

INCOME TAX

RATES OF TAX

2020/2021

Starting rate of 0% on savings income up to*	£5,000
Personal Savings Allowance	
Basic rate	£1,000
Higher rate	£500
Basic rate of 20%	£0 to £37,500
Higher rate of 40%	£37,501 to £150,000
Additional rate of 45%	£150,001 and over

**For other income less than £17,500 only. The starting rate for savings is a maximum of £5,000. Every £1 of other income above the Personal Allowance reduces the starting rate for savings by £1.*

Dividend Allowance	£2,000
Dividend tax rates	
Basic rate	7.5%
Higher rate	32.5%
Additional rate	38.1%
Trusts	
Standard rate band	£1,000
Rate applicable to trusts	
- Dividends	38.1%
- other income	45%

MAIN PERSONAL ALLOWANCES AND RELIEFS

Income limit for Personal Allowance §	£100,000
Personal Allowance (basic) §	£12,500
Marriage Allowance	£1,250
Rent-a-room scheme - tax-free income allowance	£7,500

§ Reduced allowance of £1 for every £2 of adjusted net income over and above £100,000

NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Class 1 Employee	per week
Lower Earnings Limit (LEL)	£120
Primary threshold	£183
Upper Earnings Limit (UEL)	£962

Class 1	Employee	Employer
NICs rate	12%	13.8%
No NICs on the first (per week)*	£183	£169**
NICs rate charged up to (per week)	£962	No limit
2% NICs on earnings over	£962	n/a

**This is the primary threshold below which no NI contributions are payable. However, the lower earnings limit is £120 per week. This £120 to £183 band is a zero rate band introduced in order to protect lower earners' rights to contributory State benefits e.g. the new State Pension.*

*** Secondary earnings threshold.*

Class 2 (self-employed)	Flat rate per week £3.05 where profits exceed £6,475 per annum.
Class 3 (voluntary)	Flat rate per week £15.30.
Class 4 (self-employed)	9% on profits between £9,500 - £50,000. 2% on profits above £50,000.

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

TAX RATES	2020/2021
Individuals:	
Up to basic rate limit	10%
Above basic rate limit	20%
Surcharge for residential property and carried interest	8%
Trustees and Personal Representatives	20%
Business Asset Disposal Relief* – Gains taxed at:	
Lifetime limit	10% £1,000,000

**For trading businesses and companies (minimum 5% employee or director shareholding) held for at least two years.*

EXEMPTIONS	
Individuals, estates etc	£12,300
Trusts generally	£6,150
Chattels proceeds (restricted to five thirds of proceeds exceeding limit)	£6,000

PENSIONS

2020/2021

Lifetime Allowance	£1,073,100
Annual Allowance*	£40,000
Money Purchase Annual Allowance	£4,000

* Tapered by £1 for every £2 of 'adjusted income' over £240,000 to a minimum of £4,000 if 'threshold income' is also over £200,000.

INHERITANCE TAX

RATES OF TAX ON TRANSFERS

2020/2021

Transfers made on death	
- Up to £325,000	Nil
- Excess over £325,000	40%
- Reduced rate (where appropriate charitable contributions are made)	36%
Chargeable lifetime transfers to trusts	20%

MAIN EXEMPTIONS

Transfers to	
- UK-domiciled spouse/civil partner	No limit
- non-UK-domiciled spouse/civil partner (from UK-domiciled spouse)	£325,000
- main residence nil-rate band*	£175,000
- UK-registered charities	No limit

* Available for estates up to £2,000,000 and then tapered at the rate of £1 for every £2 in excess until fully extinguished.

Lifetime transfers	
- Annual exemption per donor	£3,000
- Small gifts exemption	£250

Wedding/civil partnership gifts by	
- Parent	£5,000
- Grandparent/bride or groom	£2,500
- other person	£1,000

100% relief: businesses, unlisted/AIM companies, certain farmland/building

50% relief: certain other business assets

Reduced tax charge on gifts within 7 years of death:

- Years before death	0-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7
- Inheritance Tax payable	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%

Quick succession relief:

- Years since IHT paid	0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5
- Inheritance Tax relief	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%

CORPORATION TAX

2020/2021

Standard rate 19%

VALUE ADDED TAX

2020/2021

Standard rate 20%
Annual registration threshold £85,000
Deregistration threshold £83,000

STAMP DUTY LAND TAX

Residential

Value up to £125,000	0%
£125,001 - £250,000	2%
£250,001 - £925,000	5%
£925,001 - £1,500,000	10%
£1,500,001 and over	12%

Important Note regarding Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT) and residential property purchases:

- For purchases between 8 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, SDLT does not apply up to £500,000. For purchases above £500,000, the band rates above apply as normal.
- For purchases between 1 July 2021 and 30 September 2021, SDLT does not apply up to £250,000. For purchases above £250,000, the band rates above apply as normal.

Additional SDLT rules still apply as below.

- Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT) is payable in England and Northern Ireland only. Land Transaction Tax (LTT) is payable in Wales and Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (LBTT) is payable in Scotland. The rates for LTT and LBTT are different to the rates shown above.
- Additional SDLT of 3% may apply to the purchase of additional residential properties purchased for £40,000 or greater.
- SDLT may be charged at 15% on interests in residential dwellings costing more than £500,000 purchased by certain corporate bodies or non-natural persons in some circumstances.
- First-time buyers benefit from SDLT relief on purchases up to £500,000 when purchasing their main residence. On purchases up to £300,000, no SDLT is payable. On purchases between £300,000 and £500,000, a flat rate of 5% is charged on the balance above £300,000.
- Additional rates of LBTT and LTT apply in Scotland and Wales respectively for the purchase of additional residential properties. First-time buyers benefit from LBTT relief in Scotland. There is no LTT relief for first-time buyers in Wales.

MAIN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

2020/2021

Child Benefit	First child	£21.05
	Subsequent children	£13.95
	Guardian's allowance	£17.90
Basic State Pension	Single	£134.25
	Married	£268.50
Single Tier State Pension	Single	£175.20
Pension Credit	Single person standard minimum guarantee	£173.75
	Married couple standard minimum guarantee	£265.20
Bereavement Support Payment	Higher rate - lump sum	£3,500
	Higher rate - monthly payment	£350
	Standard rate – lump sum	£2,500
	Standard rate – monthly payment	£100

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