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TAX RATES 2020/21



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INCOME TAX

Rates and bands (other than savings and dividend income)

2020/21		2019/20	
Band £	Rate %	Band £	Rate %
0 - 37,500	20	0 - 37,500	20
37,501 - 150,000	40	37,501 - 150,000	40
Over 150,000	45	Over 150,000	45

Income tax rates in Scotland and Wales on income other than savings and dividend income have been devolved.

Savings income 2020/21 and 2019/20

Savings allowance basic rate	£1,000
Savings allowance higher rate	£500

A starting rate of 0% may be available unless taxable non-savings income exceeds £5,000.

Dividend income 2020/21 and 2019/20

Dividend allowance	£2,000
Dividend ordinary rate	7.5%
Dividend upper rate	32.5%
Dividend additional rate	38.1%

INCOME TAX RELIEFS

	2020/21	2019/20
Personal allowance	£12,500	£12,500
Personal allowance income limit	£100,000	£100,000
Marriage allowance	£1,250	£1,250
Married couple's allowance	£9,075	£8,915
- minimum amount	£3,510	£3,450
- income limit	£30,200	£29,600
Blind person's allowance	£2,500	£2,450

INDIVIDUAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

	2020/21	2019/20
Overall investment limit	£20,000	£20,000
Junior account investment limit	£9,000	£4,368

DEVOLVED INCOME TAX

Scotland rates and bands

2020/21		2019/20	
Band £	Rate %	Band £	Rate %
0 - 2,085	19	0 - 2,049	19
2,086 - 12,658	20	2,050 - 12,444	20
12,659 - 30,930	21	12,445 - 30,930	21
30,931 - 150,000	41	30,931 - 150,000	41
Over 150,000	46	Over 150,000	46

Wales rates and bands

2020/21		2019/20	
Band £	Rate %	Band £	Rate %
0 - 37,500	20	0 - 37,500	20
37,501 - 150,000	40	37,501 - 150,000	40
Over 150,000	45	Over 150,000	45

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

	2020/21	2019/20
Individuals		
Exemption	£12,300	£12,000
Standard rate	10%	10%
Higher/additional rate	20%	20%
Trusts		
Exemption	£6,150	£6,000
Rate	20%	20%

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

Entrepreneurs' Relief

The first £10m of qualifying gains are charged at 10%. This is reduced to £1m for disposals on or after 11 March 2020 subject to certain transitional rules.

INHERITANCE TAX

Death rate	Lifetime rate	Chargeable transfers 2020/21 and 2019/20
Nil	Nil	0 - £325,000 (nil rate band)
40%	20%	Over £325,000

A further nil rate band of £175,000 (£150,000 for 2019/20) may be available in relation to current or former residences.

CAR, VAN AND FUEL BENEFITS

2020/21	Cars registered pre 6.4.20	Cars registered after 5.4.20
CO ₂ emissions g/km	% of list price taxed	% of list price taxed
0	0	0
1-50		
Electric range - 130 or more	2	0
70 - 129	5	3
40 - 69	8	6
30 - 39	12	10
under 30	14	12
51-54	15	13
For every extra 5	+1	+1
160 and above	37	n/a
170 and above	n/a	37

For fully diesel cars generally add a 4% supplement (unless the car is registered on or after 1 September 2017 and meets the Euro 6d emissions standard) but the maximum is still 37%. For emissions of 75g/km or more if the CO₂ figure does not end in a 5 or 0 round down to the nearest 5 or 0.

2020/21

Car fuel benefit	£24,500
Van benefit	£3,490
Van fuel benefit	£666

NATIONAL INSURANCE

2020/21 Class 1 (employed) rates

Employee		Employer	
Earnings per week	%	Earnings per week	%
Up to £183	Nil	Up to £169	Nil
£183.01 - £962	12	Over £169	13.8
Over £962	2		

Entitlement to contribution-based benefits for employees retained for earnings between £120 and £183 per week. The employer rate is 0% for employees under 21 and apprentices under 25 on earnings up to £962 per week.

- Class 1A (employers)** 13.8% on employee taxable benefits
- Class 1B (employers)** 13.8% on PAYE Settlement Agreements
- Class 2 (self-employed)** flat rate per week £3.05
small profits threshold £6,475 per annum
- Class 3 (voluntary)** flat rate per week £15.30
- Class 4 (self-employed)** 9% on profits between £9,500 and £50,000 plus 2% on profits over £50,000

SELECTED RATES

	2020/21	2019/20
Weekly benefit	£	£
Basic State Pension	134.25	129.20
New State Pension	175.20	168.60
Statutory pay standard rates		
- average weekly earnings £120 (£118) or over		
Sick Pay	95.85	94.25
Maternity/Adoption Pay	151.20	148.68
Shared Parental Pay	151.20	148.68
Paternity Pay	151.20	148.68

National Living Wage and National Minimum Wage

Age	NLW	21-24	18-20	16-17	Apprentices
From 1 April 2020	£8.72	£8.20	£6.45	£4.55	£4.15

*Applies to apprentices under 19, or 19 and over in the first year of apprenticeship.
NLW applies to those aged 25 and over.*

TAX RELIEFS FOR INDIVIDUALS

2020/21 and 2019/20

Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS)

Relief on investments in certain unquoted trading companies up to £1m per annum (£2m for knowledge intensive companies):

- Income tax relief at 30%
- Capital gains exemption on disposal

Unlimited amounts of capital gains from the disposal of other assets may be able to be deferred by making an EIS investment.

Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (SEIS)

Relief on investments in certain unquoted trading companies up to £100,000 per annum:

- Income tax relief at 50%
- Capital gains exemption on disposal

Capital gains from the disposal of other assets may be exempt up to £50,000 per annum by making an SEIS investment.

Venture Capital Trusts (VCTs)

Relief on investments in certain quoted companies up to £200,000 per annum:

- Income tax relief at 30%
- Capital gains exemption on disposal

Dividends received from VCTs may be exempt from income tax.

All reliefs subject to detailed conditions being met.

CORPORATION TAX

	Rate %		Rate %
Year to 31.3.21	19	Year to 31.3.20	19

Different rates apply for ring-fenced (broadly oil industry) profit.

CAPITAL ALLOWANCES

First Year Allowance (FYA) on certain plant, machinery and cars up to 50g/km **100%**

Annual Investment Allowance (AIA) £1,000,000 (£200,000 from 1 January 2021)

Excludes cars and expenditure already qualifying for FYA

Writing Down Allowance

Expenditure not qualifying for AIA or FYA:

Long-life assets, integral features of buildings, cars over 110g/km **6%**

Other plant and machinery **18%**

Structures and Buildings Allowance **3%**

From April 2020

PENSIONS

	2020/21	2019/20
Lifetime Allowance limit	£1,073,100	£1,055,000
Annual Allowance limit	£40,000	£40,000
Money Purchase Annual Allowance	£4,000	£4,000

VALUE ADDED TAX

	From 1.4.20	From 1.4.19
Standard rate	20%	20%
Reduced rate	5%	5%
Annual Registration Limit	£85,000	£85,000
Annual Deregistration Limit	£83,000	£83,000

PROPERTY TAXES

In England and N.Ireland, residential rates may be increased by 3% (4% in Scotland) where further residential properties are acquired. In Wales different rates and bands may apply to the purchase of further residential properties.

Stamp Duty Land Tax

Land and buildings in England and N. Ireland

Residential Band £	Rate %	Non-residential Band £	Rate %
0 - 500,000	0	0 - 150,000	0
500,001 - 925,000	5	150,001 - 250,000	2
925,001 - 1,500,000	10	Over 250,000	5
Over 1,500,000	12		

Residential rates apply from 8 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax

Land and buildings in Scotland

Residential Band £	Rate %	Non-residential Band £	Rate %
0 - 250,000	0	0 - 150,000	0
250,001 - 325,000	5	150,001 - 250,000	1
325,001 - 750,000	10	Over 250,000	5
Over 750,000	12		

Residential rates apply from 15 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Land Transaction Tax

Land and buildings in Wales

Residential Band £	Rate %	Non-residential Band £	Rate %
0 - 250,000	0	0 - 150,000	0
250,001 - 400,000	5	150,001 - 250,000	1
400,001 - 750,000	7.5	250,001 - 1,000,000	5
750,001 - 1,500,000	10	Over 1,000,000	6
Over 1,500,000	12		

Residential rates apply from 27 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.

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