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## TAX RATES 2025/26



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# Income Tax

## Rates and bands (other than savings and dividend income)

2025/26		2024/25	
Band £	Rate %	Band £	Rate %
0 - 37,700	20	0 - 37,700	20
37,701 - 125,140	40	37,701 - 125,140	40
Over 125,140	45	Over 125,140	45

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

Savings income	2025/26 and 2024/25
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	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%

## Income Tax Allowances

	2025/26	2024/25
Personal allowance	£12,570	£12,570
Personal allowance income limit	£100,000	£100,000
Marriage allowance	£1,260	£1,260
Married couple's allowance	£11,270	£11,080
- minimum amount	£4,360	£4,280
- income limit	£37,700	£37,000
Blind person's allowance	£3,130	£3,070

## Individual Savings Accounts

	2025/26	2024/25
Overall investment limit	£20,000	£20,000
Junior account investment limit	£9,000	£9,000

# Devolved Income Tax

## Scotland rates and bands

2025/26		2024/25	
Band £	Rate %	Band £	Rate %
0 - 2,827	19	0 - 2,306	19
2,828 - 14,921	20	2,307 - 13,991	20
14,922 - 31,092	21	13,992 - 31,092	21
31,093 - 62,430	42	31,093 - 62,430	42
62,431 - 125,140	45	62,431 - 125,140	45
Over 125,140	48	Over 125,140	48

## Wales rates and bands

2025/26		2024/25	
Band £	Rate %	Band £	Rate %
0 - 37,700	20	0 - 37,700	20
37,701 - 125,140	40	37,701 - 125,140	40
Over 125,140	45	Over 125,140	45

# Capital Gains Tax

Individuals	2025/26	2024/25
Exemption	£3,000	£3,000
Standard rate	18%	10/18*%
Higher/additional rate	24%	20/24*%
Trusts		
Exemption	£1,500	£1,500
Rate	24%	20/24*%

\*The 18/24% rates apply to disposals on/after 30 October 2024.

The 18/24% rates may apply to the disposal of certain residential property for both years.

**Business Asset Disposal Relief** The first £1m of qualifying gains are charged at 10% for 2024/25 and 14% for 2025/26.

# Inheritance Tax

Death rate	Lifetime rate	Chargeable transfers 2025/26 and 2024/25
Nil	Nil	0 - £325,000 (nil rate band)
40%	20%	Over £325,000

A further nil rate band of £175,000 may be available in relation to current or former residences.

## Car, Van and Fuel Benefits

2025/26		
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions g/km		% of list price taxed
0		3
1 - 50		
Electric range	130 or more	3
	70 - 129	6
	40 - 69	9
	30 - 39	13
	under 30	15
51 - 54		16
For every extra 5		+1
155 and above		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 CO<sub>2</sub> figure does not end in a 5 or 0 round down to the nearest 5 or 0.

### 2025/26

Car fuel benefit	£28,200
Van benefit	£4,020
Van fuel benefit	£769

## Tax Reliefs for Individuals

### 2025/26 and 2024/25

#### 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 £200,000 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 £100,000 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.

# Selected Rates

	2025/26	2024/25
Weekly benefit	£	£
New State Pension	230.25	221.20
Old State Pension	176.45	169.50
Statutory pay standard rates		
Sick Pay	118.75	116.75
Maternity/Adoption Pay	187.18	184.03
Shared Parental Pay	187.18	184.03
Paternity Pay	187.18	184.03

## National Living Wage and National Minimum Wage

Age	NLW	18-20	16-17	Apprentices
From 1 April 2025	£12.21	£10	£7.55	£7.55

Applies to apprentices under 19 or 19 and over in the first year of apprenticeship.

NLW applies to those aged 21 and over.

# National Insurance

## 2025/26 Class 1 (employed) rates

Employee		Employer	
Earnings per week	%	Earnings per week	%
Up to £242	Nil	Up to £96	Nil
£242.01 - £967	8	Over £96	15
Over £967	2		

Entitlement to contribution-based benefits for employees retained for earnings between £125 and £242 per week. The employer rate is 0% for certain military veterans, employees under 21 and apprentices under 25 on earnings up to £967 per week.

- Class 1A (employers)** 15% on employee taxable benefits
- Class 1B (employers)** 15% on PAYE Settlement Agreements
- Class 2 (self-employed)** nil (£3.50 per week where those with profits below £6,845 wish to make a voluntary contribution)
- Class 3 (voluntary)** flat rate per week £17.75
- Class 4 (self-employed)** 6% on profits between £12,570 and £50,270 plus 2% on profits over £50,270

## Corporation Tax

Years to 31.3.25 and 31.3.26	Profits band £	Rate %
Small profits rate	0 - 50,000	19
Marginal rate	50,001 - 250,000	26.5
Main rate	Over 250,000	25
Marginal relief fraction	3/200	

Profits limits are reduced for a company with associated companies. Different rates apply for ring-fenced (broadly oil industry) profit.

## Capital Allowances

**First Year Allowance (FYA)** on certain plant, machinery and cars of 0g/km (for cars purchased before 1 April 2026 (6 April 2026 for income tax)) **100%**

**Corporation tax FYA ('full expensing')** on certain new, unused plant and machinery **100%**

**Corporation tax FYA** on new, unused long-life assets, integral features of buildings, etc. **50%**

**Annual Investment Allowance £1,000,000** excluding cars

### Writing Down Allowance

Long-life assets, integral features of buildings, cars over 50g/km **6%**

Other plant and machinery **18%**

**Structures and Buildings Allowance** **3%**

## Pensions

	2025/26	2024/25
Lump sum allowance	£268,275	£268,275
Lump sum and death benefit allowance	£1,073,100	£1,073,100
Annual allowance	£60,000	£60,000
Money purchase annual allowance	£10,000	£10,000

## Value Added Tax

	From 1.4.25	From 1.4.24
Standard rate	20%	20%
Reduced rate	5%	5%
Annual Registration Limit	£90,000	£90,000
Annual Deregistration Limit	£88,000	£88,000

# Property Taxes

Across the whole of the UK, residential rates may be increased by 5% (8% in Scotland and up to 5% in Wales) where further residential properties are acquired.

## Stamp Duty Land Tax

Land and buildings in England and N. Ireland

Residential Band £	Rate %	Non-residential Band £	Rate %
0 - 125,000	0	0 - 150,000	0
125,001 - 250,000	2	150,001 - 250,000	2
250,001 - 925,000	5	Over 250,000	5
925,001 - 1,500,000	10		
Over 1,500,000	12		

First-Time Buyer relief may apply to residential purchases up to £500,000.

## Land and Buildings Transaction Tax

Land and buildings in Scotland

Residential Band £	Rate %	Non-residential Band £	Rate %
0 - 145,000	0	0 - 150,000	0
145,001 - 250,000	2	150,001 - 250,000	1
250,001 - 325,000	5	Over 250,000	5
325,001 - 750,000	10		
Over 750,000	12		

First-Time Buyer relief may apply on the first £175,000 of residential purchases.

## Land Transaction Tax

Land and buildings in Wales

Residential Band £	Rate %	Non-residential Band £	Rate %
0 - 225,000	0	0 - 225,000	0
225,001 - 400,000	6	225,001 - 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		

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