

Tax Data 2014/15

Income Tax	2014-15	2013-14
Basic rate band - income up to	£31,865	£32,010
Starting rate for savings	*10%	*10%
Basic rate	20%	20%
Dividend ordinary rate	10%	10%
Higher rate - income over	£31,865	£32,010
Higher rate	40%	40%
Dividend upper rate	32.5%	32.5%
Additional rate - income over	£150,000	£150,000
Additional rate	45%	45%
Dividend additional rate	37.5%	37.5%

*Starting rate is for savings income up to the starting rate limit of £2,880 (£2,790) within the basic rate band. The rate applies to any balance of the limit remaining after allocating taxable non-savings income.

Personal allowance (PA)		2014-15	2013-14
- under 65		*£10,000	*£9,440
- 65 to 75		*£10,500	*£10,500
- 75 and over		*£10,660	*£10,660

Married couple's allowance (MCA)

Either partners born before 6 April 1935 (relief restricted to 10%)	2014-15	2013-14
	*£8,165	*£7,915

Ages are as at the end of the tax year *Age-related allowance are reduced by £1 for every £2 that adjusted net income exceeds £27,000 (£26,100) to a minimum PA of £10,000 (£9,440) and to a minimum MCA of £3,140 (£3,040). Where adjusted net income exceeds £100,000 (£100,000), PA is reduced in the same way until it is nil.

Tax Shelters

Enterprise Investment Scheme up to	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
Venture Capital Trust up to	£200,000	£200,000
'Rent a Room' exempt on gross annual rent	£4,250	£4,250
Construction Industry Scheme deduction rate	20/30%	20/30%

ISA's: Overall investment limit is £15,000 including cash maximum of £5,940.

Pensions

There is no financial limit on the amount that may be contributed to a registered pension scheme. The maximum amount on which an individual can claim tax relief in any tax year is the greater if the individual's UK relevant earnings or £3,600. If total pension input exceeds the annual allowance of £40,000 there may be a tax charge on the excess. Maximum age for tax relief is 74 and minimum age for taking benefits is 55. Lifetime allowance charge – lump sum paid 55% and monies retained 25% on cumulative benefits exceeding £1,250,000*. Maximum tax-free lump sum 25%* *(Subject to transitional protection for excess amount).

Company Cars and Vans

These taxable benefits generally arise on employees earning £8,500 or over (including benefits) and directors. Company car benefit is calculated as a percentage (based on the car's CO₂ emissions rounded down to next multiple of 5) of the car's UK list price. The normal minimum rate is 10%. Diesel cars generally suffer a 3% supplement on top of the CO₂ emissions-based percentage. The maximum rate for all cars is 35%. Special rules apply to certain environmentally friendly cars.

Company car fuel benefit is charge unless the cost of all fuel for private use is borne by the employee. The taxable benefit is calculated by applying the appropriate car benefit percentage to £21,700.

Company van benefit is not related to CO₂ emissions but is a set figure of £3,090 with an extra £581 where fuel for private use is provided. There is no benefit charge for certain environmentally friendly vans or where the restricted private use condition is met.

Mileage rates for employees using their own cars for business:

Approved rates are 45p per mile for the first 10,000 miles and 25p thereafter. Income tax and NIC's may be due on higher rates and tax relief may be due on lower rates.

CO ₂ emissions (g/km)	Appropriate %		CO ₂ emissions (g/km)	Appropriate %	
	Petrol	Diesel		Petrol	Diesel
120 or less	16	19	160	24	26
125	17	20	165	25	28
130	18	21	170	26	29
135	19	22	175	27	30
140	20	23	180	28	31
145	21	24	185	29	32
150	22	25	190	30	33
			210 or over	35	35

Corporation Tax

Financial Year to

			31 March 2015	31 March 2014
Taxable Profits	First	£300,000	20%	20%
	Next	£1,200,000	21.25%	23.75%
	Over	£1,500,000	21%	23%

Capital Gains Tax

On chargeable gains	2014-15
Total taxable income and gains	
Up to £31,865	18%
From £31,866	28%
Trust rate	28%

Entrepreneur's relief – Qualifying gains will be taxed at 10%. Claims may be made on more than one occasion up to a 'lifetime' total of £10 million • Annual exempt amount – individuals £11,000 and most trustees £5,500 • Transfers between spouses and civil partners are generally not chargeable.

Inheritance Tax

	2014-15	2013-14
Standard threshold	£325,000	£325,000
Combined threshold maximum for married couples and civil partners	£650,000	£650,000
Rate of tax on balance:		
Chargeable lifetime transfers	20%	20%
Transfers on, or within 7 years of, death	40%	40%

subject to a tapered reduction for transfers between 7 and 3 years before death
Exemptions may be available; please contact us for relevant information and advice.

National Insurance Contributions

Class 1 (not contracted out)		Employee (primary)	Employer (secondary)
Payable on weekly earnings of			
Up to £110 (lower earnings limit)		Nil	-
£111 - £153 (primary threshold)		0%	-
Up to £153 (secondary threshold)		-	Nil
Above £153		-	12%
£153.01 - £805 (upper earnings limit)		12%	-
Over £805		2%	-
Over state retirement age, the employee contribution is generally nil.			
Class 1A	On relevant benefits	13.8%	
Class 2	Self employed	£2.75 per week	
	Limit of net earnings for exemption	£5,885 per annum	
Class 3	Voluntary	£13,90 per week	
Class 4*	Self employed on profits		
	£7,956 - £41,865	9%	
	Excess over £41,865	2%	

*Exemption applies if state retirement age was reached by 6 April 2014

Stamp Taxes

Stamp duty is generally payable at a rate of 0.5% on transfers of shares and securities. On the transfer of property, the stamp duty lands tax is:

Value up to £125,000*	nil
Over £125,000* to £250,000	1%
Over £250,000 to £500,000	3%
Over £500,000 to £1,000,000	4%
Over £1,000,000** to £2,000,000**	5%**
Over £2,000,000**	7%**

*£150,000 for non-residential property, **Residential property only. A 15% rate will apply to properties over £500,000 purchased by certain non-natural persons.

Capital Allowances

Plant and Machinery: investment for use in Enterprise Zones, energy saving and environmentally beneficial equipment, new zero-emission goods vehicles, low CO2 emission (up to 95g/km) cars, natural gas/hydrogen refuelling equipments first year allowance (FYA) 100% • Annual Investment Allowance (AIA) 100%* - on first £500,000 of investment. Excludes cars and expenditure already qualifying for 100% FYA • Writing Down Allowance on expenditure not qualifying for AIA or FYA: Long-life assets, integral features of buildings, cars over 130g/km 8%* • Other plant and machinery 18%* Conversion of parts of business premises into flats, business premises renovation maximum initial allowance 100%

*Transitional rules may apply.

Value Added Tax

From	1 April 2014
Standard Rate	20%
VAT Fraction	1/6
Reduced Rate	5%

Current Turnover Limits

Registration - last 12 months/next 30 days over	£81,000 from 1 April 2014
Deregistration - next year under	£79,000 from 1 April 2014
Annual and Cash Accounting Schemes	£1,350,000
Flat Rate Scheme	£150,000

Selected Rates

Basic Retirement Pension	- Single person	£113.10
	- Couple	£180.90

Pension Credit

Standard Minimum Guarantee	- Single person	£148.35
	- Couple	£226.50

Child Benefit

- First eligible child	£20.50
- Each subsequent child	£13.55

Statutory Pay qualification - average weekly earnings (AWE) £111 or over

Sick (SSP) The Standard rate is £87.55 per week for up to 28 weeks

Maternity (SMP), Adoption (SAP) and Paternity (SSP) paid at the lower of £138.18 or 90% of AWE apart from first 6 weeks of SMP which is paid at 90% of AWE. **SMP** and **SAP** are payable for up to 39 weeks. **SPP** is payable for up to 2 weeks

Jobseekers Allowance	- Single person (25 or over)	£72.40
	- Couple	£113.70

National Minimum Wage:	Age 21+	18-20	16 and 17	Apprentices*
From 1 October 2013	£6.31	£5.03	£3.72	£2.68
From 1 October 2014	£6.50	£5.13	£3.79	£2.73

*Rate applies to apprentices under 19, or 19 and over in the first year of apprenticeship.

Key Dates & Deadlines

Payment Dates		2014-15	2013-14
Income Tax and Class 4 NICs			
1st payment on account	31 January	2015	2014
2nd payment on account	31 July	2015	2014
Balancing payment	31 January	2016	2015
Capital Gains Tax	31 January	2016	2015
Capital Gains Tax	19 July	2015	2014
Corporation Tax	9 months and one day after the end of accounting period (or by quarterly installments if large company)		

2013-14 Returns Filing Deadlines: 31 May 2014 - Issues P60s to employees • 6 July 2014 - P9D, P11D and P11D(b) and appropriate copies to employees

• 31 October 2014 - Self Assessment Tax Return (SATR) - paper version • 30 December 2014 - SATR Online where outstanding tax (less than £3,000) to be included in 2015 -16 PAYE code • 31 January 2015 - SATR Online.

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