

A watercolor-style illustration of a landscape. The foreground is a field of green grass with scattered yellow and red flowers. In the middle ground, there are several tall, dark green evergreen trees. The background shows rolling hills or mountains in shades of light blue and white, suggesting a misty or hazy atmosphere.

CLIFFORD

TOWERS

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**2018/19
TAX RATES**

INCOME TAX RATES

Income tax rates (other than savings and dividend income)

2018/19

2017/18

Band £	Rate %	Band £	Rate %
0 - 34,500	20	0 - 33,500	20
34,501 - 150,000	40	33,501 - 150,000	40
Over 150,000	45	Over 150,000	45

Scotland income tax rates (savings and dividend income are taxed using UK rates and bands)

2018/19

2017/18

Band £	Rate %	Band £	Rate %
0 - 2,000	19	0 - 31,500	20
2,001 - 12,150	20	31,501 - 150,000	40
12,151 - 31,580	21	Over 150,000	45
31,581 - 150,000	41		
Over 150,000	46		

Savings income

2018/19 and 2017/18

Starting rate for savings	0%
Starting rate limit for savings	£5,000

£1,000 of savings income for basic rate taxpayers (£500 for higher rate) may be tax free.

Dividend income

2018/19 and 2017/18

Dividend ordinary rate	7.5%
Dividend upper rate	32.5%
Dividend additional rate	38.1%

The first £2,000 (£5,000) of dividends are tax free.

INCOME TAX RELIEFS

	2018/19	2017/18
Personal allowance	£11,850**	£11,500**
<small>(Reduce personal allowance by £1 for every £2 of adjusted net income over £100,000.)</small>		
<small>**£1,185 (£1,150) may be transferable between certain spouses where neither pay tax above the basic rate.</small>		
Married couple's allowance (relief at 10%)*	£8,695	£8,445
<small>(Either partner 75 or over and born before 6 April 1935.)</small>		
- min. amount	£3,360	£3,260
*Age allowance income limit	£28,900	£28,000
<small>(Reduce age allowance by £1 for every £2 of adjusted net income over £28,900 (£28,000).)</small>		
Blind person's allowance	£2,390	£2,320

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Individuals	2018/19**	2017/18**
Exemption	£11,700	£11,300
Standard rate	10%	10%
Higher rate*	20%	20%
Trusts		
Exemption	£5,850	£5,650
Rate	20%	20%

*For higher and additional rate taxpayers.

**Higher rates (18/28%) may apply to the disposal of certain residential property and carried interest.

Entrepreneurs' Relief and Investors' Relief

The first £10m of qualifying gains are charged at 10%. Gains in excess of the limit are charged at the rates detailed above.

INDIVIDUAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

	2018/19	2017/18
Overall investment limit	£20,000	£20,000
Junior account limit	£4,260	£4,128

NATIONAL INSURANCE

2018/19 Class 1 (employed) rates

Employee		Employer**	
Earnings per week	%	Earnings per week**	%
Up to £162	Nil*	Up to £162	Nil
£162.01 - £892	12	Over £162	13.8**
Over £892	2		

*Entitlement to contribution-based benefits retained for earnings between £116 and £162 per week. **The rate is 0% for employees under 21 and apprentices under 25 on earnings up to £892 per week.

Class 1A (employers) 13.8% on employee taxable benefits

Class 1B (employers) 13.8% on PAYE Settlement Agreements

Class 2 (self-employed) flat rate per week £2.95
small profits threshold £6,205 p.a.

Class 3 (voluntary) flat rate per week £14.65

Class 4 (self-employed) 9% on profits between £8,424 and £46,350
plus 2% on profits over £46,350

INHERITANCE TAX

Death rate	Lifetime rate	Chargeable transfers 2018/19 and 2017/18
Nil	Nil	0 - £325,000 (nil rate band)
40%	20%	Over £325,000

A further nil rate band of £125,000 (£100,000) may be available in relation to current or former residences. Nil rate bands of surviving spouses/civil partners may be increased by unused nil rate bands of deceased spouses/civil partners.

Reliefs

Annual exemption	£3,000	Marriage - parent	£5,000
Small gifts	£250	- grandparent	£2,500
		- bride/groom	£2,500
		- other	£1,000

Reduced charge on gifts within seven years of death

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

CAR, VAN AND FUEL BENEFITS

Company cars 2018/19		For diesel cars generally add a 4% supplement (unless the car is registered on or after 1 September 2017 and meets the Euro 6d emissions standard) but the maximum is still 37%. The list price includes accessories and is not subject to an upper limit. The list price is reduced for capital contributions made by the employee up to £5,000. Special rules may apply to cars provided for disabled employees. *If the CO ₂ figure does not end in a 5 or 0 round down to the nearest 5 or 0.
Percentage of car's list price taxed	CO ₂ emissions gm/km	
13	0-50	
16	51-75	
19	76-94	
additional 1%	for every additional 5*	
up to 37% (max.)	180 and above*	

Car fuel benefit 2018/19

£23,400 x 'appropriate percentage'*

*Percentage used to calculate the taxable benefit of the car for which the fuel is provided. The charge does not apply to certain environmentally friendly cars.

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

Van benefit per vehicle 2018/19

Van benefit £3,350

Fuel benefit £633

The charges do not apply to vans if a 'restricted private use condition' is met throughout the year.

A reduced charge may be due if the van cannot in any circumstances emit CO₂ by being driven.

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS

2018/19 and 2017/18

Cars and vans	Rate per mile	These rates represent the maximum tax free mileage allowances for employees using their own vehicles for business. Any excess is taxable. If the employee receives less than the statutory rate, tax relief can be claimed on the difference.
Up to 10,000 miles	45p	
Over 10,000 miles	25p	
Bicycles	20p	
Motorcycles	24p	

STATUTORY PAY RATES

Weekly benefit	2018/19	2017/18
Basic retirement pension - single person	£125.95	£122.30
- married couple	£201.45	£195.60
New state pension	£164.35	£159.55
Statutory pay rates - average weekly earnings £116 (£113) or over		
Statutory Sick Pay	£92.05	£89.35
Statutory Maternity and Adoption Pay - first six weeks	90% of weekly earnings	
- next 33 weeks	£145.18*	£140.98*
Statutory Paternity Pay - two weeks	£145.18*	£140.98*

*Or 90% of weekly earnings if lower.

TAX RELIEFS FOR INDIVIDUALS

2018/19

Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS)

Relief on investments in certain unquoted trading companies up to £1m p.a. (£2m for knowledge intensive companies):

- Income tax relief at 30%.
 - Capital gains exemption on disposal.
- Unlimited amounts of capital gains from the disposal of other assets may be able to be deferred by making an EIS investment.

Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (SEIS)

Relief on investments in certain unquoted trading companies up to £100,000 p.a.:

- Income tax relief at 50%.
 - Capital gains exemption on disposal.
- Capital gains from the disposal of other assets may be exempt up to £50,000 p.a. by making an SEIS investment.

Venture Capital Trusts (VCTs)

Relief on investments in certain quoted companies up to £200,000 p.a.:

- Income tax relief at 30%.
 - Capital gains exemption on disposal.
- Dividends received from VCTs may be exempt from income tax.

Social Investment Relief (SIR)

Relief on investments in certain social enterprises (inc. charities) up to £1m p.a.:

- Income tax relief at 30%.
 - Capital gains exemption on disposal.
- Capital gains from the disposal of other assets may be able to be deferred by making an SIR investment up to £1m p.a.

(All reliefs subject to detailed conditions being met.)

CORPORATION TAX

Year to 31.3.19

Year to 31.3.18

Profits band £	Rate %	Profits band £	Rate %
All profits	19	All profits	19

Different rates apply for ring-fenced (broadly oil industry) profit.

CAPITAL ALLOWANCES

Plant and machinery - Annual Investment Allowance (AIA)

The AIA gives a 100% write-off on most types of plant and machinery costs, including integral features and long life assets but not cars, of up to £200,000 p.a.

Any costs over the AIA fall into the normal capital allowance pools below. The AIA may need to be shared between certain businesses under common ownership.

Other plant and machinery allowances - The annual rate of allowance is 18%. An 8% rate applies to expenditure incurred on integral features and on long life assets.

A 100% first year allowance may be available on certain energy efficient plant and cars.

Cars - For expenditure incurred on cars, costs are generally allocated to one of the two plant and machinery pools. Cars with CO₂ emissions not exceeding 130gm/km receive an 18% allowance p.a. Cars with CO₂ emissions over 130gm/km receive an 8% allowance p.a. The emissions figure is reduced to 110gm/km for expenditure incurred on or after 1 April 2018.

PENSION PREMIUMS

2018/19 and 2017/18

Tax relief available for personal contributions: higher of £3,600 (gross) or 100% of relevant earnings (max. £40,000). Any contributions in excess of £40,000, whether personal or by the employer, may be subject to income tax on the individual. The £40,000 limit may be reduced where 'adjusted income' exceeds £150,000.

The limit may be reduced to £4,000 once money purchase pensions are accessed. Where the £40,000 limit is not fully used it may be possible to carry the unused amount forward for three years.

Employers will obtain tax relief on employer contributions if they are paid and made 'wholly and exclusively'.

VALUE ADDED TAX

Standard rate	20%
Reduced rate	5%
Annual Registration Limit - from 1.4.18 (1.4.17 - 31.3.18 £85,000)	£85,000
Annual Deregistration Limit - from 1.4.18 (1.4.17 - 31.3.18 £83,000)	£83,000

STAMP DUTY AND STAMP DUTY LAND TAX

Land and buildings in England and N. Ireland

Rate	Residential	Non-residential	Rate
%	£	£	%
0	0 - 125,000	0 - 150,000	0
2	125,001 - 250,000	150,001 - 250,000	2
5	250,001 - 925,000	Over 250,000	5
10	925,001 - 1,500,000		
12	Over 1,500,000		

Shares and securities - rate 0.5%.

LAND AND BUILDINGS TRANSACTION TAX

Land and buildings in Scotland

Rate	Residential	Non-residential	Rate
%	£	£	%
0	0 - 145,000	0 - 150,000	0
2	145,001 - 250,000	150,001 - 350,000	3
5	250,001 - 325,000	Over 350,000	4.5
10	325,001 - 750,000		
12	Over 750,000		

LAND TRANSACTION TAX

Land and buildings in Wales from 1 April 2018

Rate	Residential	Non-residential	Rate
%	£	£	%
0	0 - 180,000	0 - 150,000	0
3.5	180,001 - 250,000	150,001 - 250,000	1
5	250,001 - 400,000	250,001 - 1,000,000	5
7.5	400,001 - 750,000	Over 1,000,000	6
10	750,001 - 1,500,000		
12	Over 1,500,000		

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