

# SOPHER + CO

Your partners for the important decisions in life and business

## TAX RATES 2026/27



ACCOUNTANCY | AUDIT | BUSINESS MANAGEMENT  
| TAX | THE PRIVATE OFFICE

sopherco.com | enquiries@sopherco.com | +44 (0)20 7493 0100

# Income Tax

## Rates and bands (other than savings and dividend income)

2026/27		2025/26	
Band £	Rate %	Band £	Rate %
0 - 37,700	20	0 - 37,700	20
37,701 - 125,140	40	37,701 - 125,140	40
Over 125,140	45	Over 125,140	45

Income tax rates in Scotland and Wales on income other than savings and dividend income have been devolved.

Savings income	2026/27 and 2025/26
Savings allowance basic rate	£1,000
Savings allowance higher rate	£500

A starting rate of 0% may be available unless taxable non-savings income exceeds £5,000.

Dividend income	2026/27	2025/26
Dividend allowance	£500	£500
Dividend ordinary rate	10.75%	8.75%
Dividend upper rate	35.75%	33.75%
Dividend additional rate	39.35%	39.35%

## Income Tax Allowances

	2026/27	2025/26
Personal allowance	£12,570	£12,570
Personal allowance income limit	£100,000	£100,000
Marriage allowance	£1,260	£1,260
Married couple's allowance	£11,700	£11,270
- minimum amount	£4,530	£4,360
- income limit	£39,200	£37,700
Blind person's allowance	£3,250	£3,130

## Value Added Tax

	From 1.4.26	From 1.4.25
Standard rate	20%	20%
Reduced rate	5%	5%
Annual Registration Limit	£90,000	£90,000
Annual Deregistration Limit	£88,000	£88,000

## Devolved Income Tax

### Scotland rates and bands

2026/27		2025/26	
Band £	Rate %	Band £	Rate %
0 - 3,967	19	0 - 2,827	19
3,968 - 16,956	20	2,828 - 14,921	20
16,957 - 31,092	21	14,922 - 31,092	21
31,093 - 62,430	42	31,093 - 62,430	42
62,431 - 125,140	45	62,431 - 125,140	45
Over 125,140	48	Over 125,140	48

### Wales rates and bands

2026/27		2025/26	
Band £	Rate %	Band £	Rate %
0 - 37,700	20	0 - 37,700	20
37,701 - 125,140	40	37,701 - 125,140	40
Over 125,140	45	Over 125,140	45

## Capital Gains Tax

Individuals	2026/27	2025/26
Exemption	£3,000	£3,000
Standard rate	18%	18%
Higher/additional rate	24%	24%
Trusts		
Exemption	£1,500	£1,500
Rate	24%	24%

### Business Asset Disposal Relief

The first £1m of qualifying gains are charged at 14% for 2025/26 and 18% for 2026/27.

## Inheritance Tax

Death rate	Lifetime rate	Chargeable transfers 2026/27 and 2025/26
Nil	Nil	0 - £325,000 (nil rate band)
40%	20%	Over £325,000

A further nil rate band of £175,000 may be available in relation to current or former residences.

## Car, Van and Fuel Benefits

2026/27		
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions g/km		% of list price taxed
0		4
1 - 50		
Electric range	130 or more	4
	70 - 129	7
	40 - 69	10
	30 - 39	14
	under 30	16
51 - 54		17
For every extra 5 (other than the 75-79 bracket)		+1
155 and above		37

For fully 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%. For emissions of 75g/km or more if the CO<sub>2</sub> figure does not end in a 5 or 0 round down to the nearest 5 or 0.

### 2026/27

Car fuel benefit	£29,200
Van benefit	£4,170
Van fuel benefit	£798

## Tax Reliefs for Individuals

### 2026/27

#### Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS)

Relief on investments in certain unquoted trading companies up to £1m per annum (£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 £200,000 per annum:

- Income tax relief at 50%
- Capital gains exemption on disposal

Capital gains from the disposal of other assets may be exempt up to £100,000 per annum by making an SEIS investment.

#### Venture Capital Trusts (VCTs)

Relief on investments in certain quoted companies up to £200,000 per annum:

- Income tax relief at 20%
- Capital gains exemption on disposal

Dividends received from VCTs may be exempt from income tax.

## Selected Rates

	2026/27	2025/26
<b>Weekly benefit</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>New State Pension</b>	241.30	230.25
<b>Old State Pension</b>	184.90	176.45
<b>Statutory pay standard rates</b>		
Sick Pay	123.25	118.75
Maternity/Adoption Pay	194.32	187.18
Shared Parental Pay	194.32	187.18
Paternity Pay	194.32	187.18

## National Living Wage and National Minimum Wage

Age	NLW	18-20	16-17	Apprentices
From 1 April 2026	£12.71	£10.85	£8	£8

Applies to apprentices under 19 or 19 and over in the first year of apprenticeship.

NLW applies to those aged 21 and over.

## National Insurance

### 2026/27 Class 1 (employed) rates

<b>Employee</b>		<b>Employer</b>	
<b>Earnings per week</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Earnings per week</b>	<b>%</b>
Up to £242	Nil	Up to £96	Nil
£242.01 - £967	8	Over £96	15
Over £967	2		

Entitlement to contribution-based benefits for employees retained for earnings between £129 and £242 per week. The employer rate is 0% for certain military veterans, employees under 21 and apprentices under 25 on earnings up to £967 per week.

<b>Class 1A (employers)</b>	15% on employee taxable benefits
<b>Class 1B (employers)</b>	15% on PAYE Settlement Agreements
<b>Class 2 (self-employed)</b>	nil (£3.65 per week where those with profits below £7,105 wish to make a voluntary contribution)
<b>Class 3 (voluntary)</b>	flat rate per week £18.40
<b>Class 4 (self-employed)</b>	6% on profits between £12,570 and £50,270 plus 2% on profits over £50,270

## Corporation Tax

Years to 31.3.26 and 31.3.27	Profits band £	Rate %
Small profits rate	0 - 50,000	19
Marginal rate	50,001 - 250,000	26.5
Main rate	Over 250,000	25
Marginal relief fraction	3/200	

Profits limits are reduced for a company with associated companies. Different rates apply for ring-fenced (broadly oil industry) profit.

## Capital Allowances

**First Year Allowance (FYA)** on certain plant, machinery and cars of 0g/km (for cars purchased before 1 April 2027 (6 April 2027 for income tax)) **100%**

**Corporation tax FYA ('full expensing')** on certain new, unused plant and machinery **100%**

**Corporation tax FYA** on new, unused long-life assets, integral features of buildings, etc. **50%**

**FYA** for all businesses on certain new, unused plant and machinery for expenditure incurred from 1 January 2026 **40%**

**Annual Investment Allowance £1,000,000** excluding cars

### Writing Down Allowance

Long-life assets, integral features of buildings, cars over 50g/km **6%**

Other plant and machinery **18%/14%\***

**Structures and Buildings Allowance** **3%**

\* The 14% rate applies from 1 April 2026 (6 April 2026 for income tax), subject to transitional rules for chargeable periods which straddle those dates.

## Pensions

	2026/27	2025/26
Lump sum allowance	£268,275	£268,275
Lump sum and death benefit allowance	£1,073,100	£1,073,100
Annual allowance	£60,000	£60,000
Money purchase annual allowance	£10,000	£10,000

Disclaimer: Rates are for guidance only. No responsibility for loss occasioned by any person acting/refraining from action as a result of this information can be accepted by the authors or firm.

## Property Taxes

Across the whole of the UK, residential rates may be increased by 5% (8% in Scotland and up to 8.5% in Wales) where further residential properties are acquired.

### Stamp Duty Land Tax Land and buildings in England and N. Ireland

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

First-Time Buyer relief may apply to residential purchases up to £500,000.

### Land and Buildings Transaction Tax Land and buildings in Scotland

Residential Band £	Rate %	Non-residential Band £	Rate %
0 - 145,000	0	0 - 150,000	0
145,001 - 250,000	2	150,001 - 250,000	1
250,001 - 325,000	5	Over 250,000	5
325,001 - 750,000	10		
Over 750,000	12		

First-Time Buyer relief may apply on the first £175,000 of residential purchases.

### Land Transaction Tax Land and buildings in Wales

Residential Band £	Rate %	Non-residential Band £	Rate %
0 - 225,000	0	0 - 225,000	0
225,001 - 400,000	6	225,001 - 250,000	1
400,001 - 750,000	7.5	250,001 - 1,000,000	5
750,001 - 1,500,000	10	Over 1,000,000	6
Over 1,500,000	12		

## Individual Savings Accounts

	2026/27	2025/26
Overall investment limit	£20,000	£20,000
Junior account investment limit	£9,000	£9,000

# SOPHER + CO

## **Mayfair, London**

2nd Floor Connaught House,  
1-3 Mount Street,  
London W1K 3NB

**T:** +(44) 20 7493 0100

## **Borehamwood, Hertfordshire**

5 Elstree Gate, Elstree Way,  
Borehamwood,  
Hertfordshire WD6 1JD

**T:** +(44) 20 8207 0602

---