by Consumer Prices Index (CPI) in 2021/22. If estate over £2m allowance is reduced.

**100% relief on a business, interest in a business or shares in unlisted companies when held for more than period. May be reduced to 50% in some circumstances.

Inheritance Tax Taper Relief

No. of years between Gift and Death	0-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7
Rate of Relief	0%	20%	40%	60%	80%

Tapering relief may apply when person giving the gift dies within 7 years.

PENSIONS

Normal Minimum Pension Age	55
State Pension Age (currently)	65-66
Contributions	
Unearned Annual Allowance	£3,600
Annual Allowance (max of 100% relevant U.K. earnings and the limit)	£40,000
Money Purchase Annual Allowance*	£4,000
↓ Tapered Annual Allowance**	£4,000
Annual Allowance Charge	20 - 45%
↑ Lifetime Allowance (LTA)	£1,073,100
LTA Lump Sum Charge	55%
LTA Income Charge (in addition to marginal rate)	25%

* May apply from the point of accessing pension income flexibly for the first time. Once subject to this allowance it cannot be changed.

**If "Adjusted income" is above £240,000 ↑ p.a. and 'Threshold Income' is not below £200,000, ↑ tapering of Annual Allowance occurs reducing it from £40,000 by £1 for every £2 over £240,000 ↑ income. Reduces to a minimum of £4,000. ↓

Auto Enrolment

	Employer Minimum	Employee Minimum
Contributions	3%	5%
↑ Qualifying Earnings	£6,240* - £50,000	
Earnings trigger for automatic enrolment	£10,000	

* Minimum levels are dependent on arrangement of the scheme.

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STAMP DUTY LAND TAX (ENGLAND)

Value Band	Main Residence	Additional Property
£0 - £125,000	0%	3% (over £40k)
£125,001 - £250,000	2%	5%
£250,001 - £925,000	5%	8%
£925,001 - £1.5m	10%	13%
£1.5m +	12%	15%

Levels and charges vary if in Scotland / Wales.

Property purchased by a company	Rate
£500,000+	15%

Taxes charged on value tranches. Usually payable within 30 days of completion.

ISA LIMITS

Adult (16+) ISA Allowance	£20,000
↑ Junior ISA Allowance	£9,000
Lifetime ISA	
Lifetime ISA Contribution Limit (for bonus)*	£4,000
Government Bonus	25%
Maximum Government Bonus	£1,000 p.a.

* Not in addition to normal ISA allowance. Other qualifying rules apply.

NATIONAL MINIMUM & LIVING WAGE

National Minimum Wage	
↑ Apprentice (<19 or in first year)	£4.15 per hour
↑ Under 18	£4.55 per hour
↑ 18 to 20 Years	£6.45 per hour
↑ 21 to 24 Years	£8.20 per hour
National Living Wage	
↑ 25 years and over	£8.72 per hour

VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)

Standard Rate	20%
Lower Rate	5%
Zero Rate	0%

DATES FOR TAX PAYMENTS

TAX YEAR - 06/04/2020 to 05/04/2021

Income Tax (by Tax Return, not PAYE)	
Interim Payment	31 st January during the tax year 31 st July following the end of the tax year
Final Payment	31 st January following the end of the tax year
Capital Gains Tax	31 st January following end of the tax year
Inheritance Tax	
Death	Usually 6 months after the end of month of death
Lifetime Transfer	6 months after the end of the month of transfer

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