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Tax Data 2025/26



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 ₂ 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 CO₂ 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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- Business tax
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- Capital gains tax
- Inheritance tax
- HM Revenue and Customs enquiries
- Value Added Tax
- PAYE and national insurance compliance
- Preparing for Making Tax Digital

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
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- Company searches

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