



Tables of tax rates and allowances

Rates and allowances for income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax, inheritance tax and the pension schemes earnings cap are set out below. All allowances, thresholds and limits for 2000–01 have risen in line with statutory indexation and rounding rules.

	2002/03	2001–02 (£)	Increase (£)
Income tax allowances			
Personal allowance	4,615	4,535	80
Personal allowance – age 65–74	6,100	5,990	110
Personal allowance – age 75 and over	6,370	6,260	110
Married couple's allowance – age 65 before 6 April 2000	5,465	5,365	100
Married couple's allowance – age 75 or more	5,535	5,435	100
Married couple's allowance – minimum amount	2,110	2,070	30
Income limit for age- related allowances	17,900	17,600	300
Blind person's allowance	1,480	1,450	30
Children's Tax Credit (10% relief, income related)	5,290	5,200	90
In year of birth (baby rate)	10,490	5,200	
Capital gains tax annual exempt amount			
Individuals, etc.	7,700	7,500	200
Other trustees	3,850	3,700	100
Inheritance tax threshold	250,000	242,000	8,000



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Taxable bands 2002/3 (2001/2 in brackets)	Non-savings	Savings/Capital Gains Tax	Dividends
0 – £1,920 (1,880)	10% (10%)	10% (10%)	10% (10%)
£1,921 – 29,900 (1,881 - 29,400)	22 % (22%)	20% (20%)	10% (10%)
over £29,900 (over 29,400)	40% (40%)	40% (40%)	32.5% (32.5%)

Corporation tax profits	2002/3 (2001/2)	(£)
Starting rate	0% (10%)	£0–10,000*
Marginal rate	23.75% (22.5%)	£10,001–50,000*
Small companies' rate	19% (20%)	£50,001–300,000*
Marginal rate	32.75% (32.5%)	£300,001–1,500,000*
Main rate	30% (30%)	£1,500,001 or more*
Marginal relief fraction	1/40	1/40
Profit threshold for quarterly instalment payments	£1,500,000*	£1,500,000*

*reduced where associated companies exist

National Insurance Contributions

Item	2002/03	2001/02
Class 1:		
Lower Earnings Limit (per week)	£75	£72
Upper Earnings Limit (per week – employees only)	£585	£575
Primary (employees) Threshold (per week)	£89	£87
Secondary (employers) Threshold (per week)	£89	£87
Employee's contributions	10%	10%
Employee's Contracted-out Rebate	1.6%	1.6%
Employer's Contribution Rates	11.8%	11.9%
Employer's Contracted-out Rebate		
Salary Related	3.5%	3%
Money Purchase	1.0%	0.6%
Married women's reduced rate	3.85%	–
Class 2: Self employed Contribution (per week)	£2.00	£2.00
Small Earnings Exception (per annum)	£4,025	£3,955
Class 3: (voluntary) Contribution (per week)	£6.85	£6.75
Class 4: Contributions – Upper Profits Limit	£30,420	£29,900
Contributions – Lower Profits Limit	£4,615	£4,535
Contribution Rate	7.0%	7.0%

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Working Families Tax Credit

	2002/03 from June (£)	2001/02 from June (£)
Basic Tax Credit (one per household)	62.50	59.00
Additional credit where one earner works 30 or more hours/week	11.65	11.45
Additional child tax credits		
Under 16	26.45	26.00
16–18	27.20	26.75

Personal Pensions and Retirement Annuity Premiums

Age at start of tax year	Retirement annuity (%)	Personal and Stakeholder pensions (%)
< 35	17.5	17.5
36–45	17.5	20.0
46–50	17.5	25.0
51–55	20.0	30.0
56–60	22.5	35.0
61–75	27.5	40.0

Pension maximum cap for tax relief £97,200 (£95,400 for 2001/02). Maximum contribution to Personal Pension is the higher of £3,600 or the relevant age and earnings percentage.

Fuel Benefit for Company Cars

Car engine capacity	2002/03		2000/01	
	Petrol	Diesel	Petrol	Diesel
0–1400cc	2,240	2,850	1,930	2,460
1,401–2000cc	2,850	2,850	2,460	2,460
> 2000cc	4,200	4,200	3,620	3,620

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Authorised private car mileage rates

Business Miles	Allowance rate per mile
0-10,000	40p
10,000+	25p

Excess payments over these rates are taxable. Shortfalls can be claimed as tax relief by the employee.

Taper Relief (for disposals after 5 April 2002)

Number of complete tax years in holding period	% of gain taxable	
	Business assets	Non-business assets
< 1	100	100
1	50	100
2	25	100
3	25	95
4	25	90
5	25	85
6	25	80
7	25	75
8	25	70
9	25	65
10 or more	25	60

VAT

	after 1 April 2002	after 1 April 2001
Standard Rate	17.5%	17.5%
Annual Registration Limit	£55,000	£54,000
De-registration Limit	£53,000	£52,000
VAT Fraction	7/47	7/47
Cash Accounting Scheme		
– max turnover	£600,000	£600,000
Annual Accounting Scheme		
– max turnover	£600,000	£600,000
Optional Flat Rate Scheme (from 25 April 2002)		
– max turnover	£100,000	-

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Retail prices index

(January 1987 = 100.0)

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Jan		82.6	86.8	91.2	96.2	100.0	103.3	111.0	119.5	130.2
Feb		83.0	87.2	91.9	96.6	100.4	103.7	111.8	120.2	130.9
Mar	79.4	83.1	87.5	92.8	96.7	100.6	104.1	112.3	121.4	131.4
Apr	81.0	84.3	88.6	94.8	97.7	101.8	105.8	114.3	125.1	133.1
May	81.6	84.6	89.0	95.2	97.8	101.9	106.2	115.0	126.2	133.5
Jun	81.9	84.8	89.2	95.4	97.8	101.9	106.0	115.4	126.7	134.1
Jul	81.9	85.3	89.1	95.2	97.5	101.8	106.7	115.5	126.8	133.8
Aug	81.9	85.7	89.9	95.5	97.8	102.1	107.9	115.8	128.1	134.1
Sept	81.9	86.1	90.1	95.4	98.3	102.4	108.4	116.6	129.3	134.6
Oct	82.3	86.4	90.7	95.6	98.5	102.9	109.5	117.5	130.3	135.1
Nov	82.7	86.7	91.0	95.9	99.3	103.4	110.0	118.5	130.0	135.6
Dec	82.5	86.9	90.0	96.0	99.6	103.3	110.3	118.8	129.9	135.7

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Jan	135.6	137.9	141.3	146.0	150.2	154.4	159.5	163.4	166.6	171.1
Feb	136.3	138.8	142.1	146.9	150.9	155.0	160.3	163.7	167.5	172.0
Mar	136.7	139.3	142.5	147.5	151.5	154.4	160.8	164.1	168.4	172.2
Apr	138.8	140.6	144.2	149.0	152.6	156.3	162.6	165.2	170.1	173.1
May	139.3	141.1	144.7	149.6	152.9	156.9	163.5	165.6	170.7	174.2
Jun	139.3	141.0	144.7	149.8	143.0	157.5	163.4	165.6	171.1	174.4
Jul	138.8	140.7	144.0	149.1	152.4	157.5	163.0	165.1	170.5	173.3
Aug	138.9	141.3	144.7	149.9	153.1	158.5	163.7	166.5	170.5	174.0
Sept	139.4	141.9	145.0	150.6	153.8	159.3	164.4	166.2	171.7	174.6
Oct	139.9	141.8	145.2	149.8	153.8	159.6	164.5	166.5	171.6	174.3
Nov	139.7	141.6	145.3	149.8	153.9	159.6	164.4	166.7	172.1	173.6
Dec	139.2	141.9	146.0	150.7	154.4	160.0	164.4	167.3	172.2	173.4

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Jan	173.3
Feb	173.8
Mar	174.5

Note: Only companies can continue to receive the indexation allowance for capital disposals after April 1998. For individuals, indexation allowance stops at April 1998 and taper relief is then applied.

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Capital gains tax indexation allowance for individuals for disposals after April 1998

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1982	–	–	1.047	1.006	0.992	0.987	0.986	0.985	0.987	0.977	0.967	0.971
1983	0.968	0.960	0.956	0.929	0.921	0.917	0.906	0.898	0.889	0.883	0.876	0.871
1984	0.872	0.865	0.859	0.834	0.828	0.823	0.825	0.808	0.804	0.793	0.788	0.789
1985	0.783	0.769	0.752	0.716	0.708	0.704	0.707	0.703	0.704	0.701	0.695	0.693
1986	0.689	0.683	0.681	0.665	0.662	0.663	0.667	0.662	0.654	0.652	0.638	0.632
1987	0.626	0.620	0.616	0.597	0.596	0.596	0.597	0.593	0.588	0.580	0.573	0.574
1988	0.574	0.568	0.562	0.537	0.531	0.525	0.524	0.507	0.500	0.485	0.478	0.474
1989	0.465	0.454	0.448	0.423	0.414	0.409	0.408	0.404	0.395	0.384	0.372	0.369
1990	0.361	0.353	0.339	0.300	0.288	0.283	0.282	0.269	0.258	0.248	0.251	0.252
1991	0.249	0.242	0.237	0.222	0.218	0.213	0.215	0.213	0.208	0.204	0.199	0.198
1992	0.199	0.193	0.189	0.171	0.167	0.167	0.171	0.171	0.166	0.162	0.164	0.168
1993	0.179	0.171	0.167	0.156	0.152	0.153	0.156	0.151	0.146	0.147	0.148	0.146
1994	0.151	0.144	0.141	0.128	0.124	0.124	0.129	0.124	0.121	0.120	0.119	0.114
1995	0.114	0.107	0.102	0.091	0.087	0.085	0.091	0.085	0.080	0.085	0.085	0.079
1996	0.083	0.078	0.073	0.066	0.063	0.063	0.067	0.062	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.053
1997	0.053	0.049	0.046	0.040	0.036	0.032	0.032	0.026	0.021	0.019	0.019	0.016
1998	0.019	0.014	0.011	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Some Other Useful Rates

	2002/03 £	2001/02 £
Basic Retirement Pension (per week)		
– Single Person	75.50	72.50
– Married Couple	120.70	115.90
Child Benefit (per week)		
– First Eligible Child	15.75	15.50
– Each Extra Child	10.55	10.35
Statutory Sick Pay		
£75 or more (2001/02 £72)	63.75	62.20
Statutory Maternity Pay		
Average Weekly Earnings		
£75 or over (2001/02 £72)		
Higher Weekly Rate (first six weeks)	90% of weekly earnings	
Lower Weekly Rate (next twelve weeks)	75.00	62.20
Job Seekers Allowance		
– Single Person	53.95	53.05
– Married Couple	84.65	83.25
National Minimum Wage	From October 2001 £4.10 per hour From October 2002 £4.20 per hour	
Disabled Person's Tax Credit	62.10	61.05

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