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TAX RATES & ALLOWANCES

2017  

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2018

## Income Tax

	2017-18	2016-17
Basic rate band – income up to	†£33,500	£32,000
Starting rate for savings income	*0%	*0%
Basic rate	20%	20%
Dividend ordinary rate	**7.5%	**7.5%
Higher rate – income over	†£33,500	£32,000
Higher rate	40%	40%
Dividend upper rate	**32.5%	**32.5%
Additional rate – income over	£150,000	£150,000
Additional rate	45%	45%
Dividend additional rate	**38.1%	**38.1%
Starting rate limit (savings income)	*£5,000	*£5,000

**†For Scottish taxpayers only the limit is £31,500.**

*\*If an individual's taxable non-savings income exceeds starting rate limit, then starting rate limit for savings will not be available for savings income. £1,000 of savings income for basic rate taxpayers (£500 higher rate) may be tax-free. \*\*The first £5,000 of dividends are tax-free.*

**Personal allowance (PA)** £11,500 £11,000

**Married couple's allowance (MCA) (relief 10%)**

Either partner born before 6 April 1935 \*£8,445 \*£8,355

### Transferable Tax Allowance

for certain married couples (relief 20%) £1,150 £1,100

*\*Allowances are reduced by £1 for every £2 that adjusted net income exceeds £28,000 (£27,700) to a minimum MCA of £3,260 (£3,220). Where adjusted net income exceeds £100,000, PA is reduced in the same way until it is nil regardless of the individual's date of birth.*

### Tax Shelters

Venture Capital Trust up to	£200,000	£200,000
Enterprise Investment Scheme up to	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme up to	£100,000	£100,000
Social Investment Tax Relief	£1,000,000	£1,000,000

### Tax-Free Savings Accounts for 2017-18

ISA subscription limit £20,000; Junior ISA and CTF subscription limit £4,128.

## Pension Contributions

There is no financial limit on the amount that may be contributed to a registered pension scheme. The maximum amount on which an **individual** can claim tax relief in any tax year is the greater of the individual's UK relevant earnings or £3,600 (gross). If **total pension input** exceeds the **annual allowance** (£40,000) there may be a tax charge on the excess. The annual allowance may be reduced by £1 for every £2 of adjusted income over £150,000 to a minimum of £10,000.

Maximum age for tax relief		74
Minimum age for taking benefits		55
Lifetime allowance charge	– lump sum paid	55%
	– monies retained	25%
on cumulative benefits exceeding		£1 million*
Maximum tax-free lump sum		25%*

*\*Subject to transitional protection for excess amount.*

## Company Cars and Vans

**Company car benefit** is calculated by applying the appropriate percentage (based on the car's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions – see table below) to the car's UK list price.

CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (g/km)	Appropriate %		CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (g/km)	Appropriate %	
	Petrol	Diesel		Petrol	Diesel
0 - 50	9	12	150 - 154	29	32
51 - 75	13	16	155 - 159	30	33
76 - 94	17	20	160 - 164	31	34
95 - 99	18	21	165 - 169	32	35
100 - 104	19	22	170 - 174	33	36
105 - 109	20	23	175 - 179	34	37
110 - 114	21	24	180 - 184	35	
115 - 119	22	25	185 - 189	36	
120 - 124	23	26	190 and above	37	
125 - 129	24	27			
130 - 134	25	28			
135 - 139	26	29			
140 - 144	27	30			
145 - 149	28	31			

**Company car fuel benefit** is charged unless the cost of all fuel for private use is borne by the employee. The taxable benefit is calculated by applying the appropriate % to the car fuel benefit charge multiplier (£22,600).

Where VAT is to be reclaimed on fuel for private use, the employer also has to account for output tax based on a flat rate charge derived from the vehicle's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

**Company van benefit** is generally not related to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions but is a set figure of £3,230 with an extra £610 where fuel for private use is provided. Van benefit charge for zero emission vans £646.

### Employees using their own cars for business:

Approved mileage allowance payments are 45p per mile for the first 10,000 miles in the tax year and 25p thereafter. Income tax and NICs may be due on higher rates and tax relief may be available on lower rates.

## Value Added Tax

<b>From</b>	<b>1 April 2017</b>
<b>Standard Rate</b>	20%
<b>VAT Fraction</b>	1/6
<b>Reduced Rate</b>	5%

### Current Turnover Limits

Registration	– last 12 months or next 30 days over	£85,000 from 1 April 2017
Deregistration	– next year under	£83,000 from 1 April 2017
Annual and Cash Accounting Schemes		£1,350,000
Flat Rate Scheme		£150,000

## Selected Rates

### Basic Retirement Pension

– Single person	£122.30
– Couple	£195.60

### Pension Credit Standard Minimum Guarantee

– Single person	£159.35
– Couple	£243.25

### New State Pension

£159.55

**Child Benefit** is paid at £20.70 (first eligible child) or £13.70 (each subsequent child).

**Statutory Pay** qualification – average weekly earnings (AWE) £113 or over.

**Sick (SSP)** The standard rate is £89.35 per week for up to 28 weeks.

**Maternity (SMP), Adoption (SAP) and Paternity (SPP)** paid at the lower of £140.98 or 90% of AWE apart from first 6 weeks of SMP and SAP which are paid at 90% of AWE. **SMP** and **SAP** are payable for up to 39 weeks. **SPP** is payable for up to 2 weeks.

**Jobseeker's Allowance** is paid at £73.10 (single person – 25 or over) or £114.85 (couple – both 18 or over).

**Universal Credit (monthly rates)** – Standard allowance for a single person (25 or over) is £317.82. The couple's rate (where one or both are 25 or over) is £498.89. The new Universal Credit is being phased in gradually.

**National Living Wage** Workers aged 25 and over – £7.20 from April 2016 and £7.50 from April 2017.

### National Minimum Wage

Age	21-24	18-20	16 and 17	Apprentices*
From 1 October 2016	£6.95	£5.55	£4.00	£3.40
From 1 April 2017	£7.05	£5.60	£4.05	£3.50

\*Rate applies to apprentices under 19, or 19 and over in the first year of apprenticeship.

## Capital Allowances

### Plant and Machinery

Investment for use in Enterprise Zones, energy saving and environmentally beneficial equipment, new low CO<sub>2</sub> emission (up to 75g/km\*) cars, natural gas/hydrogen refuelling equipment.

First Year allowance (FYA) **100%**

### Annual Investment Allowance (AIA)

**100%**

– on first £200,000 of investment

Excludes cars and expenditure already qualifying for 100% FYA

**Writing Down Allowance** on expenditure not qualifying for AIA or FYA:

Long-life assets, integral features of buildings, cars over 130g/km\* **8%**

Other plant and machinery **18%**

\*The emissions figures are reduced to 50 and 110g/km respectively for expenditure incurred on or after 1 April 2018.

## Inheritance Tax

	2017-18	2016-17
Nil rate band	£325,000	£325,000

For 2017-18, a further nil rate band of £100,000 may be available in relation to current or former residences. Nil rate bands of surviving spouses/civil partners may be increased by unused nil rate bands of deceased spouses/civil partners.

Rate of tax on balance:

Chargeable lifetime transfers	20%	20%
Transfers on, or within 7 years of, death	40%	40%
subject to a tapered reduction for transfers between 7 and 3 years before death		

## Corporation Tax

Financial Year to	31 March 2018	31 March 2017
Corporation Tax rate	19%	20%

## National Insurance Contributions

Class 1	Employee (primary)	Employer (secondary)
Payable on weekly earnings of:		
Below £113 (lower earnings limit)	Nil	–
£113 - £157 (primary threshold)	*0%	–
Up to £157 (secondary threshold)	–	Nil
Above £157	–	13.8%
£157.01 - £866 (upper earnings limit)	**12%	–
£157.01 - £866 (under 21s and apprentices under 25)	–	0%
Above £866	**2%	–

\*No NICs are actually payable but notional Class 1 NIC is deemed to have been paid; this protects contributory benefit entitlement. \*\*Over state pension age, the employee contribution is generally nil.

<b>Employment Allowance</b>	up to £3,000 (per year)
<b>Class 1A</b> On relevant benefits	13.8%
<b>Class 2</b> Self employed	£2.85 per week
Small profits threshold	£6,025 per annum
<b>Class 3</b> Voluntary	£14.25 per week
<b>Class 4</b> Self employed on annual profits	
£8,164 - £45,000	*9%
Excess over £45,000	*2%

\*Exemption applies if state pension age was reached by 6 April 2017.

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## Stamp Duty Land Tax

On the transfer of property in England, Wales and N.Ireland, the Stamp Duty Land Tax is:

<b>Residential</b>	
Value up to £125,000	0%
Over £125,000 – £250,000	2%
Over £250,000 – £925,000	5%
Over £925,000 – £1,500,000	10%
Over £1,500,000	12%

  

<b>Non-residential</b>	
Value up to £150,000	0%
Over £150,000 – £250,000	2%
Over £250,000	5%

*The rates apply to the portion of the total value which falls within each band. Additional SDLT of 3% may apply to the purchase of additional residential properties.*

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## Land and Buildings Transaction Tax

On the transfer of property in Scotland, the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax is:

<b>Residential</b>	
Value up to £145,000	0%
Over £145,000 - £250,000	2%
Over £250,000 - £325,000	5%
Over £325,000 - £750,000	10%
Over £750,000	12%

  

<b>Non-residential</b>	
Value up to £150,000	0%
Over £150,000 - £350,000	3%
Over £350,000	4.5%

*The rates apply to the portion of the total value which falls within each band. Additional LBTT of 3% may apply to the purchase of additional residential properties.*

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## Capital Gains Tax

	<b>2017-18</b>
On chargeable gains	
Total taxable income and gains	
Up to higher rate threshold	10%
From higher rate threshold	20%
Trust rate	20%

Higher rates (18/28%) may apply to the disposal of certain residential property.

### **Entrepreneurs' relief and Investors' relief**

Qualifying gains will be taxed at 10%. Claims may be made on more than one occasion up to a 'lifetime' total of £10m.

Annual exempt amount – individuals £11,300 and most trustees £5,650.

*Budget Day edition. Rates subject to change – contact us for latest. For general guidance only, no responsibility is taken for action taken or refrained from in consequence of card contents.*

## 2017 Calendar

	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
Monday	30 2 9 16 23	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	31 3 10 17 24	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31
Saturday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25
Sunday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26

	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
Monday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
Monday	31 3 10 17 24	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Thursday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Friday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24

	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
Monday	30 2 9 16 23	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
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## **Our Services**

### **Business**

#### **Planning**

- Business start-up planning and advice
- Strategic and business planning
- Financial management
- Financial information systems
- Computer systems advice

### **Taxation**

#### **Advice**

- Personal tax
- Business tax
- Company tax
- Capital gains tax
- Inheritance tax
- HM Revenue and Customs investigations
- Value Added Tax
- PAYE and National Insurance compliance

### **Accounting**

- Preparation of annual accounts
- Preparation of periodic management accounts
- Providing book-keeping services
- Maintaining PAYE and VAT records and associated returns

### **Company**

#### **Secretarial**

- Preparation and filing of statutory returns
- Preparation of minutes and resolutions
- Company formation
- Company searches

### **Auditing**

- Statutory audit

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