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A guide to Budget 2015 Tax Rates & Allowances

Think Ahead



	2014/15	2015/16
	£	£
Income tax rates - (non-dividend income)		
10% lower rate tax - savings rate only	Up to 2,880	Up to 5,000
20% basic rate tax	Up to 31,865	Up to 31,785
40% higher rate tax	31,866 - 150,000	31,786 - 150,000
45% additional rate tax	Above £150,000	Above £150,000
<i>From 2008-09 10% starting rate applies to savings income only and will not apply if non-savings income exceeds threshold.</i>		
Income tax rates - (dividend income)		
10% rate	Up to 31,865	Up to 31,785
32.5% higher dividend rate	31,866 - 150,000	31,786 - 150,000
37.5% additional dividend rate	Above £150,000	Above £150,000

Personal allowances		
Personal allowance those born after 5 April 1948	10,000	10,600
Personal allowance those born between 6 April 1938 and 5 April 1948	10,500	10,600
Personal allowance those born before 6 April 1938	10,660	10,660
Married couple's allowance those born before 6 April 1935	8,165	8,355
Married couple's allowance – minimum amount	3,140	3,220
Income limit for under 65 personal allowance	100,000	100,000
Income limit for personal allowances (born before 6 April 1948)	27,000	27,700
Blind person's allowance	2,230	2,290
Rent-a-room relief	4,250	4,250
Transferable tax allowance for married couples and civil partners	N/A	1,060
<i>Abatement of personal allowance will apply of £1 for every £2 of taxable income in excess of income limit.</i>		

National insurance		
Lower earnings limit, primary Class 1 (per week)	111	112
Upper earnings limit, primary Class 1 (per week)	805	815
Upper accrual point	770	770
Primary threshold (per week)	153	155
Secondary threshold (per week)	153	156
Employment allowance (per year per employer)	2,000	2,000
Employee's primary Class 1 rate between primary threshold and upper earnings limit	12%	12%
Employee's primary Class 1 rate above upper earnings limit	2.00%	2.00%
Employee's contracted-out rebate - salary-related scheme	1.40%	1.40%
Married woman's reduced rate between primary threshold and upper earnings limit	5.85%	5.85%
Married woman's rate above upper earnings limit	2.00%	2.00%
Employer's secondary Class 1 rate above secondary threshold	13.80%	13.80%
Employer's secondary Class 1 rate above secondary threshold (contracted out)	10.40%	10.40%
Employer's contracted-out rebate, salary-related schemes (between LEL and UAP)	3.40%	3.40%
Class 2 rate (per week)	2.75	2.80

Class 2 small earning exception (per year)	5,885	5,965
Special Class 2 rate for share fishermen (per week)	3.40	3.45
Special Class 2 rate for volunteer development workers	5.55	5.60
Class 3 rate (per week)	13.90	14.10
Class 4 lower profits limit	7,956	8,060
Class 4 upper profits limit	41,865	42,385
Class 4 rate between lower profits limit and upper profits limit	9.00%	9.00%
Class 4 rate above upper profits limit	2.00%	2.00%
From 6 April 2015 there will be no employer' s liability to NIC for employees under 21.		
Pensions		
Annual allowance	40,000	40,000
Lifetime allowance	1,250,000	1,250,000
Relief's and incentives		
Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS) - maximum	1,000,000	1,000,000
Venture Capital Trust (VCT) - maximum	200,000	200,000
Enterprise Management Incentive Scheme (EMI) - employee limit	240,000	240,000
Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (SEIS)	100,000	100,000
Income tax relief on EIS schemes	30%	30%
Income tax relief on VCT schemes	30%	30%
Income tax relief on SEIS schemes	50%	50%

Individual Savings Account (ISA):			
New ISA (NISA) limits			
New ISA (NISA) annual limit		15,000	15,240
New Junior ISA investment annual limit		4,000	4,080
New child value of Child Trust Fund annual limit		4,000	4,080
Capital gains tax			
Rate	- basic rate tax payer	18%	18%
	- higher rate tax payer	28%	28%
Individuals		11,000	11,100
Certain trusts for disabled persons		11,000	11,100
Other trusts		5,500	5,550
Entrepreneurs Relief lifetime limit		10,000,000	10,000,000
Entrepreneurs Rate		10%	10%
Chattels exemption (5/3 taxable on excess)		6,000	6,000

Working and Child tax credits rates		
Working tax credit		
Basic element	1,940	1,960
Couple and lone parent element	1,990	2,010
30 hour element	800	810
Disabled worker element	2,935	2,970
Severe disability element	1,255	1,275
Childcare element of the Working tax credit		
Maximum eligible cost for one child (per week)	175	175
Maximum eligible cost for two or more children (per week)	300	300
Percentage of eligible costs covered	70.00%	70.00%
Child tax credit		
Family element	545	545
Child element	2,750	2,780
Disabled child element	3,100	3,140
Severely disabled child element	1,255	1,275
Income threshold and withdrawal rates		
First income threshold	6,420	6,420
First withdrawal rate	41.00%	41.00%
First threshold for those entitled to Child tax credit only	16,010	16,105
Income disregard	5,000	5,000
Income fall disregard	2,500	2,500
Child benefit/Guardian's allowance rates		
Eldest/only child	20.50	20.70
Other children	13.55	13.70
Guardian's allowance	16.35	16.55
<p><i>An income tax charge will apply to taxpayers with income exceeding £50,000 in a tax year, when child benefit is also received by them or their partner. The charge will reduce the financial benefit of receiving child benefit for those with income between £50,000 and £60,000 and remove it completely for taxpayers with income above £60,000.</i></p>		

Inheritance tax		
Single persons nil rate band	1 - 325,000	1 - 325,000
Single persons 40% band	over 325,000	over 325,000
Married couples or civil partnerships allowance nil rate band	650,000	650,000
Gifts to charities	Exempt	Exempt
Small gifts to same person	250	250

Marriage/civil partnership gifts by:			
	Parent	5,000	5,000
	Grandparent/party	2,500	2,500
	Other person	1,000	1,000
<i>From 6 April 2012 a reduced rate of IHT of 36% will be introduced where 10% or more of the net estate is left to charity.</i>			
Business Property Relief			
Business or interest in a business and transfer if unquoted shareholdings		100%	100%
Transfers out of a controlling shareholding in quoted companies, land and buildings, plant and machinery used in a qualifying company or partnership		50%	50%
Taxation of trusts			
Trust tax rate excluding dividend income		45.00%	45.00%
Dividend trust rate		37.50%	37.50%
Basic rate trust income tax band		1,000	1,000
Corporation tax			
£1-£300,000		20%	20%
£300,001-£1,500,000		21.25%	20%
Over £1,500,000		21%	20%
Capital Allowances			
Main writing down allowance		18%	18%
Special rate writing down allowance		8%	8%
First year allowances for certain energy-saving/water efficient products		100%	100%
Annual investment allowance		100%	100%
AIA from 1 April 2014 to 31 December 2015 maximum £500,000pa. From 1 January 2016 £25,000pa. (subject to change).			
Research and Development Tax Credit Rates			
SME Rate		225%	230%
Large company rate		130%	130%
Large companies expenditure credit scheme		10%	11%
Patent Box			
Patent box		10%	10%
<i>The Patent box regime will phased in from April 2013 with companies able to claim the benefit of 60% for 2013/14, 70% for 2014/15, 80% for 2015/16, 90% for 2016/17 and 100% from 2017/18 onwards</i>			
VAT			

Standard rate	20%	20%
Registration threshold	81,000	82,000
Deregistration threshold	79,000	80,000
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
Flat rate scheme exit threshold	230,000	230,000

Stamp duty land tax (SDLT) Property purchases in England, Wales and Northern Ireland		
Band		Rate incremental
0% residential		£1-£125,000
2% residential		£125,001-£250,000
5% residential		£250,001-£925,000
10% residential		£925,001-£1.5m
12% residential		Above £1.5 million
0% non-residential and mixed-use properties		£1 to £150,000
1% non-residential and mixed-use properties		£150,001-250,000
3% non-residential and mixed-use properties		£250,001 -£500,000
4% non-residential and mixed-use properties		Above £500,000
Stamp duty land tax (SDLT) Property purchases in Scotland		
Band		Rate incremental
0% residential		£1-£135,000
2% residential		£135,001-£250,000
10% residential		£250,001-£1m
12% residential		Above £1m
0% non-residential and mixed-use properties		£1-£150,000
3% non-residential and mixed-use properties		£150,00-£350,000
4.5% non-residential and mixed-use properties		Above £350,000
Leases 1% on present value of rents above £150,000		
<i>From 20 March 2014 residential property purchased by non-natural persons for consideration exceeding £500,000 will be subject to SDLT at 15%</i>		
Annual Tax on Enveloped Dwellings (ATED)		
More than £1m but not more than £2m	n/a	£7,000
More than £2m but not more than £5m	£15,400	£23,350
More than £5m but not more than £10m	£35,900	£54,450
More than £10m but not more than £20m	£71,850	£109,050
More than £20m	£143,750	£218,200