

Income tax, capital gains tax, and inheritance tax

Per year	2011-12	2012-13
Income tax personal and age-related allowances		
Personal allowance (age under 65)	£7,475	£8,105
Personal allowance (age 65-74)	£9,490	£10,500
Personal allowance (age 75 and over)	£10,090	£10,660
Married couple's allowance* (age 75 and over)	£7,295	£7,705
Married couple's allowance* - minimum amount	£2,800	£2,960
Income limit for age-related allowances	£24,000	£25,400
Income limit for under 65 personal allowance	£100,000	£100,000
Blind person's allowance	£1,980	£2,100
Capital gains tax annual exempt amount		
Individuals etc.	£10,600	£11,200
Most trustees	£5,300	£5,300±
Individual inheritance tax allowance	£325,000	£325,000
Pension schemes allowances		
Annual Allowance	£50,000	£50,000
Lifetime Allowance	£1,800,000	£1,500,000

* Married couple's allowance is given at the rate of 10%.

±This figure has not been confirmed by Statutory Instrument - see comments below.

Income tax: Taxable bands

	2011-12	2012-13
Savings starting rate*: 10%	0-£2,560	0-£2,710
Basic rate ¹ : 20%	0-£35,000	0 - £34,370
Higher rate: 40%	£35,001 - £150,000	£34,371 - £150,000
Additional rate: 50% (45% from 2012/13)	Over £150,000	Over £150,000

* Only available if non savings income is less than this amount

Capital gains tax rates

	2011-12	2012-13
Standard rate of CGT	18%	18%
Higher rate (for higher rate income tax payers)	28%	28%
Rate for Entrepreneurs	10%	10%

Source: [HMRC Capital Gains Tax rates](#)

Corporation tax on profits

£ per year (unless stated)	2011-12	2012-13
£0-£300,000	20%	20%
£300,001 - £1,500,000	Marginal rate	Marginal rate
£1,500,001 or more	26%	24%*

* Annual reductions announced in 2011 Budget will continue at 1% to reach a rate of 22% by 2014-15. Source: [HMRC Corporation Tax rates](#)

National insurance contributions

per week (unless stated)	2011-12	2012-13
Lower earnings limit, primary Class 1	£102	£107
Upper earnings limit, primary Class 1	£817	£817
Upper Accruals point	£770	£770
Primary threshold	£139	£146
Secondary threshold	£136	£144
Employees' primary Class 1 rate between primary threshold and upper earnings limit	12%	12%
Employees' primary Class 1 rate above upper earnings limit	2%	2%
Employees' contracted-out rebate - salary-related schemes	1.6%	1.4%
Employees' contracted-out rebate - money-purchase schemes	1.6%	Abolished
Married women's reduced rate between primary threshold and upper earnings limit	5.85%	5.85%
Married women's rate above upper earnings limit	2%	2%
Employers' secondary Class 1 rate above secondary threshold	13.8%	13.8%
Class 2 rate	£2.60	£2.65
Class 2 small earnings exception (per year)	£5,315	£5,595
Special Class 2 rate for share fishermen	£3.15	£3.30
Special Class 2 rate for volunteer development workers	£5.10	£5.35
Class 3 rate (per week)	£12.60	£13.25

Class 4 lower profits limit (per year)	£7,225	£7,605
Class 4 upper profits limit (per year)	£42,475	£42,475
Class 4 rate between lower profits limit and upper profits limit	9%	9%
Class 4 rate above upper profits limit	2%	2%

Working and child tax credits rates

£ per year (unless stated)	2011-12	2012-13
Working Tax Credit		
Basic element	£1,920	£1,920
Couple and lone parent element	£1,950	£1,950
30 hour element	£790	£790
Disabled worker element	£2,650	£2,790
Severe disability element	£1,130	£1,190
50+ Return to work payment (16-29 hours)	£1,365	Removed
50+ Return to work payment (30+ hours)	£2,030	Removed
Childcare element of the Working Tax Credit		
Maximum eligible cost for one child	£175 pw	£175 pw
Maximum eligible cost for two or more children	£300 pw	£300 pw
Percentage of eligible costs covered	70%	70%

Child Tax Credit			
Family element	£545	£545	
Child element	£2,555	£2,690	
Disabled child element	£2,800	£2,950	
Severely disabled child element	£1,130	1,190	
Income thresholds and withdrawal rates			
First income threshold	£6,420	£6,420	
First withdrawal rate	41%	41%	
Second income threshold	£40,000	Abolished	
Second withdrawal rate	41%	N/A	
First threshold for those entitled to Child Tax Credit only	£15,860	£15,860	
Income rise disregard	£10,000	£10,000	
Income fall disregard	-	£2,500	

Source: [Tables confirming tax and tax credit rates and thresholds for 2012-13](#)

Individual Savings Account (ISA)

Annual ISA subscription limit	2011-12	2012-13
Overall limit	£10,680	£11,280
of which cash	£5,340	£5,640
of which stocks & shares	£10,680	£11,280
Junior ISA subscription limit	£3,600	£3,600

Stamp taxes and duties

Transfers of land and buildings (consideration paid)

Rate	Non residential	Residential
	Total value of consideration	
Zero	£0 - £150,000	£0 - £125,000
1%	Over £150,001 - £250,000	Over £125,001 - £250,000*
3%	Over £250,001 - £500,000	Over £250,001 - £500,000
4%	Over £500,000	Over £500,000
5%	n/a	Over £1,000,000 (from April 2011)

* First time buyers can claim relief from SDLT on residential transactions up to £250,000 between 25 March 2010 and 25 March 2012

Fuel Duty

Budget 2011 abolished the planned 1p per litre Fuel Duty escalator and announced the 2012-13 RPI increase will be deferred from April 2012 to August 2012.