

Income Tax – personal & aged-related allowances

£ per year (unless stated)	2008-09	Change	2009-10
Personal allowance (age under 65)	£6,035	+£440	£6,475
Personal allowance (age 65-74)	£9,030	+£460	£9,490
Personal allowance (age 75 and over)	£9,180	+£460	£9,640
Married couple's allowance* (aged less than 75 and born before 6 April 1935)	£6,535	+£330	£6,865
Married couple's allowance* (age 75 and over)	£6,625	+£340	£6,965
Married couple's allowance* - minimum amount	£2,540	+£130	£2,670
Income limit for age-related allowances	£21,800	+£1,100	£22,900
Blind person's allowance	£1,800	+£90	£1,890

*Married couple's allowance is given at the rate of 10 per cent.

Additional higher rates of income tax

A new additional higher rate of Income Tax of 45 per cent will be introduced for those with incomes above £150,000 from April 2011.

Income Tax – taxable bands

2008-09	£ per year	2009-10	£ per year
Starting savings rate: 10%*	£0-£2,320	Starting savings rate: 10%*	£0-£2,440
Basic rate: 20%*	£0-£34,800	Basic rate: 20%*	£0-£37,400
Higher rate: 40%*	Over £34,800	Higher rate: 40%*	Over £37,400

*There is a 10p starting rate for savings only. If an individual's non savings taxable income exceeds the starting rate limit, the 10p starting rate for savings will not be available for savings income.