

Tax Rates 2020/2021



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- Pensions, Retirement & Annuities
- Estate & Inheritance Tax Planning
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PENSION ALLOWANCES

Lifetime Allowance limit ¹	£1,073,100
Annual Allowance limit ²	£40,000
Money Purchase Annual Allowance ³	£4,000

¹ Lifetime Allowance is set to increase each year with inflation.

² The Annual Allowance is tapered by £1 for every £2 of adjusted income in excess of £200,000 subject to a minimum of £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.

³ 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.

STATUTORY PAY RATES

		Weekly benefits
Basic State Pension	single person	£134.25
	married couple	£214.75
New State Pension		£175.20
Statutory Sick Pay ¹	standard rate	£95.85 ²
Statutory Maternity Pay - first six weeks	Adoption Pay	90% of weekly earnings
	- next 33 weeks	£151.20 ³
Statutory Paternity Pay - two weeks		£151.20 ³

¹ Paid for up to 28 weeks but excluding the first 3 days.

² Based on number of Qualifying Days which apply for the week.

³ Or 90% of weekly earnings if lower.

INDIVIDUAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT (ISA)

Overall investment limit	£20,000
Junior ISA limit	£9,000
Lifetime ISA limit - counts towards the annual overall investment limit	£4,000

TAX RELIEF ON INVESTMENTS

Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS)

Relief on investments in unquoted trading companies up to £2,000,000 pa.

- 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 £100,000 pa.

- Income tax relief at 50%
- Capital gains exemption on disposal

Capital gains from the disposal of other assets may be exempt up to £50,000 p.a. by making a SEIS investment.

Venture Capital Trusts (VCT)

Relief on investments in certain quoted companies up to £200,000 pa.

- Income tax relief at 30%
- Capital gains exemption on disposal

Dividends received from VCTs may be exempt from income tax.

INCOME TAX RATES

England & Wales

Band (£)	Rate
Basic rate (£12,501 - £50,000)	20%
Higher rate (£50,001 - £150,000)	40%
Additional rate (over £150,000)	45%

Scotland

Band (£)	Rate
Starter tax rate (£12,500 - £14,585)	19%
Basic tax rate (£14,586 - £25,158)	20%
Intermediate tax rate (£25,159 - £43,430)	21%
Higher tax rate (£43,431 - £150,000)	41%
Top rate (over £150,000)	46%

INCOME TAX ALLOWANCES

Personal allowance Reduced if income is over £100,000	£12,500
Married couples/civil partners transferable allowance	£1,250
Married couples/civil partners allowance Maximum if at least one born before 6 April 1935	£9,075
Dividend allowance Over £2,000 subject to special tax rates	£2,000
Personal savings allowance £500 for higher rate tax payers	£1000

NATIONAL INSURANCE RATES

Class 1 Employees' Rates

Weekly Earnings	Rate
Up to £183	Nil
£183 to £962	12%
Over £962	2%

Class 1 Employers' Rates

Weekly Earnings	Rate
Up to £169	0%
Over £169*	13.8%
Annual allowance for smaller businesses only	£4,000

* Special rules for employees under 21 years old, or apprentices under 25 years old.

Other Rates

Class 1A Employer	13.8% on most benefits in kind not within Class 1.
Class 2 Self-employed	Flat rate £3.05 pw (on profits above £6,475)
Class 3 Voluntary	Flat rate £15.00 pw.
Class 4 Self-employed	9% on annual profits between lower profit limit of £9,500 and higher profit limit of £50,000. 2% on annual profits above £50,000.

INHERITANCE TAX

Chargeable Transfers

Amount	Death Rate	Lifetime Rate
Below £325,000	Nil	Nil
Over £325,000	40%*	20%

* 36% reduced death rate applies to taxable estates where 10% or more is left to charity.

Residence Nil Rate Band £175,000
Subject to certain conditions being met

Reliefs

Annual exemption	£3,000	Marriage	- Parent	£5,000
			- Grandparent	£2,500
			- Other	£1,000
Small gifts	£250			

Reduced charge on gifts made within 3-7 years of death

Years before death	0-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7
% of death rate due	100	80	60	40	20

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Individuals

Annual exemption amount	£12,300
Basic rate tax payer	10% *
Higher rate tax payer	20%*

Trusts

Annual exemption amount	£6,150
Rate	20%*

* Additional 8% may apply to the disposal of certain residential property and carried interest.

STAMP DUTY

Stamp duty - shares and securities	0.5%
Stamp duty reserve tax	0.5% / 1.5%

Stamp Duty Land Tax

England	Rate	Residential*
	0%	£0 - £125,000
Applies to England and Northern Ireland	2%	£125,001 - £250,000
	5%	£250,001 - £925,000
	10%	£925,001 - £1,500,000
	12%	Over £1,500,000

Land & Building Transaction Tax

Scotland	Rate	Residential*
	0%	£0 - 145,000
Applies to Scotland since 1 April 2015	2%	£145,001 - £250,000
	5%	£250,001 - £325,000
	10%	£325,001 - £750,000
	12%	Over £750,000

Land Transaction Tax

Wales	Rate	Residential*
	0%	£0 - £180,000
Applies to Wales since 1 April 2018	3.5%	£180,001 - £250,000
	5%	£250,001 - £400,000
	7.5%	£400,001 - £750,000
	10%	£750,001 - £1,500,000
	12%	Over £1,500,000

* Rates may be increased by 3% for purchases of residential property where the purchaser already owns at least one residential property. (£40,000 or over in Scotland)

A charge of 15% applies to purchases of residential property by 'non-natural person' (usually companies) in excess of £500,000 subject to certain exclusions.