

TAX FREE MILEAGE ALLOWANCES

	Higher rate	Lower rate
All cars	40p	25p
Motorcycles	24p	24p
Bicycles	20p	20p
Business passengers	5p	5p

The higher rate is applicable for up to 10,000 business miles.

Fuel only allowance for company cars

From 1 June 2010	Petrol	Diesel	LPG
Up to 1400cc	12p	11p	8p
1401 – 2000cc	15p	11p	10p
Over 2000cc	21p	16p	14p

These rates may change within the tax year.

CAR BENEFITS

The taxable benefit is calculated as a percentage of the car's UK list price. The percentage depends on the car's CO₂ emissions in grams per kilometre.

Rating	Petrol	Diesel
1 – 75g/km	5%	8%
76 – 120g/km	10%	13%
121 – 134 g/km	15%	18%
Over 134g/km	add 1% for every 5g/km	
Maximum 230g/km and over	35%	35%

Lower rates may apply to alternative fuel cars.

Chargeable on employees earning £8,500 or over (including benefits) and directors. The list price is on the day before first registration, including accessories and is reduced by any employee's capital contribution (max £5,000) when the car is first made available. The price is subject to an upper limit of £80,000. Special rules apply to cars at least 15 years old worth £15,000 or more. Vans where private use is more than home to work travel; £3,000 and £550 for private fuel. Payments by employees for private use may reduce these benefits.

VALUE ADDED TAX

From	4.1.2011	1.4.2010
Standard rate	20%	17.5%
VAT fraction	1/6	7/47

Taxable turnover limits

Registration – last 12 months or next 30 days over	£70,000	£70,000
De-registration – next year under	£68,000	£68,000
Annual Accounting Scheme	£1,350,000	£1,350,000
Cash Accounting Scheme	£1,350,000	£1,350,000
Flat Rate Scheme	£150,000	£150,000

STAMP TAXES

Stamp duty is payable at a rate of 0.5% on transfers of shares and securities of £1,000 and over.

On the transfer of residential property	£0 – £125,000*	nil
	£125,001 – £250,000**	1%
	£250,001 – £500,000	3%
	£500,001 and over	4%

*£150,000 in disadvantaged areas. ** First time buyers can claim relief on residential transactions up to £250,000 between 25 March 2010 and 24 March 2012.

DUE DATES FOR TAX PAYMENTS

Income Tax and Class 4 NIC	2010/11	2009/10
1st payment on account	31 January 2011	2010
2nd payment on account	31 July 2011	2010
Balancing payment	31 January 2012	2011
Capital Gains Tax	31 January 2012	2011

Inheritance Tax – Normally six months after the end of the month in which death occurs.

Corporation Tax

Small and medium companies	Nine months and one day after the end of accounting period
Large companies	Four quarterly instalments commencing 6.5 months into the accounting period

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TAX RATES
2010 / 2011

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INCOME TAX BANDS AND RATES	2010/11	2009/10
Savings rate band	£2,440	£2,440
Savings rate	10%	10%
Basic rate band	£37,400	£37,400
Basic tax rate	20%	20%
Dividend ordinary rate	10%	10%
Higher rate band	£37,401–£150,000	Over £37,400
Higher tax rate	40%	40%
Dividend higher tax rate	32.5%	32.5%
Additional rate band	Over £150,000	N/A
Additional tax rate	50%	N/A
Dividend additional tax rate	42.5%	N/A

Allowances that reduce taxable income

Personal allowances	(under 65)	£6,475	£6,475
	(65 to 74)	£9,490	£9,490
	(75 and over)	£9,640	£9,640
Blind persons allowance		£1,890	£1,890

Age related allowances are reduced by £1 for each £2 of income above £22,900 (2009/10 £22,900), until the minimum of £6,475 (2009/10 £6,475) is reached. The minimum personal allowance is reduced, by £1 for each £2 of income from £100,000 to £112,950.

Allowances that reduce tax

Married couple's allowance (MCA)

Tax reduction	(75 and over)	£696.50	£696.50
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The age for MCA is of the elder spouse or civil partner. The loss of tax reduction is 10p for each £2 of income above £22,900 (2009/10 £22,900) until the minimum of £267 (2009/10 £267) is reached.

All ages as at 5 April 2011.

INHERITANCE TAX	2010/11	2009/10
Standard threshold	£325,000	£325,000
Combined threshold maximum for married couples and civil partners	£650,000	£650,000

Rates of tax on balance

Chargeable lifetime transfers	20%	20%
Transfers on or within seven years of death	40%	40%

All lifetime transfers not covered by exemptions and made within 7 years of death will be added back into the estate for the purposes of calculating the tax payable. This may then be reduced:

Years before death	0–3	3–4	4–5	5–6	6–7
Tax reduced by	0%	20%	40%	60%	80%

Main exemptions

- Most transfers between spouses and between civil partners.
- First £3,000 of lifetime transfers in any tax year plus any unused from the previous year.
- Gifts up to £250 p.a. to any number of persons.
- Gifts made out of income that form part of normal expenditure and do not reduce the standard of living.
- Gifts in consideration of marriage/civil partnership up to £5,000 by a parent, £2,500 by grandparents, or £1,000 by any other.
- Gifts to charities, whether made during lifetime or on death.

NATIONAL INSURANCE

Class 1 (not contracted out)

	EMPLOYER	EMPLOYEE
Lower earnings limit		£97
Payable on weekly earnings of £110.01 to £844	12.8%	11%
Over £844	12.8%	1%
Over state retirement age	12.8%	nil

Class 1A		
On relevant benefits	12.8%	nil

Class 2

Self employed	£2.40 per week
Limit of net earnings for exception	£5,075 per annum

Class 3

Voluntary	£12.05 per week
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Class 4*

Self employed on profits £5,715 – £43,875	8%
Excess over £43,875	1%

*Exemption applies if state retirement age reached by 6 April 2010

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

	2010/11	2009/10
Tax rate	18%	18%
Annual exemption	Individual £10,100 Settlement(s) £5,050	£10,100 £5,050
Entrepreneurs' relief:	Effective rate 10% Lifetime limit £5,000,000*	10% £1,000,000

* This increased from £2 million from 23 June 2010

PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Maximum annual tax-efficient gross contributions to age 75

- individuals	£3,600 or 100% of earnings to £255,000
- employers	£255,000 less employee contributions

Maximum tax efficient fund on taking benefits in 2010/11: £1.8m (staying the same until 2015/16)

Only current earnings count for the 100% limit. Most personal pension contributions are paid net of basic rate tax.

Extra contributions over £20,000 by those with income over £130,000 may suffer a clawback of relief.

CORPORATION TAX

Financial Year to		31.3.2011	31.3.2010
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Taxable profits		21%	21%
First £300,000			
Next £1,200,000		29.75%	29.75%
Over £1,500,000		28%	28%

MAIN CAPITAL ALLOWANCES

Plant and machinery

Energy saving and environmentally beneficial equipment, electric and low CO₂ emission (up to 110 g/km) cars, natural gas/hydrogen refuelling equipment: first year allowance 100%

Annual investment allowance (AIA) – on first £100,000 of investment (excludes cars and expenditure already qualifying for 100% first year allowance) 100%

Writing down allowance – cars

111g/km – 160g/km	20%
Over 160g/km	10%

Writing down allowance (WDA) on expenditure not qualifying for AIA: Long-life assets, integral features of buildings 10%
Other plant and machinery 20%

Buildings

Industrial and agricultural buildings and hotels
WDA (on building cost) 1%

Enterprise Zone Allowance, conversion of parts of business premises into flats, business premises renovation: max. initial allowance 100%