



INCOME TAX

TAX CREDITS

Single Person or separated spouse	€1,650	
Married person – jointly assessed	€3,300	
Widowed person – with dependent children	€1,650	
Widowed person – without dependent children	€2,190	
One parent family allowance		
* (i) Widowed person	€1,650	
(ii) Other persons	€1,650	
Age allowance – 65 years or more		
Single/Widowed	€245	
Married	€490	
Incapacitated child credit	€3,300	
PAYE credit	€1,650	
** Home carers credit (max)	€810	
Dependant Relative credit	€70	
Rent Relief		
	Under 55	Over 55
Single	€320	€640
Married/Widowed	€640	€1,280
Blind Allowances – One/Both spouse(s) blind	€1,650 / €3,300	
* additional child allowances available for five years after year of bereavement	€1,800 – €3,600	

** if maximum credit is to be obtained, the income of the home-carer must not exceed €5,080 in the year. A reduced credit applies if the income of the home carer is between €5,080 and €6,700.

RATES

Single/Widowed	Married (one spouse working)	Married (Both spouses working)
At 20% ** First €32,800	First €41,800	*** First €41,800
At 20%	–	Plus €23,800
At 41% Balance	Balance	Balance

** the standard rate band will be widened to €36,800 for a single or widowed person with dependent children and who qualifies for the one-parent family tax credit.

*** the standard rate band for a married couple both with income is €41,800 subject to an increase of up to €23,800. The increase will be the lower of €23,800 or the amount of income of the spouse with the lower income – this increase is **not** transferable between spouses.

EXEMPTION LIMITS

Age	Single/Widowed	Married
65 & over	€18,000	€36,000

Rate for marginal relief 40%

The exemption limits are increased by €575 for the first and second qualifying child and by €830 for the third and subsequent qualifying child.

BENEFITS IN KIND (BIK)

Employers are obliged to compute the amount of an employee's BIK and deduct PAYE/PRSI and USC payable on all benefits from the employee's salary at each payday. Where an employer provides an employee with a small benefit not exceeding an amount of €250, the benefit is exempt. Only one such benefit will be exempt each year.

Cars

Where a company car is made available for private use, the employee is chargeable to PAYE/PRSI and USC in respect of that use. The amount chargeable is "Original Market Value" (OMV) multiplied by the following percentages.

Annual Business Kilometric Thresholds	Cash Equivalent (% of OMV)
24,135 or less	30%
24,136 to 32,180	24%
32,181 to 40,225	18%
40,226 to 48,270	12%
48,271 and over	6%

Preferential Loans	
Specified rate for home loans	5%
Specified rate for other loans	12.5%

Share Options

An income tax and USC charge arise on the exercise of a share option. The taxable benefit is the difference between the market value of the shares on the date of exercise and the price paid for the shares awarded. The income tax and USC due date is 30 days after exercise. Share options awarded after 1 January 2011 will also be subject to employee PRSI which will be collected by the employer.

HEALTH EXPENSES

Qualifying expenses are those which are not reimbursed by a medical insurer or the HSE. Relief is given at 20%. Relief is given at 41% for certain approved nursing homes.

PRSI/LEVIES – CONTRIBUTION RATES

Class A (most employees)

Income	Employer	Employee
All Income	10.75%	4%

The first €127 per week is free of PRSI for employees. Employees earning €352 per week or less will be exempt from PRSI. Employer PRSI is 4.25% for employees earning under €356 per week with effect from 1 July 2011.

Class S (Self Employed)

Income	Rate
All income	4%

Minimum annual PRSI contribution is €253.

Universal Social Charge (USC)

Rate	Employed	Self Employed
First €10,036	2%	2%
Next €5,980	4%	4%
Next €83,984	7%	7%
Balance	7%	10%

Exemption if income is below €4,004.

STAMP DUTY

Aggregate Consideration	Residential	Non-residential Property	
First €1,000,000	1%	€0 – €10,000	0%
Excess over €1,000,000	2%	€10,001 – €20,000	1%
		€20,001 – €30,000	2%
		€30,001 – €40,000	3%
		€40,001 – €70,000	4%
		€70,001 – €80,000	5%
		Over €80,000	6%

CAPITAL GAINS TAX (CGT)

Flat Rate		25%
Exemption Limits per Individual		First €1,270
Retirement Relief Exemption Limit		€750,000
Capital Gains Tax (CGT) payment dates are as follows:		
Chargeable gains made on or before 30 November 2011		15 December 2011
Chargeable gains made in December 2011		31 January 2012

CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS TAX (CAT)

Exempt Threshold

- €332,084** Child, minor child of a deceased child or inheritance by parent
- €33,208** Lineal ancestor, lineal descendant, brother, sister or a child of brother or sister of the disposer
- €16,604** Any other relationship
- Gifts and inheritances between spouses are exempt from CAT

A single tax rate of 25% applies on the balance over the threshold amount. This applies to gifts and inheritances.

There is an exemption from capital acquisitions tax for the transfer of a private residence in certain circumstances.

There is a provision to reduce the taxable amount of certain gifts and inheritances where they consist of agricultural property or certain business assets.

Small annual gift exemption of €3,000 is available per individual

CORPORATION TAX

Trading Income	*Other Income	Residential land profits and other capital gains
12.5%	25%	25%

* Additional surcharge of 20% in certain cases.

DIVIDEND WITHHOLDING TAX

A withholding at the standard income tax rate should be deducted from dividends paid by an Irish tax resident company, subject to certain exemptions.

CAPITAL ALLOWANCES

Wear and Tear Capital Allowances

Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Industrial Buildings
12.5% per annum	12.5% per annum	4% per annum

Maximum allowable capital cost for new and second hand private vehicles is €24,000.

The capital allowances are linked to the CO2 emission level of the vehicles.

VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)

Rates	21%	13.5%	9%	5.2%	4.8%	0%
Registration Limits	€75,000 (Goods)	€37,500 (Services)				
Intra Community Acquisitions	€41,000 (Goods)	Services – zero				
Distance Selling into Ireland	€35,000					
Limit for cash receipts basis	€1,000,000					

The 4.8% VAT rate for supply of livestock still applies even though the 'flat-rate' farmer addition is 5.2%.

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