

## UK PAYE, NIC & Dividend Rules (2023–24 → 2027–28)

### 2023–24

| Item                                     | Details                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Personal Allowance                       | £12,570 per year (£242/wk; £1,048/mo)                                                                               |
| Income Tax – England, Wales, NI          | 20%: £12,571–£50,270<br>40%: £50,271–£125,140<br>45%: over £125,140                                                 |
| Income Tax – Scotland                    | 19%: £12,571–£14,732<br>20%: £14,733–£25,688<br>21%: £25,689–£43,662<br>42%: £43,663–£125,140<br>47%: over £125,140 |
| Dividend Allowance & Rates               | £1,000 allowance<br>8.75% / 33.75% / 39.35%                                                                         |
| National Insurance (Employees – Class 1) | 12% on £242–£967/wk (£1,048–£4,189/mo)<br>2% above £967/wk                                                          |
| Notes / Extras                           | Additional rate threshold cut from £150k → £125,140                                                                 |

### 2024–25

| Item                            | Details          |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Personal Allowance              | £12,570 (frozen) |
| Income Tax – England, Wales, NI | Same as 2023–24  |

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| Income Tax – Scotland                    | 19%: £12,571–£14,876<br>20%: £14,877–£26,561<br>21%: £26,562–£43,662<br>42%: £43,663–£75,000<br>45%: £75,001–£125,140<br>48%: over £125,140 |
| Dividend Allowance & Rates               | £500 allowance<br>8.75% / 33.75% / 39.35%                                                                                                   |
| National Insurance (Employees – Class 1) | Same as 2023–24                                                                                                                             |
| Notes / Extras                           | Threshold freeze continues                                                                                                                  |

## 2025–26

| Item                                     | Details                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Personal Allowance                       | £12,570 (frozen)                                                                                                                            |
| Income Tax – England, Wales, NI          | Same as 2023–24                                                                                                                             |
| Income Tax – Scotland                    | 19%: £12,571–£15,397<br>20%: £15,398–£27,491<br>21%: £27,492–£43,662<br>42%: £43,663–£75,000<br>45%: £75,001–£125,140<br>48%: over £125,140 |
| Dividend Allowance & Rates               | £500 allowance<br>8.75% / 33.75% / 39.35%                                                                                                   |
| National Insurance (Employees – Class 1) | 8% on £12,570–£50,270<br>2% above                                                                                                           |
| Notes / Extras                           | Employer NIC rises from 13.8% → 15% (Apr 2025)                                                                                              |

## 2026–27

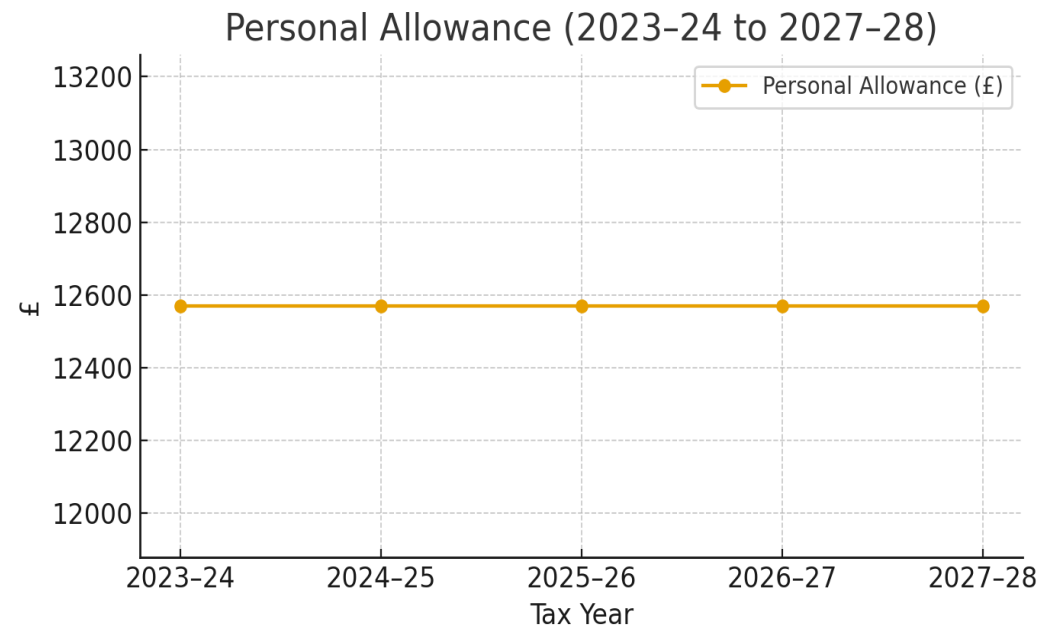
| Item                                     | Details                                         |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Personal Allowance                       | £12,570 (frozen)                                |
| Income Tax – England, Wales, NI          | Same as 2023–24                                 |
| Income Tax – Scotland                    | Scottish bands frozen (policy not diverged yet) |
| Dividend Allowance & Rates               | £500 allowance                                  |
| National Insurance (Employees – Class 1) | NIC aligned with PA/HR thresholds               |
| Notes / Extras                           | Freeze confirmed until 2028                     |

## 2027–28

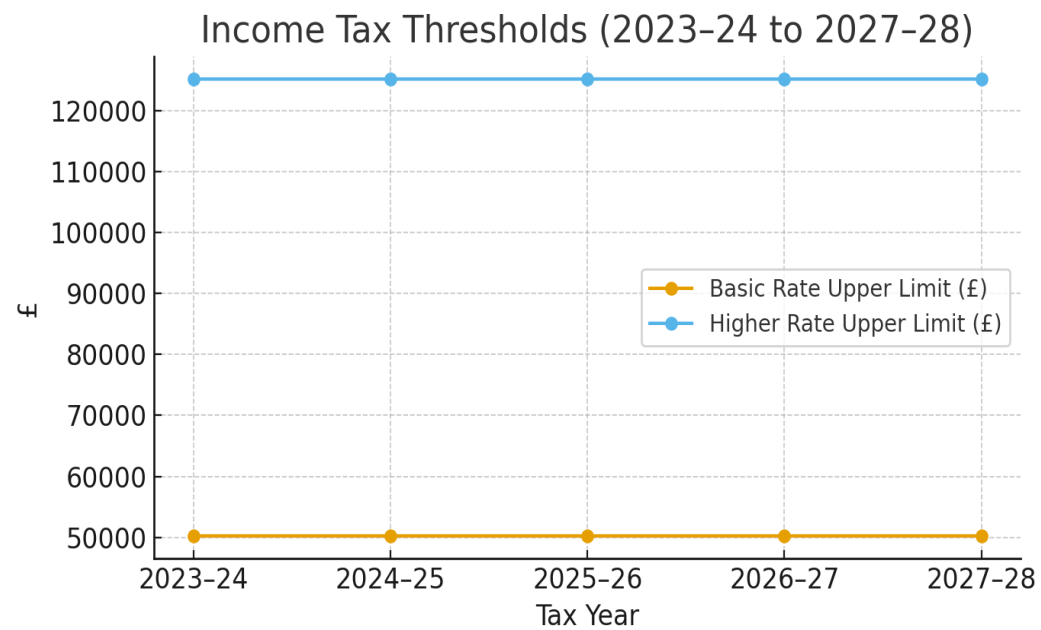
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| Personal Allowance                       | £12,570 (frozen)      |
| Income Tax – England, Wales, NI          | Same as 2023–24       |
| Income Tax – Scotland                    | Same as 2026–27       |
| Dividend Allowance & Rates               | £500 allowance        |
| National Insurance (Employees – Class 1) | Same as 2026–27       |
| Notes / Extras                           | Fiscal drag continues |

# Graphical Illustrations

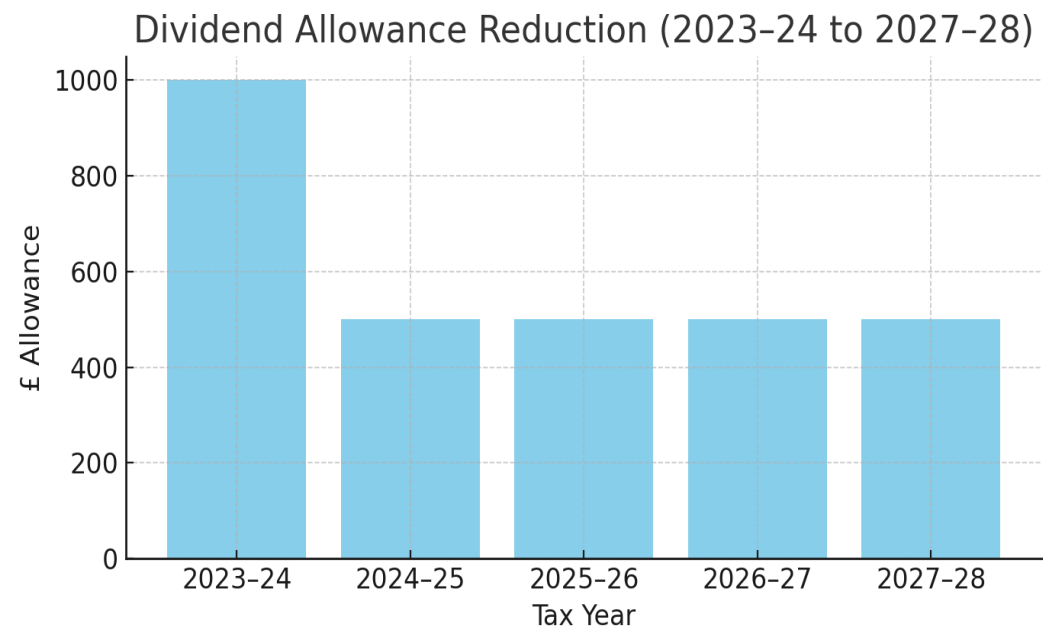
## Personal Allowance Trend



## Income Tax Thresholds (Basic vs Higher)



## Dividend Allowance Reduction



## National Insurance Classes

Class 1 – Employees (over £242/wk). Deducted at source.

Class 1A/1B – Employers on expenses/benefits.

Class 2 – Self-employed; £3.45/wk if profits  $\geq$  £6,725.

Class 3 – Voluntary; £17.45/wk (£907.40/year).

Class 4 – Self-employed profits > £12,570: 9% on £12,570–£50,270; 2% above.

## **Allowances**

Personal Allowance: £12,570 (frozen until April 2028).

Trading Allowance: £1,000/year (casual services or sole trader side-income).

Property Allowance: £1,000/year (gross property income per owner).

Rent a Room Scheme: separate higher exemption.

Savings Allowances: £1,000 (basic rate), £500 (higher rate).

## Practical Accounting & Tax Tips for the General Public

- Keep accurate records – Organise invoices, receipts, and bank statements to reduce stress and claim all allowable expenses.
- Understand your tax bands – Know how personal allowances and thresholds impact your tax. Plan if near £50,270 or £125,140 thresholds.
- Make use of allowances – Trading (£1,000), property (£1,000), dividend allowance, and ISAs can reduce tax exposure.
- Plan for National Insurance – Contributions affect State Pension and benefits. Review your NI record annually.
- Think about retirement early – Pension contributions can reduce taxable income and save NICs.
- Be aware of deadlines – 31 Jan (Self Assessment), 9m+1d (Corporation Tax). Avoid penalties and interest.
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# UK PAYE, NIC & Dividend Rules (2023–24 → 2027–28) with Updated Minimum Wage Rates

## National Minimum Wage / National Living Wage Rates

| Effective From | 21+ / NLW | 18–20  | Under 18 | Apprentice |
|----------------|-----------|--------|----------|------------|
| 1 April 2025   | £12.21    | £10.00 | £7.55    | £7.55      |
| 1 April 2024   | £11.44    | £8.60  | £6.40    | £6.40      |
| 1 April 2023   | £10.42    | £10.18 | £7.49    | £5.28      |

*Note: Rates apply from the start of each April as legislated by HMRC / Low Pay Commission.*