

PERSONAL TAX AND BENEFITS

At Budget 2011 the Government announced that:

- the personal allowance for under 65's will increase by £630 bringing it to £8,105 for 2012-13; and
- the basic rate limit will fall by £630, taking it from £35,000 in 2011-12 to £34,370 in 2012-13.

At Budget 2012 the Government announced changes to personal allowances from 2013-14:

- people born after 5 April 1938 but before 6 April 1948 will be entitled to a personal allowance of £10,500; and
- people born before 6 April 1938 will be entitled to a personal allowance of £10,660.

For 2013-14, people born after 5 April 1948 will be entitled to a personal allowance of £9,205. The Government also announced that the basic rate limit will be reduced to £32,245.

The Government also announced the main rates of income tax for 2013-14.

Income tax bands of taxable income (£ per year)			
	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13	Tax year 2013-14
Basic rate ¹	£0 – 35,000	£0 – 34,370	£0 – 32,245
Higher rate	£35,001 – 150,000	£34,371 – 150,000	£32,246 – 150,000
Additional rate	Over £150,000	Over £150,000	Over £150,000

¹ There is a starting rate for savings income only. If an individual's taxable non-savings income (i.e. after deduction of their personal allowance) exceeds the starting rate limit, then the 10 per cent starting rate for savings will not be available for savings income. The starting rate limit for 2011-12 it is £2,560 and for 2012-13 it is £2,710.

Income tax rates			
	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13	Tax year 2013-14
Basic rate	20%	20%	20%
Higher rate	40%	40%	40%
Additional rate	50%	50%	45%
Dividend ordinary rate (for dividends otherwise taxable at the basic rate (effective rate with tax credit))	10% (0%)	10% (0%)	10% (0%)
Dividend upper rate (for dividends otherwise taxable at the higher rate (effective rate with tax credit))	32.5% (25%)	32.5% (25%)	32.5% (25%)
Dividend additional rate (for dividends otherwise taxable at the additional rate (effective rate with tax credit))	42.5% (36.1%)	42.5% (36.1%)	37.5% (30.6%)

Special rates for trustees' income			
	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13	Tax year 2013-14
Standard rate on first £1,000 of income which would otherwise be taxable at the special rates for trustees.	Up to 20%, depends on the type of income	Up to 20%, depends on the type of income	Up to 20%, depends on the type of income
Trust rate	50%	50%	45%
Dividend trust rate	42.5%	42.5%	37.5%

Income tax allowances (£ per year)			
Personal allowance²	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13	Tax year 2013-14
Age under 65 ³	£7,475	£8,105	N/A
Born after 5 April 1948 ³	N/A	N/A	£9,205
Age-related allowance (65-74) ^{3, 4}	£9,940	£10,500	N/A
Born after 5 April 1938 but before 6 April 1948 ^{3, 4}	N/A	N/A	£10,500
Age-related allowance (75+) ^{3, 4}	£10,090	£10,660	N/A
Born before 6 April 1938 ^{3, 4}	N/A	N/A	£10,660
Income limit for under 65 personal allowance	£100,000	£100,000	N/A
Income limit for personal allowance (born after 5 April 1948)	N/A	N/A	£100,000
Income limit for age-related allowances	£24,000	£25,400	N/A
Income limit for personal allowances (born before 6 April 1948)	N/A	N/A	TBA
Married couples allowance⁵			
Age over 75 ^{6, 7}	£7,295	£7,705	TBA
Minimum amount of married couple's allowance	£2,800	£2,960	TBA
Blind person's allowance			
Blind person's allowance	£1,980	£2,100	TBA

² Up to and including 2012-13, the amount of an individual's personal allowance depends upon their age and their income in the tax year. From 2013-14, the amount of an individual's personal allowance depends on their date of birth and their income in the tax year. This change has no effect on an individual's entitlement to the married couple's allowance or the blind person's allowance.

³ This allowance reduces where the individual's income is above £100,000 - by £1 for every £2 of income above the £100,000 limit. This reduction applies irrespective of age or date of birth.

⁴ This allowance reduces where the individual's income is above the income limit (£24,000 for 2011-12, £25,400 for 2012-13) by £1 for every £2 of income above the limit until they reach the level of the personal allowance for those aged under 65, or from 2013-14, the level of the personal allowance for those born after 5 April 1948.

⁵ Available to people born before 6 April 1935.

⁶ Tax relief for this allowance is given at 10 per cent.

⁷ This allowance reduces where the individual's income is above the income limit (£24,000 for 2011-12, £25,400 for 2012-13), by £1 for every £2 of income above the limit until it reaches the minimum amount. Any reduction applies after any reduction to the individual's personal allowance.

Company car tax							
Tax year 2014-15⁸			Tax year 2015-16			Tax year 2016-17	
CO₂ emissions, g/km	Appropriate % of car list price taxed		CO₂ emissions, g/km	Appropriate % of car list price taxed		CO₂ emissions, g/km	Appropriate % of car list price taxed
	Petrol fuelled cars	Diesel fuelled cars⁹		Petrol fuelled cars	Diesel fuelled cars¹⁰		Petrol and diesel fuelled cars
0	0	0	0 to 94	13	16	0 to 94	15
1-75	5	8	95-99	14	17	95-99	16
76 to 94	11	14	100-104	15	18	100-104	17
95-99	12	15	105-109	16	19	105-109	18
100-104	13	16	110-114	17	20	110-114	19
105-109	14	17	115-119	18	21	115-119	20
110-114	15	18	120-124	19	22	120-124	21
115-119	16	19	125-129	20	23	125-129	22
120-124	17	20	130-134	21	24	130-134	23
125-129	18	21	135-139	22	25	135-139	24
130-134	19	22	140-144	23	26	140-144	25
135-139	20	23	145-149	24	27	145-149	26
140-144	21	24	150-154	25	28	150-154	27
145-149	22	25	155-159	26	29	155-159	28
150-154	23	26	160-164	27	30	160-164	29
155-159	24	27	165-169	28	31	165-169	30
160-164	25	28	170-174	29	32	170-174	31
165-169	26	29	175-179	30	33	175-179	32
170-174	27	30	180-184	31	34	180-184	33
175-179	28	31	185-189	32	35	185-189	34
180-184	29	32	190-194	33	36	190-194	35
185-189	30	33	195-199	34	37	195-199	36
190-194	31	34	200-204	35	37	200 and above	37
195-199	32	35	205-209	36	37		
200-204	33	35	210 and above	37	37		
205-209	34	35					
210 and above	35	35					

⁸ 2014-15 rates legislated at Finance Bill 2012.

⁹ A three percentage point diesel supplement applies to wholly propelled diesel cars with percentages up to 32 per cent, to a maximum of 35 per cent.

¹⁰ A three percentage point diesel supplement applies to wholly propelled diesel cars with percentages up to 34 per cent, to a maximum of 37 per cent.

NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS (NICs)

Employee and employer rates and thresholds (£ per week)		
Class 1 NICs	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13
Lower earnings limit (LEL) for class 1 NICs	£102.00	£107.00
Upper earnings limit (UEL) for employee's (primary) class 1 NICs	£817.00	£817.00
Upper accrual point (UAP)	£770.00	£770.00
Primary threshold	£139.00	£146.00
Secondary threshold	£136.00	£144.00
Employee's (primary) class 1 contribution rates		
2011-12 weekly earnings from £139.01 to £817.00	12%	N/A
2011-12 weekly earnings above £817.00	2%	N/A
2012-13 weekly earnings from £146.01 to £817.00	N/A	12%
2012-13 weekly earnings above £817.00	N/A	2%
Employee's contracted-out rebate		
Employee's contracted-out rebate - salary related schemes (COSR) between LEL & UAP	1.6%	1.4%
Employee's contracted-out rebate - money purchase schemes (COMP) between LEL and UAP	1.6%	Abolished from 6 April 2012
Married woman's reduced rate for (primary) class 1 contribution rates¹¹		
2011-12 weekly earnings from £139.01 to £817.00	5.85%	N/A
2011-12 weekly earnings above £817.00	2%	N/A
2012-13 weekly earnings from £146.01 to £817.00	N/A	5.85%
2012-13 weekly earnings above £817.00	N/A	2%
Employer's (secondary) class 1 contribution rates		
2011-12 weekly earnings above £136.00	13.8%	N/A
2012-13 weekly earnings above £144.00	N/A	13.8%
Employer's contracted-out rebate		
Employer's COSR schemes between LEL and UAP	3.7%	3.4%
Employer's COMP schemes between LEL and UAP	1.4%	Abolished from 6 April 2012

¹¹ The reduced rate applies to women married before 6 April 1977 who have elected to pay a reduced rate of class 1 contributions.

Self-employed and others rates and thresholds (£ per week)		
Class 2 NICs ¹²	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13
Self-employed class 2 NICs	£2.50	£2.65
Small earnings annual exception level class 2 NICs	£5,315	£5,595
Volunteer development workers class 2 NICs	£5.10	£5.35
Share fishermen class 2 NICs	£3.15	£3.30

Self-employed and others rates and thresholds (£ per week)		
Class 3 NICs	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13
Voluntary contributions	£12.60	£13.25

Self-employed and others rates and thresholds		
Class 4 NICs	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13
2011-12 annual profits below LPL £7,225	Nil	N/A
2011-12 annual profits above LPL £7,225 but below UPL £42,475	9%	N/A
2011-12 annual profits above UPL £42,475	2%	N/A
2012-13 annual profits below LPL £7,605	N/A	Nil
2012-13 annual profits above LPL £7,605 but below UPL £42,475	N/A	9%
2012-13 annual profits above UPL £42,475	N/A	2%

¹² Class 2 NICs are paid at a weekly flat rate by all self-employed persons. Those with profits less than, or expected to be less than, the level of the small earnings exception may apply for exemption from paying class 2 contributions.

WORKING AND CHILD TAX CREDITS, CHILD BENEFIT AND GUARDIANS ALLOWANCE

Working and child tax credits		
£ per year (unless stated)	From April 2011	From April 2012
Working tax credit		
Basic element	£1,920	£1,920
Couple and lone parent element	£1,950	£1,950
30 hour element	£790	£790
Disabled worker element	£2,650	£2,790
Severe disability element	£1,130	£1,190
50+ Return to work payment (16-29 hours)	£1,365	Removed
50+ Return to work payment (30+ hours)	£2,030	Removed
Childcare element of the working tax credit		
Maximum eligible cost for one child	£175 per week	£175 per week
Maximum eligible cost for two or more children	£300 per week	£300 per week
Percentage of eligible costs covered	70%	70%
Child tax credit		
Family element	£545	£545
Child element	£2,555	£2,690
Disabled child element	£2,800	£2,950
Severely disabled child element	£1,130	£1,190
Income thresholds and withdrawal rates		
First income threshold	£6,420	£6,420
First withdrawal rate	41%	41%
Second income threshold	£40,000	Withdrawn
Second withdrawal rate	41%	41%
First threshold for those entitled to child tax credit only	£15,860	£15,860
Income disregard	£10,000	£10,000
Income fall disregard	N/A	£2,500

Child benefit (£ per week)		
	From April 2011	From April 2012
Eldest/only child	£20.30	£20.30
Other children	£13.40	£13.40
Guardians allowance (£ per week)		
Guardians allowance	£14.75	£15.55

CAPITAL, ASSETS AND PROPERTY

Pensions savings tax relief		
	Tax year 2011-12 allowance limit	Tax year 2012-13 allowance limit
Lifetime allowance	£1.8 million	£1.5 million
Annual allowance	£50,000	£50,000

Individual Savings Account (ISA)	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13
Cash value of ISA limit	£10,680, up to £5,340 of which can be saved in cash	£11,280, up to £5,640 of which can be saved in cash

Capital gains tax	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13
Rates for individuals	18% / 28% ¹³	18% / 28% ¹
Rates for trustees and personal representatives	28%	28%
Annual exempt amount (AEA) for individuals and personal representatives ¹⁴	£10,600	£10,600
AEA for most trustees	£5,300	£5,300
Rate on gains subject to entrepreneurs' relief	10%	10%
Entrepreneurs' relief lifetime limit of gains	£10,000,000	£10,000,000

Inheritance tax	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13
Rate	40%	40%
Lower rate	N/A	36% ¹⁵
Nil rate band	£325,000	£325,000

¹³ Rates for individuals: 18 per cent on gains up to the unused amount of the basic rate income tax band (if any) and 28 per cent on gains above that amount.

¹⁴ Personal representatives are entitled to the annual exempt amount for the tax year in which the individual dies and the next two years.

¹⁵ Budget 2011 announced that for deaths on or after 6 April 2012, a lower rate of Inheritance tax of 36 per cent will be introduced where 10 per cent or more of the deceased person's net estate is left to charity.

Stamp duty land tax				
Rate	Threshold for tax year 2011-12		Threshold for tax year 2012-13	
	Residential	Non-residential	Residential	Non-residential
0%	£0 – 125,000	£0 – 150,000	£0 – 125,000	£0 – 150,000
1%	£125,001 – 250,000	£150,001 – 250,000	£125,001 – 250,000	£150,001 – 250,000
3%	£250,001 – 500,000	£250,001 – 500,000	£250,001 – 500,000	£250,001 – 500,000
4%	£500,001 – £1,000,000	Over £500,000	£500,001 – £1,000,000	Over £500,000
5%	Over £1,000,000	N/A	£1,000,001 – £2,000,000	N/A
7%	N/A	N/A	Over £2,000,000	N/A

Stamp Duty and stamp duty reserve tax		
Band	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13
Standard rate	0.5%	0.5%
Higher rate	1.5%	1.5%

Budget 2012 also announced a 15 per cent rate charge of stamp duty land tax on certain non-natural persons enveloping a residential property where the consideration given exceeds £2million. Where the interest/property with a consideration in excess of £2 million is purchased in sole or joint names then a 15 per cent rate SDLT charge will apply to the following:

- all such purchases by bodies corporate (largely companies);
- all collective investment schemes; and
- all partnerships where there are one or more members are one of the above.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

The June Budget 2010 and Budget 2011 announced changes to corporation tax from April 2011, these are set out below. Budget 2012 announces further changes to corporation tax from April 2012.

The main rate of corporation tax will be reduced by a further one per cent, in addition to the reductions announced in the June Budget 2010 and Budget 2011. This will take the rate from 26 per cent to 24 per cent in April 2012. There will be two further annual one per cent cuts reducing the corporation tax main rate to 22 per cent by the Financial Year 2014-2015.

Corporation tax rates			
Level of profits	Financial year 2011-12	Financial year 2012-13	Financial year 2013-14
£0 - £300,000: small profits rate	20%	20%	TBA
£300,001 - £1,500,000	Marginal rate	Marginal rate	Marginal rate
Marginal rate fraction	3/200th	1/100	TBA
£1,500,001 or more: main rate	26%	24%	23%
North sea oil and gas ring fenced profits ¹⁶	See footnote	See footnote	See footnote

¹⁶ For North Sea Oil and gas ring fenced profits the main rate is 30 per cent and the small profits rate is 19 per cent. The marginal relief ring fenced fraction is 11/400ths.

Corporation tax allowances and reliefs			
	Financial year 2011-12	Financial year 2012-13	Financial year 2013-14
Plant and machinery: main rate expenditure	20%	18%	18%
Plant and machinery: special rate expenditure	10%	8%	8%
Annual investment allowance	£100,000	£25,000	£25,000
First year allowances (e.g. for certain energy-saving/ water efficient products)	100%	100%	100%
R&D tax credits SME scheme	200%	225%	225%
R&D tax credits Large companies scheme	130%	130%	To be decided
Film tax relief	100% limited budget, 80% large budget	100% limited budget, 80% large budget	100% limited budget, 80% large budget
Open ended investment companies and authorised unit trusts ¹⁷	See footnote	See footnote	See footnote

Bank levy		
	Chargeable equity and long-term chargeable liabilities	Short-term chargeable liabilities
1 January – 28 February 2011	0.025%	0.05%
1 March – 30 April 2011	0.05%	0.1%
1 May – 31 December 2011	0.0375%	0.075%
1 January – 31 December 2012	0.044%	0.088%
1 January 2013 onward	0.0525%	0.105%

¹⁷For open ended investment companies and authorised unit trusts the applicable corporation tax rate is 20 per cent.

UK oil and gas taxes		
	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13
Petroleum revenue tax	50%	50%
Ring fence corporation tax ¹⁸	See footnote	See footnote
Supplementary charge	32% on or after 24 March 2011	32%

Business rates		
	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13
England standard multiplier	43.3p	45.8p
England small business multiplier	42.6p	45.0p

¹⁸ For North Sea oil and gas ring fenced profits the main rate is 30 per cent and the small profits rate is 19 per cent. The marginal relief ring fenced fraction is 11/400ths.

INDIRECT TAX

Budget 2012 confirmed that alcohol duty rates will increase by two per cent above retail price inflation.

Alcohol duty			
	Duty rate from 28 March 2011	Duty rate from 1 October 2011	Duty rate from 26 March 2012
	Rate per litre of pure alcohol		
Spirits	25.52	25.52	26.81
Spirits-based RTDs	25.52	25.52	26.81
Wine and made-wine: exceeding 22% alcohol by volume (abv)	25.52	25.52	26.81
	Rate per hectolitre % of alcohol in the beer		
Beer - lower strength: exceeding 1.2% - not exceeding 2.8% abv.	18.57	9.29	9.76
Beer - General Beer Duty: Exceeding 2.8% - not exceeding 7.5% abv.	18.57	18.57	19.51
Beer - High strength: Exceeding 7.5% - in addition to the General Beer Duty	18.57	4.64 (+18.57)	4.88 (+19.51)
	Rate per hectolitre of product		
Still cider and perry: exceeding 1.2% - not exceeding 7.5% abv .	35.87	35.87	37.68
Still cider and perry: exceeding 7.5% - less than 8.5% abv.	53.84	53.84	56.55
Sparkling cider and perry: exceeding 1.2% - less than 5.5%abv.	35.87	35.87	37.68
Sparkling cider and perry: exceeding 5.5%abv- less than 8.5% abv.	233.55	233.55	245.32
Wine and made-wine: exceeding 1.2% - not exceeding 4% abv.	74.32	74.32	78.07
Wine and made-wine: exceeding 4% - not exceeding 5.5% abv.	102.21	102.21	107.36
Still wine and made-wine: exceeding 5.5% - not exceeding 15% abv.	241.23	241.23	253.39
Wine and made-wine: exceeding 15% - not exceeding 22% abv.	321.61	321.61	337.82
Sparkling wine and made-wine: exceeding 5.5% - less than 8.5% abv.	233.55	233.55	245.32
Sparkling wine and made-wine: exceeding 8.5% - not exceeding 15% abv.	308.99	308.99	324.56

Budget 2012 announced that tobacco duty rates will increase by five per cent above retail price inflation.

Tobacco products				
	From 6pm 23 March 2011	Ad valorem element	From 6pm 21 March 2012	Ad valorem element
Cigarettes	£154.95 per 1000 cigarettes	16.5% of retail price	£167.41 per 1000 cigarettes	16.5% of retail price
Cigars	£193.29/kg	N/A	£208.83/kg	N/A
Hand rolling tobacco	£151.90/kg	N/A	£164.11/kg	N/A
Other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco	£84.98/kg	N/A	£91.81/kg	N/A

Budget 2012 confirmed that gaming duty bands will increase in line with inflation for accounting periods starting on or after 1 April 2012, all rates of amusement machine licence duty will be increased in line with inflation from 4pm on 23 March 2012 and machine games duty will be introduced from 1 February 2013.

Gambling duties		
	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13
Bingo duty		
Percentage of bingo promotion profits	20%	20%
General betting duty		
Percentage of 'net stake receipts' (essentially the gross profits from bookmaking) for fixed odds bets and totalisator bets on horse or dog races	15%	15%
Percentage of 'net stake receipts' for financial spread bets	3%	3%
Percentage of 'net stake receipts' for all other spread bets	10%	10%
Lottery duty		
Percentage of the price paid or payable on taking a ticket or chance in a lottery.	12%	12%
Remote gaming duty		
Percentage of remote gaming profits	15%	15%
Machine games duty¹⁹		
Percentage of the net takings from dutiable machine games with a maximum cost to play not more than 10p and a maximum cash prize not more than £8	N/A	5%
Percentage of net takings from all other dutiable machine games.	N/A	20%

¹⁹ Machine games duty will be introduced from 1 February 2013 and will replace both amusement machine licence duty and VAT.

Amusement machine licence duty			
Band	Description	12 month premises based licence old rate	12 month premises based licence new rate²⁰
A	A gaming machine that does not fall into any other category	£6,110	£6,295
B1	A gaming machine in respect of which the amount required to play the game once does not exceed £2, and the value of the prize that may be won in any one game does not exceed £4,000 in money or as a non-monetary prize.	£3,055	£3,150
B2	A gaming machine in respect of which the amount required to play the game once does not exceed £100, and the value of the prize that may be won in any one game does not exceed £500 in money or as a non-monetary prize.	£2,405	£2,480
B3	A gaming machine in respect of which the amount required to play the game once does not exceed £2, and the value of the prize that may be won in any one game does not exceed £500 in money or as a non-monetary prize.	£2,405	£2,480
B4	A gaming machine in respect of which the amount required to play the game once does not exceed £1, and the value of the prize that may be won in any one game does not exceed £250 in money or as a non-monetary prize.	£2,185	£2,250
C	A gaming machine in respect of which the amount required to play the game once does not exceed £1, and the value of the prize that may be won in any one game does not exceed £70 in money or as a non-monetary prize; and A gaming machine in respect of which the amount required to play the game once does not exceed 5p.	£905	£935

²⁰ 12 month premises based licence, new rates apply to licence applications received by HMRC after 4pm on 23 March 2012.

Gaming duty					
Tax rate	15%	20%	30%	40%	50%
Gross gaming yield	£2,067,000	£1,425,000	£2,496,000	£5,268,000	Remainder
New figures for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2012					
Tax rate	15%	20%	30%	40%	50%
Gross gaming yield	£2,175,000	£1,499,500	£2,626,000	£5,542,500	Remainder

Insurance Premium Tax		
	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13
Standard rate	6%	6%
Higher rate	20%	20%

Budgets 2011 and 2012 announced that climate change levy rates will increase in line with inflation in 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.

Climate change levy		
Commodity	Rates from 1 April 2012	Rates from 1 April 2013
Electricity	£0.00509 per kilowatt hour	£0.00524 per kilowatt hour
Natural gas (a different rate applies in Northern Ireland until 31 October 2013)	£0.00177 per kilowatt hour	£0.00182 per kilowatt hour
Natural gas (Northern Ireland)	£0.00062 per kilowatt hour	£0.00064 per kilowatt hour until 31 October 2013 then main natural gas rate applies
Liquefied petroleum gas	£0.01137 per kilogram	£0.01172 per kilogram
Any other taxable commodity	£0.01387 per kilogram	£0.01429 per kilogram

Budget 2011 announced that the aggregates levy will be frozen at £2.00 per tonne from 1 April 2011, with the planned increase to £2.10 deferred to 1 April 2012.

Budget 2012 announced that the planned increase on 1 April 2012 would again be deferred, until 1 April 2013.

Aggregates levy		
	Rate from 1 April 2012	Rate from 1 April 2013
Taxable aggregate	£2.00/tonne	£2.10/tonne

Budgets 2011 and 2012 confirmed previously announced £8 per tonne increases to the standard rate of landfill tax for 2012-13 and 2013-14; and froze the lower rate in both years.

Landfill tax		
	Rate from 1 April 2012	Rate from 1 April 2013
Standard rate	£64/tonne	£72/tonne
Lower rate	£2.50/tonne	£2.50/tonne

Air Passenger Duty (APD) rates for 2012-13 were set out at the 2011 Autumn Statement. The APD rates for 2013-14 are set out below.

Air passenger duty						
Bands (approximate distance in miles from the UK)	Reduced rate ²¹ (lowest class of travel)			Standard rates ³ (other than the lowest class of travel)		
	From 1 April 2011	From 1 April 2012	From 1 April 2013	From 1 April 2011	From 1 April 2012	From 1 April 2013
Band A (0 – 2000 miles)	£12	£13	£13	£24	£26	£26
Band B (2001 – 4000 miles)	£60	£65	£67	£120	£130	£134
Band C (4001 – 6000 miles)	£75	£81	£83	£150	£162	£166
Band D (over 6000 miles)	£85	£92	£94	£170	£184	£188

²¹ Standard APD rates are twice reduced rates. From 1 November 2011, the direct long-haul rates of APD for departures from Northern Ireland (bands B, C and D) were reduced to the short-haul rate (band A). From 1 April 2013, APD will apply to all flights aboard aircraft 5.7 tonnes and above. The rate for flights aboard aircraft 20 tonnes and above with fewer than 19 seats will be double the standard rate.

The Government announced at Autumn Statement 2011 that the 3.02ppl fuel duty increase that was due to take effect on 1 January 2012 will be deferred to 1 August 2012 and the inflation increase that was planned for 1 August 2012 will be cancelled. This will ensure that there will only be one RPI increase this year.

Fuel duty – pound per litre (unless stated)		
	On and after 6pm on 23 March 2011	On and after 1 August 2012
Light oils		
Unleaded petrol	0.5795	0.6097
Light oil (other than unleaded petrol or aviation gasoline)	0.6767	0.7069
Aviation gasoline (Avgas)	0.3770	0.3966
Light oil delivered to an approved person for use as furnace fuel	0.1070	0.1126
Heavy oils		
Heavy oil (Diesel)	0.5795	0.6097
Marked gas oil	0.1114	0.1172
Fuel oil	0.1070	0.1126
Heavy oil other than fuel oil, gas oil or kerosene used as fuel.	0.1070	0.1126
Kerosene to be used as motor fuel off road or in an excepted vehicle	0.1114	0.1172
Biofuels		
Bio-ethanol	0.5795	0.6097
Biodiesel	0.5795	0.6097
Biodiesel for non road use	0.1114	0.1172
Biodiesel blended with gas oil not for road fuel use	0.1114	0.1172
Road fuel gases		
Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)	0.3161 p/kg	0.3734 p/kg
Road fuel Natural gas including biogas	0.2470 p/kg	0.2907 p/kg

Budget 2012 announced that vehicle excise duty (VED) rates will increase by RPI from April 2012, and rates for heavy goods vehicles will be frozen.²²

VED bands and rates for cars registered on or after March 2001 (graduated VED)					
VED band	CO₂ emissions (g/km)	Tax year 2011-12		Tax year 2012-13²³	
		Standard rate²⁴	First year rate⁴	Standard rate⁴	First year rate⁴
A	Up to 100	£0	£0	£0	£0
B	101-110	£20	£0	£20	£0
C	111-120	£30	£0	£30	£0
D	121-130	£95	£0	£100	£0
E	131-140	£115	£115	£120	£120
F	141-150	£130	£130	£135	£135
G	151-165	£165	£165	£170	£170
H	166-175	£190	£265	£195	£275
I	176-185	£210	£315	£215	£325
J	186-200	£245	£445	£250	£460
K ²⁵	201-225	£260	£580	£270	£600
L	226-255	£445	£790	£460	£815
M	Over 255	£460	£1,000	£475	£1,030

VED bands and rates for private and light good vehicles registered before March 2001 (pre-graduated VED)		
Engine size	Tax year 2011-12	Tax year 2012-13
1549cc and below	£130	£135
Above 1549cc	£215	£220

²² A full list of HGV rates is available on the HMRC website <http://carfueldata.direct.gov.uk/new-vehicle-tax.aspx>

²³ 2012-13 rates take effect from 1st April 2012.

²⁴ Alternative fuel discount 2010-11 onwards: £10 for all cars

²⁵ Includes cars emitting over 225g/km registered before 23 March 2006

VAT		
	January 2011-April 2011	April 2011-12
Standard rate	20%	20%
Reduced rate	5%	5%
Zero rate	0%	0%
Exempt	n/a	n/a

VAT registration and deregistration thresholds		
	From April 2011	From April 2012
VAT registration threshold	£73,000	£77,000
VAT deregistration threshold	£71,000	£75,000

VAT fuel scale charges²⁶

Businesses must use these new VAT fuel scale charges from the start of their next prescribed accounting period beginning on or after 1 May 2012.

CO ₂ band	VAT fuel scale charge, 12 month period, £	VAT on 12 month charge, £	VAT exclusive 12 month charge, £
120 or less	£665.00	£110.83	£554.17
125	£1,000.00	£166.67	£833.33
130	£1,065.00	£177.50	£887.50
135	£1,135.00	£189.17	£945.83
140	£1,200.00	£200.00	£1,000.00
145	£1,270.00	£211.67	£1,058.33
150	£1,335.00	£222.50	£1,112.50
155	£1,400.00	£233.33	£1,166.67
160	£1,470.00	£245.00	£1,225.00
165	£1,535.00	£255.83	£1,279.17
170	£1,600.00	£266.67	£1,333.33
175	£1,670.00	£278.33	£1,391.67
180	£1,735.00	£289.17	£1,445.83
185	£1,800.00	£300.00	£1,500.00
190	£1,870.00	£311.67	£1,558.33
195	£1,935.00	£322.50	£1,612.50
200	£2,000.00	£333.33	£1,666.67
205	£2,070.00	£345.00	£1,725.00
210	£2,135.00	£355.83	£1,779.17
215	£2,200.00	£366.67	£1,833.33
220	£2,270.00	£378.33	£1,891.67
225 or more	£2,335.00	£389.17	£1,945.83

²⁶ Where the CO₂ emission figure is not a multiple of five, the figure is rounded down to the next multiple of five to determine the level of the charge. For a bi-fuel vehicle which has two CO₂ emissions figures, the lower of the two figures should be used. For cars which are too old to have a CO₂ emissions figure, you should identify the CO₂ band based on engine size, as follows:

- If its cylinder capacity is 1,400cc or less, use CO₂ band 140;
- If its cylinder capacity exceeds 1,400cc but does not exceed 2,000cc, use CO₂ band 175;
- If its cylinder capacity exceeds 2,000cc, use CO₂ band 225 or above.

Value Added Tax (VAT) – Fuel scale charges

Businesses must use these new VAT fuel scale charges from the start of their next prescribed accounting period beginning on or after 1 May 2012.

CO ₂ band	VAT fuel scale charge, 3 month period, £	VAT on 3 month charge, £	VAT exclusive 3 month charge, £
120 or less	166.00	27.67	138.33
125	250.00	41.67	208.33
130	266.00	44.33	221.67
135	283.00	47.17	235.83
140	300.00	50.00	250.00
145	316.00	52.67	263.33
150	333.00	55.50	277.50
155	350.00	58.33	291.67
160	366.00	61.00	305.00
165	383.00	63.83	319.17
170	400.00	66.67	333.33
175	416.00	69.33	346.67
180	433.00	72.17	360.83
185	450.00	75.00	375.00
190	467.00	77.83	389.17
195	483.00	80.50	402.50
200	500.00	83.33	416.67
205	517.00	86.17	430.83
210	533.00	88.83	444.17
215	550.00	91.67	458.33
220	567.00	94.50	472.50
225 or more	583.00	97.17	485.83

Value Added Tax (VAT) – Fuel scale charges

Businesses must use these new VAT fuel scale charges from the start of their next prescribed accounting period beginning on or after 1 May 2012.

CO ₂ band	VAT fuel scale charge, 1 month period, £	VAT on 1 month charge, £	VAT exclusive 1 month charge, £
120 or less	55.00	9.17	45.83
125	83.00	13.83	69.17
130	88.00	14.67	73.33
135	94.00	15.67	78.33
140	100.00	16.67	83.33
145	105.00	17.50	87.50
150	111.00	18.50	92.50
155	116.00	19.33	96.67
160	122.00	20.33	101.67
165	127.00	21.17	105.83
170	133.00	22.17	110.83
175	138.00	23.00	115.00
180	144.00	24.00	120.00
185	150.00	25.00	125.00
190	155.00	25.83	129.17
195	161.00	26.83	134.17
200	166.00	27.67	138.33
205	172.00	28.67	143.33
210	177.00	29.50	147.50
215	183.00	30.50	152.50
220	189.00	31.50	157.50
225 or more	194.00	32.33	161.67