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Tax Card 2026-27

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Income Tax

Bands: England & Northern Ireland	2026-27	2025-26
Savings starting rate – 0%	£1 - £5,000	£1 - £5,000
Basic rate – 20%	£1 - £37,700	£1 - £37,700
Higher rate – 40%	£37,701 - £125,140	£37,701 - £125,140
Additional rate – 45%	Over £125,140	Over £125,140

Bands: Scotland	2026-27	2025-26
Starter rate – 19%*	£1 - £3,967	£1 - £2,827
Basic rate – 20%	£3,968 - £16,956	£2,828 - £14,921
Intermediate rate – 21%	£16,957 - £31,092	£14,922 - £31,092
Higher rate – 42%	£31,093 - £62,430	£31,093 - £62,430
Advanced rate – 45%	£62,431 - £125,140	£62,431 - £125,140
Top rate – 48%	Over £125,140	Over £125,140

* Assumes taxpayer is in receipt of the personal allowance.

Bands: Wales	2026-27	2025-26
Savings starting rate – 0%	£1 - £5,000	£1 - £5,000
Basic rate – 20%	£1 - £37,700	£1 - £37,700
Higher rate – 40%	£37,701 - £125,140	£37,701 - £125,140
Additional rate – 45%	Over £125,140	Over £125,140

Income Tax in Scotland and Wales is payable on non-savings and non-dividend income.

Dividend and savings	2026-27	2025-26
Dividend allowance	£500	£500
Dividend ordinary rate	10.75%	8.75%
Dividend upper rate	35.75%	33.75%
Dividend additional rate	39.35%	39.35%
Personal savings allowance		
- basic rate taxpayers	£1,000	£1,000
- higher rate taxpayers	£500	£500

Reliefs	2026-27	2025-26
Personal allowance	£12,570	£12,570
Registered blind person's allowance	£3,250	£3,130
Income limit for personal allowance*	£100,000	£100,000
Married couples allowance (born pre 6/4/35) at 10%	£11,700	£11,270
- Minimum amount	£4,530	£4,360
- Income limit	£39,200	£37,700
Marriage allowance**	£1,260	£1,260
Rent-a-room relief	£7,500	£7,500
High Income Child Benefit Charge*** on income over	£60,000	£60,000

There is a cap on Income Tax reliefs being the greater of £50,000 or 25% of income.

* The personal allowance is withdrawn by £1 for every £2 of income over £100,000.

** A taxpayer can transfer up to £1,260 (2025-26: £1,260) of their unused personal allowance to a spouse or civil partner who is not a higher rate taxpayer.

*** A tax charge of 1% is levied for each £200 (2025-26: £200) that income exceeds £60,000 (2025-26: £60,000) to a maximum of 100%.

National Insurance

Class 1 (employed)

Earnings limits (weekly)	Employee (primary)	Employer (secondary)
Up to £242 (EE) | £96 (ER)	0%	0%
£242.01 (EE) | £96.01 (ER) up to £967	8%	15%
Over £967	2%	15%
Over State Pension age	0%	15%

Employers' contributions are 0% for employees under 21 and apprentices under 25 on earnings up to £967 per week.

Class 1A (employers only)	15% on the amounts of taxable benefits
Class 1B (employers only)	15% on PAYE settlement agreements
Class 2 (self-employed – voluntary)	£3.65 per week
Class 3 (voluntary)	£18.40 per week
Class 4 (self-employed)	6% of profits between £12,570 and £50,270 pa plus 2% on profits above £50,270

A National Insurance employment allowance of £10,500 (2025-26: £10,500) is available to offset against employers' Class 1 secondary NICs.

Capital Gains Tax

Annual exempt amount	2026-27	2025-26
Individuals	£3,000	£3,000
Trusts	£1,500	£1,500

Rates	2026-27	2025-26
Basic rate taxpayers - chargeable residential property	18% 18%	18% 18%
Higher rate taxpayers / Trustees - chargeable residential property	24% 24%	24% 24%
Business Asset Disposal Relief lifetime limit @ £1m	18%	14%
Investors' Relief lifetime limit @ £1m	18%	14%

National Living and Minimum Wage rates

National Living Wage	2026-27	2025-26
Aged 21 and over	£12.71 p.h.	£12.21 p.h.

National Minimum Wage	2026-27	2025-26
Aged 18 to 20	£10.85 p.h.	£10.00 p.h.
Aged 16 to 17	£8.00 p.h.	£7.55 p.h.
Apprentice rate	£8.00 p.h.	£7.55 p.h.

VAT

Amounts	
Annual registration limit (from 1 April 2026)	£90,000
Annual deregistration limit (from 1 April 2026)	£88,000
VAT Cash accounting scheme threshold	£1,350,000
VAT Annual accounting scheme threshold	£1,350,000
VAT Flat rate scheme	£150,000

Rates	
Standard rate	20%
Reduced rate	5%
Zero rate	0%

Capital Allowances

	2026-27	2025-26
Plant and machinery: main rate expenditure	14%	18%
Plant and machinery: special rate fixtures	6%	6%
Full Expensing: 100% FYA (companies only)	100%	100%
Special Rate FYA (companies only)	50%	50%
Main Rate FYA (all businesses)	40%*	-
R&D Intensive SME deduction rate	186%	186%
R&D Merged Scheme	20%	20%
Annual Investment Allowance (AIA)	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
Structures and Buildings Allowance	3%	3%
Enhanced Capital Allowances - in Freeports and in Investment Zones	100%	100%
Enhanced Structures and Buildings Allowance - in Freeports and in Investment Zones	10%	10%

* For qualifying expenditure from 1 January 2026

Stamp Duty Land Tax and regional equivalents

England and Northern Ireland: **Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT)**

Rates	Residential property
Zero	£0 - £125,000
2%	£125,001 - £250,000
5%	£250,001 - £925,000
10%	£925,001 - £1,500,000
12%	Over £1,500,000

Rates	Non-residential and mixed use property
Zero	£0 - £150,000
2%	£150,001 - £250,000
5%	Over £250,000

A 2% surcharge applies on non-UK residents purchasing residential property.

Scotland: **Land & Buildings Transaction Tax (SLBTT)**

Rates	Residential property
Zero	£0 - £145,000
2%	£145,001 - £250,000
5%	£250,001 - £325,000
10%	£325,001 - £750,000
12%	Over £750,000

Rates	Non-residential and mixed use property
Zero	£0 - £150,000
1%	£150,001 - £250,000
5%	Over £250,000

Wales: **Land Transaction Tax (WLTT)**

Rates	Residential property
Zero	£0 - £225,000
6%	£225,001 - £400,000
7.5%	£400,001 - £750,000
10%	£750,001 - £1,500,000
12%	Over £1,500,000

Rates	Non-residential and mixed use property
Zero	£0 - £225,000
1%	£225,001 - £250,000
5%	£250,001 - £1,000,000
6%	Over £1,000,000

All rates of **SDLT**, **SLBTT** and **WLTT** are applied on a graduated basis with the portion of the purchase price within each tier charged at the applicable rate.

A higher rate of **SDLT**, **SLBTT** and **WLTT** applies on most purchases of additional residential property such as buy to let and second homes.

There are some special reliefs for qualifying first-time buyers in England, Northern Ireland and Scotland (none in Wales).

Corporation Tax

	FY 2026	FY 2025
Main rate (profits over £250,000)	25%	25%
Small profits rate (profits below £50,000)	19%	19%
Marginal relief fraction	3/200	3/200
Loans to participators	35.75%	33.75%

Taxable profits in excess of £250,000 are taxed at 25%, the main rate.
Profits between £50,000 and £250,000 are subject to a marginal tapering relief which provides for a gradual increase in the Corporation Tax rate.

Pensions

Contributions	2026-27	2025-26
Maximum annual contribution	£60,000	£60,000
Tax on excess	Marginal rate	Marginal rate
Normal minimum pension age	55	55
Money purchase annual allowance	£10,000	£10,000
Lump sum allowance	£268,275	£268,275

The annual allowance is tapered for taxpayers whose income exceeds £260,000 (2025-26: £260,000). The allowance is reduced by £1 for every £2 down to a minimum of £10,000 (2025-26: £10,000).

Car, Van & Fuel Benefits

Company cars

The annual benefit for company cars is based on a percentage of the list price.
The percentage rate is dependent on the level of CO_2 emissions.
The rate is 4% (2025-26: 3%) for zero emission cars and electric cars with a range greater than 130 miles with emissions from 1-50g/km. There are further variable rates from 1-50g/km. For emissions of 51-54g/km the rate is 17% (2025-26: 16%). The rate then increases above 55g/km up to a maximum rate of 37% reached at 155g/km (2025-26: 155g/km).

The diesel supplement for cars not certified to RDE2 standard of 4% (max of 37%).

Car fuel benefit

£29,200 (2025-26: £28,200) × 'appropriate percentage'.

The charge is reduced if provision of private fuel ceases part way through the year. The fuel benefit is reduced to nil if the employee pays for all private fuel.

Van benefit per vehicle	2026-27	2025-26
Van benefit	£4,170	£4,020
Fuel benefit	£798	£769

Mileage Allowance Payment

Rate per mile	2026-27	2025-26
Cars & vans - up to 10,000 miles	45p	45p
- over 10,000 miles	25p	25p
Motorcycles	24p	24p
Bicycles	20p	20p

Inheritance Tax

	2026-27	2025-26
Nil rate band for individuals*	£325,000	£325,000
Thereafter - chargeable lifetime transfers (CLT)**	20%	20%
- lower rate on death***	36%	36%
- on death	40%	40%
Residence nil rate band	£175,000	£175,000

* Unused nil rate band can be used by surviving spouse or civil partner.
** A CLT includes gifts to relevant property trusts or companies and a 20% IHT charge is due upfront. If death occurs within 7 years, additional tax may be payable.
*** A lower rate applies where 10% or more of the net estate is left to charity.

Potentially Exempt Transfer Years before death	0-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7
% of death charge	100%	80%	60%	40%	20%

Main exempt lifetime gifts	
Recurring annual gifts out of surplus income	unlimited
Annual gifts out of capital (with one year carry forward if unused)	£3,000
Small gifts (per recipient)	£250
Parental gift on marriage	£5,000
Grandparent or party to marriage	£2,500
Other gifts on marriage (per donor)	£1,000

Property Relief (APR and BPR)	2026-27	2025-26
100% Relief Limit (combined value APR & BPR)	£2.5 million	Unlimited on qualifying assets
Relief Above Limit	50% (effective 20% IHT rate)	-

Tax Favoured Investments

Individual Savings Account (ISA)	2026-27	2025-26
ISA limit	£20,000	£20,000
Lifetime ISA	£4,000	£4,000
Junior ISA	£9,000	£9,000

Venture Capital Trusts

Income Tax relief of up to 20% (2025-26: 30%) on investments up to £200,000.

Enterprise Investment Scheme

Income Tax relief of up to 30% (2025-26: 30%) on qualifying share subscriptions up to £1,000,000. (up to £2,000,000 for qualifying investments in knowledge-intensive companies.)

Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme

Income Tax relief of 50% (2025-26: 50%) on maximum £200,000 with rollover of chargeable gains.

The information in this tax card is based upon the **Autumn Budget 2025**, **Spring Statement 2026** and other announcements and may be subject to amendment.