

INCOME TAX

Rates: individuals	Taxable income	Dividend income	Other savings	Other
2021/22				
Starting rate band for savings	£0-5,000	7.5%	0%	N/A
Basic rate band	£0-37,700	7.5%	20%	20%
Higher rate band	£37,701-150,000	32.5%	40%	40%
Additional rate band	Excess	38.1%	45%	45%
2020/21				
Starting rate band for savings	£0-5,000	7.5%	0%	N/A
Basic rate band	£0-37,500	7.5%	20%	20%
Higher rate band	£37,501-150,000	32.5%	40%	40%
Additional rate band	Excess	38.1%	45%	45%

Dividends are deemed to be the top slice of income in computing the tax liability, followed by other savings income. If the remittance basis of taxation is claimed, foreign dividend income is taxed at the rate applicable to other income. The Scottish Parliament has power to vary the income tax rate for income other than savings or dividends. The rates above apply to the rest of the UK.

Allowances: individuals	2021/22		2020/21	
2021/22				
Personal Allowance (note 1)	£12,570	100%	£12,500	100%
Married Couple's Allowance (note 2)	£9,125	10%	£9,075	10%
Marriage Allowance (note 3)	£1,260	100%	£1,250	100%
Blind Person's Allowance	£2,520	100%	£2,500	100%
Savings Allowance - Higher rate taxpayers	£500	100%	£500	100%
Savings Allowance - Basic rate taxpayers	£1,000	100%	£1,000	100%
Dividend Allowance	£2,000	100%	£2,000	100%

Notes:

- Personal allowances for those with taxable income in excess of £100,000 are reduced by £1 for every £2 of taxable income in excess of £100,000.
- The allowance is reduced by 50% of the excess of the total income above £30,400(2020/21 - £30,200). The minimum Married Couple's Allowance after such reduction, if applicable, is £3,530 (2020/21 - £3,510). The Married Couple's Allowance is only available where either spouse was born before 6 April 1935.
- An individual may transfer up to this amount of their unused Personal Allowance to their spouse/civil partner provided that the recipient does not pay tax at the higher or additional rates.

Rates: UK trusts	Dividend income	Other savings	Other
Life interest trusts and estates in administration	7.5%	20%	20%
Discretionary trusts, subject to a standard rate band of £1,000	38.1%	45%	45%

National Insurance Contributions

Employed (Class 1)	2021/22		2020/21	
	Weekly earnings	Rate	Weekly earnings	Rate
Primary contributions (employees)	£0-184	Nil	£0-183	Nil
	£185-967	12.0%	£184-962	12.0%
	Over £967	2.0%	Over £962	2.0%
Secondary contributions (employers)	Over £170	13.8%	Over £169	13.8%

An annual allowance of £4,000 (2020/21 - £4,000) is available to offset against an employer's Class 1 secondary liability with certain restrictions. Employers pay 13.8% Class 1A/1B contributions on the cost of benefits in kind.

Self-employed

Class 2 contributions are £3.05 (2020/21 - £3.05) per week unless annual profits do not exceed £6,515 (2020/21 - £6,475). **Class 4** contributions are 9% of annual profits between £9,568 and £50,270 (2020/21 - between £9,500 and £50,000), and 2% thereafter.

INVESTMENTS AND SAVINGS

Enterprise Investment Schemes and Venture Capital Trusts			
Income tax relief and maximum qualifying investment per year			
Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme ("SEIS")	50%	£100,000	
Enterprise Investment Scheme ("EIS")	30%	£1,000,000	
Venture Capital Trust ("VCT")	30%	£200,000	

Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs)

Annual subscription limits	2021/22	2020/21
ISA	£20,000	£20,000
Junior ISA	£9,000	£9,000
Lifetime ISA (1) (part of ISA subscription limit)	£4,000	£4,000
Help to Buy ISA (2)	200 pcm	200 pcm

Notes:

- The Lifetime ISA allows individuals to save up to £4,000 per annum with a contribution from the government of an additional 25%. The funds may be drawn to purchase a first home or at any time after the age of 60.
- The Help To Buy ISA enables first-time house buyers to save funds towards the purchase of their first home. The amounts saved receive a government bonus of 25% up to a maximum bonus of £3,000. Help To Buy ISAs were closed to new applicants from 1 December 2019.

Pensions	2021/22	2020/21
Lifetime Allowance limit	£1,073,100	£1,073,100
Annual Allowance limit (1)	£40,000	£40,000
Money Purchase Annual Allowance (2)	£4,000	£4,000

Notes:

- The annual allowance is tapered by £1 for every £2 of adjusted income in excess of £240,000 (2020/21: £240,000) subject to a minimum of £4,000 (2020/21: £4,000). If relief is not used in a year it may be carried forward up to 3 years provided the individual was a member of a registered scheme in the year to which the unused relief relates.
- The money purchase annual allowance relates to those individuals who have already started to draw pension benefits. There is no ability to carry forward unused allowances from the previous 3 years.

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Gains	2021/22	2020/21
Individuals - gains within basic rate band (2)	10%	10%
Individuals - gains exceeding basic rate band (2)	20%	20%
UK Trusts and estates in administration	20%	20%

Notes:

- The disposal of residential property not qualifying for main residence relief attracts a surcharge of 8%. This also applies to carried interest. A capital gains tax return for disposals of UK residential property by UK resident individuals or trustees must be submitted within 30 days of completion together with a payment on account of the tax due.
- The remaining basic rate band is calculated as £37,700 (2020/21: £37,500) less taxable income and any gains on which business asset disposal relief has been claimed.
- Capital payments from certain offshore trusts are chargeable at rates applicable to individuals plus a maximum supplementary charge of 60% of the tax.
- Non-resident individuals and trustees are subject to capital gains tax on direct and indirect disposals of all UK immovable property (subject to rebasing and certain reliefs). The same applies to non-resident companies except they will be subject to corporation tax rather than capital gains tax. A capital gains tax return for any direct or indirect disposals of UK immovable property by non-resident individuals or trustees must be submitted within 30 days of completion together with a payment on account of the tax due.

Annual Exemption	2021/22	2020/21
Individuals	£12,300	£12,300
Trustees	£6,150	£6,150

The annual exemption available to trusts is normally divided equally between all those UK resident trusts made by the same settlor after 6 June 1978. The minimum exemption per trust is one tenth of the full annual exemption for individuals.

Indexation Allowance

Companies receive Indexation Allowance on their capital gains.

Indexation has been frozen from 1 January 2018 with relief due only with reference to the Retail Price Index at December 2017.

Business Asset Disposal Relief (previously Entrepreneurs' Relief)	2021/22	2020/21
Capital gains tax rate	10%	10%
Lifetime limit	£1 million	£1 million
Investors' Relief		
Capital gains tax rate	10%	10%
Lifetime limit	£10 million	£10 million

INHERITANCE TAX

Rates	2021/22	2020/21
Transfers on death	40%	40%
Transfers on death - reduced rate (1)	36%	36%
Chargeable lifetime transfers	20%	20%
Nil rate band limit	£325,000	£325,000
Residence nil rate band limit (2)	£175,000	£175,000

Notes:

- The reduced rate applies to taxable estates where 10% or more of the estate is left to charity.
- The residence nil rate band is withdrawn by £1 for every £2 that the net value of the estate exceeds £2 million.

Potentially exempt transfers

Inheritance tax does not generally arise on lifetime transfers between individuals provided that the donor survives the gift by at least 7 years.

Reduced tax charge on gifts within seven years of death:					
Years before death	0 – 3	3 – 4	4 – 5	5 – 6	6 – 7
% of full tax charge at death	100	80	60	40	20

Credit is given for tax paid on lifetime transfers within seven years of death. If the value of the lifetime transfer falls within the nil rate band, the above relief may have no effect.

Trusts

Transfers to trusts (other than charitable trusts, trusts for people who are disabled and trusts established on death) are taxed as lifetime transfers. Discretionary trusts and most trusts created on or after 22 March 2006 are subject to an IHT charge of up to 6% every 10 years, and exit charges.

Exemptions and reliefs	
Normal expenditure out of income	Exempt
Annual exemption	£3,000
Small gifts to same person – per year	£250
Spouses and civil partners both with UK domicile	Exempt
Spouses and civil partners where donee is not UK domiciled	£325,000
Marriage gifts made by:	
– parent	£5,000
– grandparent	£2,500
– other person	£1,000
Gifts to charities and qualifying political parties	Exempt
Transfers of qualifying heritage assets (subject to various undertakings)	Exempt
Agricultural property relief	
Transfers with vacant possession (or right to obtain within 12 months)	100%
Land let under a tenancy for more than 12 months made on or after 1 September 1995	100%
Most other cases	50%
Business property relief (subject to exclusions)	
Unincorporated businesses	100%
Unquoted shares	100%
Quoted shares (controlling holding)	50%
Land, buildings, machinery or plant used by qualifying businesses	50%

CORPORATION TAX

Rates	From 1 April 2021	1 April 2020
Main rate	19%	19%

The main rate will increase to 25% from 1 April 2023. A small profits rate will also be introduced from the same date with an initial rate of 19%.

Tax payments

Quarterly payments on account – very large companies and large companies		
	Period from start of accounting period	
	Large companies	Very large companies
First	6 months and 14 days	2 months and 14 days
Second	9 months and 14 days	5 months and 14 days
Third	12 months and 14 days	8 months and 14 days
Fourth	15 months and 14 days	11 months and 14 days
Small & medium companies		
	Period from end of accounting period	
Due date	9 months and 1 day	

Tax returns

The filing date is twelve months after the end of the accounting period. Special rules apply for periods of account of longer than twelve months.

CAPITAL ALLOWANCES

First year / Initial allowances

The following expenditure is eligible for 100% writing down allowance in the first year:

- Annual Investment Allowance (“AIA”) (note 1)
- New low emission cars (emissions below 50g/km) and below
- Plant and machinery for electric vehicle charging points
- Research and development

Super-deductions

From 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023, certain expenditure is eligible for increased relief as follows (this applies only for taxpayers subject to corporation tax):

- Qualifying plant and machinery -130% first year allowance
- Special rate assets - 50% first year allowance

Annual writing down allowances (“WDA”)	% of cost	
Structures and buildings pool	2021/22	2020/21
– non-residential structures and buildings	3%	3%
% of reducing balance		
Special rate pool	6%	6%
– Long life assets (life of at least 25 years)		
– Integral features of a building		
– Cars (emissions of 110g/km and above)		
– Thermal insulation		
– Solar panels		
Main rate pool	18%	18%
– Other plant and machinery		
– Cars (emissions below 110g/km)		
Patents and know-how	25%	25%

Notes:

1) The AIA is currently at a temporary amount of £1m, reducing to £200,000 from 1 January 2022.

CAR & FUEL BENEFITS

Company car benefits

The benefit is calculated using a percentage of the list price when new. This percentage is determined as follows:

CO2 emissions (g/km)	2021/22 Cars registered pre 6 April 2020	2021/22 Cars registered post 5 April 2020	2020/21 Cars registered pre 6 April 2020	2020/21 Cars registered post 6 April 2020
0	1%	1%	0%	0%
1 - 50 (4)	2 - 14%	1 - 13%	2 - 14%	0 - 12%
51 - 74	15 - 19%	14 - 18%	15 - 19%	13 - 17%
75 - 99	20 - 24%	19 - 23%	20 - 24%	18 - 22%
100 and above	Increased by 1% for each 5g/km		Increased by 1% for each 5g/km	

Notes:

- 1) The maximum percentage is 37%
- 2) For diesel cars, the percentage is increased by 4%, still subject to the above maximum. This does not apply to RDE2 standard cars or diesel hybrids
- 3) Different rules apply for vehicles which meet the definition of a company van
- 4) For cars with emissions between 1 and 50 g/km the rate will be determined on the basis of the electric range in miles with lower percentages for those with higher electric ranges.

Fuel benefit scale rates

The benefit is calculated by applying the percentage as determined for car benefits to the fixed amount of £24,600 (2020/21 - £24,500). The fuel benefit scale charge is reduced to nil if the employee is required to, and does, make good the cost of all fuel provided for private use. Employer-provided electricity for use in employees' electric or hybrid cars is an exempt benefit.

Authorised annual mileage rates

Tax free mileage allowances are 45p per mile on the first 10,000 miles, and 25p thereafter. For National Insurance purposes the mileage allowance is 45p per mile irrespective of annual mileage.

VALUE ADDED TAX

Rates			
Standard	20 %	Reduced	5%
Thresholds		From 1 April 2021	1 April 2020
Registration threshold (for supplies in previous 12 months or next 30 days)*		£85,000	£85,000
Deregistration threshold*		£83,000	£83,000
Cash accounting scheme		£1,350,000	£1,350,000
Annual accounting scheme		£1,350,000	£1,350,000
Flat rate scheme		£150,000	£150,000
De minimis limits for partial exemption (provided exempt input tax is less than 50% of total input tax)		625 pcm	625 pcm

* Not available to non-established taxable persons.

STAMP DUTY & STAMP DUTY RESERVE TAX

Shares and marketable securities			
Standard rate	0.5%	Higher rate	1.5%

STAMP DUTY LAND TAX

Stamp Duty Land Tax does not apply in Scotland, which operates a separate Land and Buildings Transaction Tax, or in Wales, which operates a separate Land Transaction Tax.

Residential property	
Consideration (incl VAT where applicable)	Within each band
£0 – £125,000	Nil
£125,001 – £250,000	2%
£250,001 – £925,000	5%
£925,001 – £1,500,000	10%
More than £1,500,000	12%

The nil rate band for the period up to 30 June 2021 will be £500,000, with consideration between £500,001 to £925,000 taxed at 5%. Normal rates will apply for consideration over £925,000. For the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 September the nil rate band will be £250,000, and consideration between £250,001 to £925,000 will be taxed at 5%. Normal rates will apply for consideration over £925,000. The rate of SDLT is increased by 3% for purchases of residential property where the purchaser already owns at least one residential property, or for all purchases by companies and most trusts. A charge of 15% applies to purchases of residential property by ‘non-natural persons’ (predominantly companies) for consideration in excess of £500,000 subject to certain exclusions. The rate of SDLT is increased by 2% for all purchases of residential property by non-UK residents, in addition to other SDLT payable, effective from 1 April 2021. First-time buyers are exempt from SDLT on the first £300,000 of consideration on properties worth up to £500,000.

Non-residential property	
Consideration (incl VAT where applicable)	Within each band
£0 – £150,000	Nil
£150,001 – £250,000	2%
More than £250,000	5%
Lease rentals (residential and non-residential)	
Net present value of lease payments	Within each band
£0 – £125,000*	Nil
£125,001* – £5,000,000	1%
More than £5,000,000**	2%

* Nil band is £150,000 for non-residential property

** Applies only to non-residential property, otherwise the rate is 1%.

Returns and payments

Stamp duty returns must be filed within 14 days of the effective date of the transaction which is also the due date for payment of any tax.